

A Rebuttal to

“Let's Talk About Science and Religion”

The Book Attempting to Convert Latter-day Saints to Evolution



Part 1: Supposed Evolution Evidence

Part 2: Church Doctrine Still Against Evolution

Part 3: Scriptural Doctrines of Creation

Part 4: Evolution's Influence on Testimony

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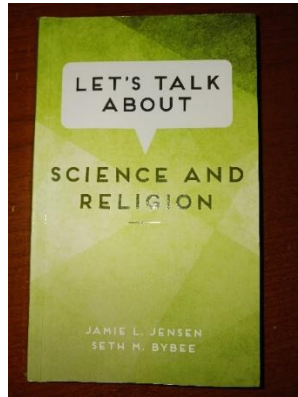
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INTRODUCTION

Intro To The Authors, The Book, & The Problem Of Evolution



Let me start out by saying that I wasn't excited to write this rebuttal. No Church member wants to speak against a book being advocated in Church magazines and being sold at the Church bookstore (Deseret Book, and yes it is owned by the Church). The publication of this book is a sad chapter in latter-day saint history.

The theme of Jamie L. Jensen and Seth M. Bybee's book is that we need to adopt an evolutionary worldview and adjust our religious thinking to accommodate evolution.

I doubt casual readers have detected the dangerous implications of this book. I point out some 80 specific arguments from the text that are scientifically, doctrinally, and logically questionable.

Color code of quotes:

Brown: "Let's Talk" book quote.

Red: scripture quote.

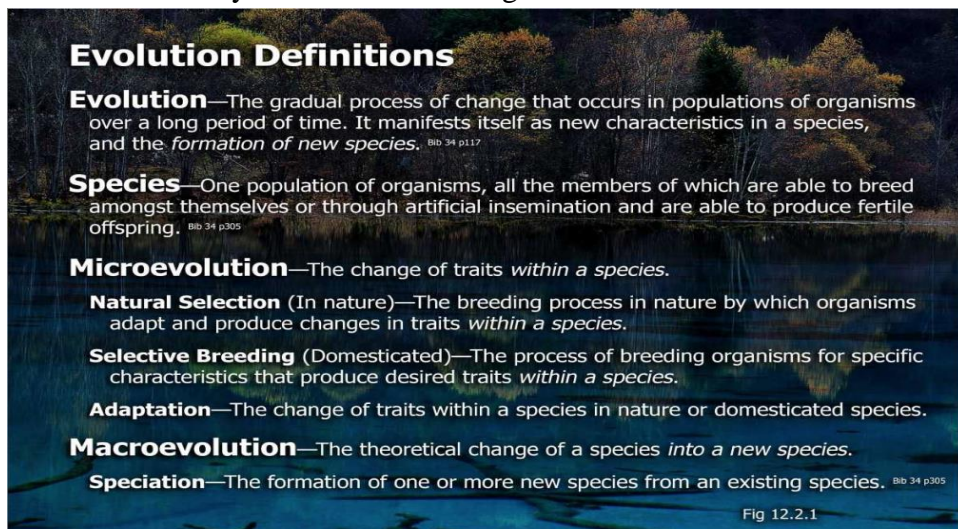
Blue: prophet quote.

Green: scientist quote.

When we talk about evolution, we aren't talking about the bird whose beak grows longer to reach seeds on its island. We are talking about man evolving from monkeys. We are talking about a polar bear becoming a whale. Both ideas were

advocated by Darwin and are central to modern evolutionary theory. By evolution, modern science means that in the beginning was nothing, then that nothing exploded in a Big Bang, which made chemicals, which made microscopic life, which evolved into large life, which evolved into man.

Here is a summary of different meanings of the word evolution:



(Image: Universal Model 2)

Despite these technical definitions of various uses of the word evolution, the word is generally used today to mix all of these together. Illogically, scientists often use evidence of microevolution in an attempt to prove macroevolution.

At BYU, where teachers are supported by tithing dollars of the saints, evolution isn't just being taught as a theory of men to be familiar with, it is being advocated as truth. I saw it firsthand when I took science classes there (I graduated from BYU in 2019). Multiple science professors insisted that evolution was God's mechanism for creation and encouraged me to dismiss all the prophetic teachings against evolution. I have taught science full time for 4 years and it has become increasingly evident that evolution theory is being upheld by shaky evidence, government dollars, ignorance of the masses, and a lot of misguided faith. In many ways, evolution has become its own religion.

Jamie and Seth are evolution professors at BYU, the one place we wouldn't want evolution being taught as a dogmatic truth.

Jamie's bio is particularly concerning. The back jacket of the book it reads, "She is also a member of the Broader Social Impacts Committee for the Human Origins Initiative at the Smithsonian, joining other religious scientists to help the American public feel more comfortable with evolution."

I am aware that Jamie and her peers keep statistics about how many BYU students they convert from believing in creation to believing in evolution. They offer to help teach other Christian schools how to do this.

These authors are well-intentioned with a mission to help people not lose their faith. Unfortunately, they're going about it in a way that will ultimately do more harm than good, because they promote false doctrines and claim these can mesh with revealed truth. Only when we align ourselves with truth can we effectively advocate for faith in God.

However unknowingly, they are saying in essence, 'the popular Twinkie diet is ok!' This may make people feel better about themselves for a while, and they could even point to people who have done it and lost weight, but it'll still cut 50 years off your life. Falsehoods may appear to work for a season, but in the end they destroy our souls.

The authors mistakenly believe that evolution is true, as I prove by the excerpts in this rebuttal. Of course the authors don't try to hide it, other than masking their evolution view with the word 'science' when they mean evolution. They teach people that evolution and church teachings are compatible. This is a band-aid to the problem and won't last. The real problem is that we have been invaded by a false theory (evolution) which is pulling many away from the true faith. Those who accept evolution and the gospel of Christ at the same time are bound to be disappointed.

Even the title of their book is misleading. It is a tactic of evolutionists to claim that they are defending science rather than defending evolution. Science is not the controversy, evolution is. Why did they write this book?

Many people are losing their testimonies over evolution. Evolutionists in the church have not failed to notice this, and hence this book was born expressing their attempts to mingle evolution and religion. The authors include a chapter on environmental science to make it look like this book is about more than just evolution when this book is really directly aimed at convincing people to embrace evolution, just like the author's biography on the back cover suggests. People aren't leaving the church over climate change global warming studies; evolution is the reason this book was written and hiding that is a tactic used by evolutionists everywhere. For example, when a school or a museum etc. has a controversial policy about what to do with evolution, they avoid using the word evolution and merely call it science. Another reason they do this is to make it seem like evolution is science itself rather than a controversial dogmatic agenda, an atheistic worldview which is attempting to take over all rivaling philosophies and religions.

I was at a conference where some of the flaws of this book were being discussed. Jamie happened to be there as well and responded that the lecturer was taking what she said out of context. But I don't think so. Ultimately, you'll need to read it yourself, but please consider the following as you do, and use this essay as a guide to help ensure that you aren't accepting illogical propositions which they present so well. One symptom of the disease of evolution belief is the unawareness that one is infected with it, and how pervasive it is. Sooner or later, evolutionists must face the ramifications of their message, and that tends to make them uncomfortable.

To her credit, speaking with us at the conference Jamie did say that she gives her students multiple possibilities for how Adam came to be. Among those were that Adam evolved from monkeys, or that Adam was put on earth when the monkeys had evolved enough to be humans, or that Adam was just an allegory and never really existed. These ideas are repeated in the book as well. As you can see all these ideas insist on one thing: you can't let go of evolution theory!

At the conference, we also asked her why humans lived to be upwards of 900 years old in the times of Adam, and to this she had no comment. The long lifespans of the patriarchs are another fact which directly contradicts evolution theory.

I'm not going into the topics of vaccines or climate change in this essay because I feel those are just thrown into this book as side issues to detract from the real controversy of the book when it comes to religion and science, which is evolution. Evolution is the great scientific fraud of our time, and throwing those topics into this book seems to me to be a coverup of how fundamental the issue of evolution is in this topic.

There will likely be people who find my writing here too bold and call it insensitive. The truth is that I am incensed by all the damage this theory does to our societies and to our spiritual welfare. Evolution theory has taken deep roots in our church which used to routinely dismiss it. Though the theory of evolution is to this day sometimes rebuked by church leaders, it remains by and large a thriving part of modern latter-day saint culture, and it has become a great hindrance to those investigating the faith, as many know instinctively and from their Christian backgrounds that evolution theory is hostile toward God as the creator.

What are They Up To at BYU & The Bean Museum?

Here's a BYU class on evolution as the "cornerstone of biology:"

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BIO 420

Evolutionary Biology

[Biology](#) • College of Life Sciences

Course Information

Course Description

Intensive examination of evolution as the conceptual cornerstone of biology.

The Bean museum at BYU promote's "...reverence for our evolving planet." I worry that this does not match with reverence for God's truth as revealed in scripture.

While a BYU student (I graduated 2019), multiple science professors tried to persuade me that evolution is God's method of creation. They sweepingly dismissed all of the teachings of the prophets against the doctrinal and philosophical issues with evolution theory.

In biology class they were required to read a 1st presidency statement that Adam was the first man, but that was quickly trivialized, made into something metaphysical rather than real.

Later we will get further into this, but just in case you think BYU isn't teaching evolution, here is their museum showcasing human evolution. This picture is from their website:

Bean Life Science Museum

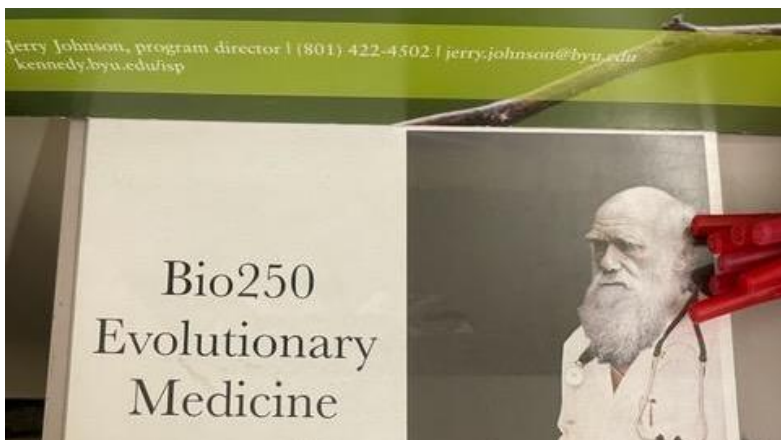
We inspire wonder, understanding, and reverence for our evolving planet.

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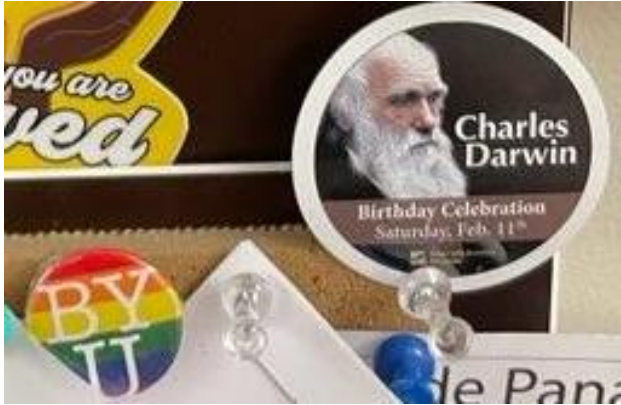
FREE ADMISSION

These pictures are from my friend Jeremy Michel visiting the Bean Museum recently:



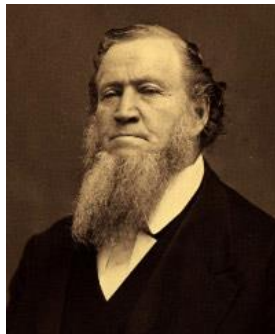


Here is evolution professor Jerry Johnson's door joining people to celebrate Darwin's birthday:



I can't say we are keeping the vision of Brigham Young, who expressed his vision for his school as follows,

“We have enough and to spare, at present in these mountains, of schools where young infidels are made because the teachers are so tender-footed that they dare not mention the principles of the gospel to their pupils, but have no hesitancy in introducing into the classroom the theories of Huxley, of Darwin, or of Miall . . . this course I am resolutely and **uncompromisingly opposed to**, and I hope to see the day when the doctrines of the gospel will be taught in all our schools, when the revelation of the Lord will be our texts, and our books will be written and manufactured by ourselves and in our own midst. As a beginning in this direction I have endowed the Brigham Young Academy at Provo.” (Brigham Young, Letters of Brigham Young to His Sons, p. 200)



Intro to a Few Major Controversial Statements from the Book

Before we dive into the details, let me premise this essay by pointing out a few statements from the book which show us plainly the controversial evolutionary views of the authors:

“[Jamie] is also a member of the Broader Social Impacts Committee for the Human Origins Initiative at the Smithsonian, joining other religious scientists to help the American public feel more comfortable with evolution.” -back cover fold

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“evolutionary leftovers” pg. 54

“scientists have not come lightly to the conclusion that all organisms evolved on earth. They have accumulated mountains of evidence...” pg. 56

“the varying views [on evolution] of church leaders over time.” Pg. 50

“Neither [1st Presidency] statement confirmed or denied the claims of evolutionary science...” pgs. 49-50

“Young earth creationism is not supported by the science that shows our earth has existed for at least 4.5 billion years and that life has existed upwards of 3.5 billion years.” Pg.20

“potential issues of compatibility [with evolution] only arise if one stipulates that the creative periods had to occur in the exact order described...” pg. 57

“the most appropriate version of evolution, from a scientific standpoint, is agnostic, often referred to as “naturalistic” evolution.” Pg. 21

“science is agnostic.” Pg. 16

“[science] cannot offer evidence for or against the existence of God.” Pg. 19

“these evidences [of nature] would hardly witness to them [non-believers] of a Supreme Creator” pg. 28

“scientific evidence will not reveal God to us.” Pg. 29

“a testimony pertains to spiritual matters” pg. 29

“searching for signs of God’s existence, while possible to receive, equally puts our testimony in jeopardy.” Pg. 24

“[scriptures are] not meant to be a scientific textbook on how the creation took place.” Pg. 50

“we have encountered individuals who have the mistaken idea that providing pseudoscience will somehow save testimonies. They place the blame for declining religious devotion among the rising generation squarely on science [evolution] and believe that creating and teaching an alternative to science [evolution] will not threaten testimonies and will help students avoid spiritual conflict.” Pg. 34

“You can almost think of educating ourselves and our children [about evolution] as a vaccination against Satan’s attempts to destroy our faith...[Satan] seeks to infuse doubt into our minds when we encounter something in science [evolution] that seems to disagree with what we thought about the world.” Pg. 35

“[We are] concerned with the rising secularity in the youth. We suggest that the solution is to endow your children (and yourself) with the truth, with the real science [evolution] and, if needed, seeking and offering ways to reconcile science [evolution] with what we believe.” Pg. 35

“this [“nonthreatening”] approach is effective in increasing evolution acceptance.” Pg. 36

“recognize that in both science and religion we still have much to learn.” Pg. 38

“we need to learn to feel comfortable with not having all the information right now.” Pg. 38

“Comfort with Uncertainty.” Pg. 38

“[take] time to learn and progress without having to make a decision that places science [evolution] and religion at odds with one another.” Pg. 38

“when people encounter information about a topic that seems to contradict their worldview, they tend to assume science [evolution] is useless in answering questions about that topic.” Pg. 42

“We sometimes set up a culture that demands that we “know” the truth of all things.” Pg. 46

“Lastly, if learning scientific theories puts your faith in jeopardy, choose your faith. Choose your **faith until you can better understand the science** (or until science can provide better explanations).” Pg. 46

“...the earth is about 4.6 billion years old. We can also look to science to learn when the first life-forms appeared.” Pg. 52

“the first living things began to appear at least by 1.9 billion years ago and possibly even before, at 3.4-3.6 billion years ago. Thus, if God prepared evolution as a mechanism for creation, then this creation presumably began with this first life-form, which then transformed through generations...” pg. 52

Paused updating the unofficial quotes into official quotes on pg 8

PART 1: SUPPOSED EVOLUTION EVIDENCE

The authors are clear in their position that all life on earth, human, animal, and plant alike, evolved from a common ancestor. Let’s talk about the evidence they give to support this claim.

Labeling all Creation Science as Pseudoscience

On pages 31-37 they devote a chapter to teaching “**true science not pseudoscience.**” With the wave of a hand they call everything that doesn't agree with evolution as being “pseudoscience.” They never dare discuss actual claims of creationists, and just say they're all fake. This level of academic snobbery is disgusting.

So, what pseudoscience exactly are they referring to?

Is it pseudoscience to point out the hundreds of evidences that the world was covered by a massive flood at the time of Noah and that cultures all over the world have legends about this?

Is it pseudoscience to point out that the hominid findings have all turned out to be frauds? That the theory came first then people went looking for the evidence?

Is it pseudoscience to point out the statistical impossibility of evolution even given the massive theoretical time frame of how old the Earth and universe are?

Could it be that the teachings of these authors and other evolutionists are the actual pseudoscience? Let's point out some actual creation claims and see what people think. Though evolution is popular and dominates the scientific establishment today, you can only hold up a lie for so long before it collapses on itself. To categorically dismiss all scientific research that questions evolution theory is just the kind of anti-science that kept us in the dark ages. Christians are called to be brave and stand against the majority when truth is being squandered and suppressed.

Let's take a close look at the best evidence they've showcased in their book for evolution and see who is promoting the pseudoscience.

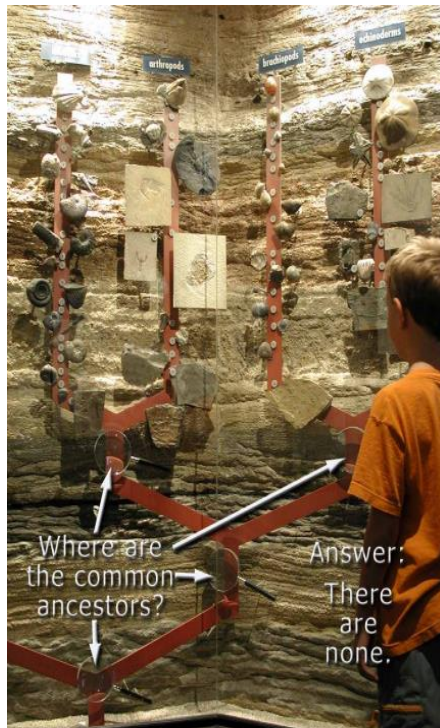
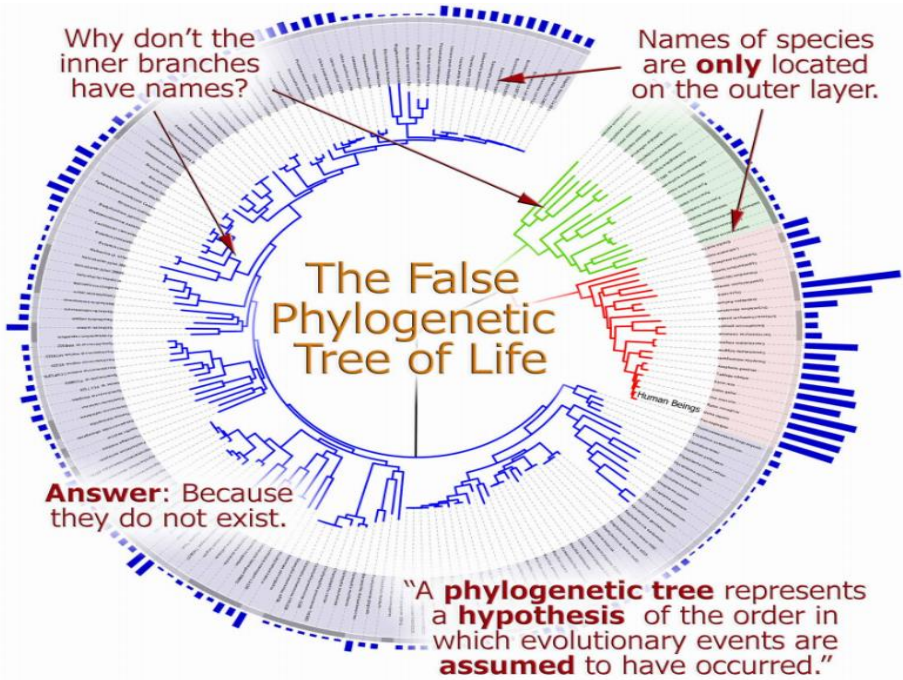
Insisting on a Common Ancestor

On page 48 they point out that evolution isn't a monkey poofing into a human, or a blob poofing out limbs. Nobody really thinks that. But evolutionists must admit that the overall consequence of evolution is a monkey turning into a human. After all, you insist on all living things coming from one common ancestor. Throw in time as the magic ingredient. Kissing a frog to turn it into a human, that's a fairy tale. Kissing a frog then waiting millions of years at which point it completes its transition into a human - that's still a fairy tale! Who has been around to scientifically witness and measure this occurrence? Nobody. So quit pretending it's science.

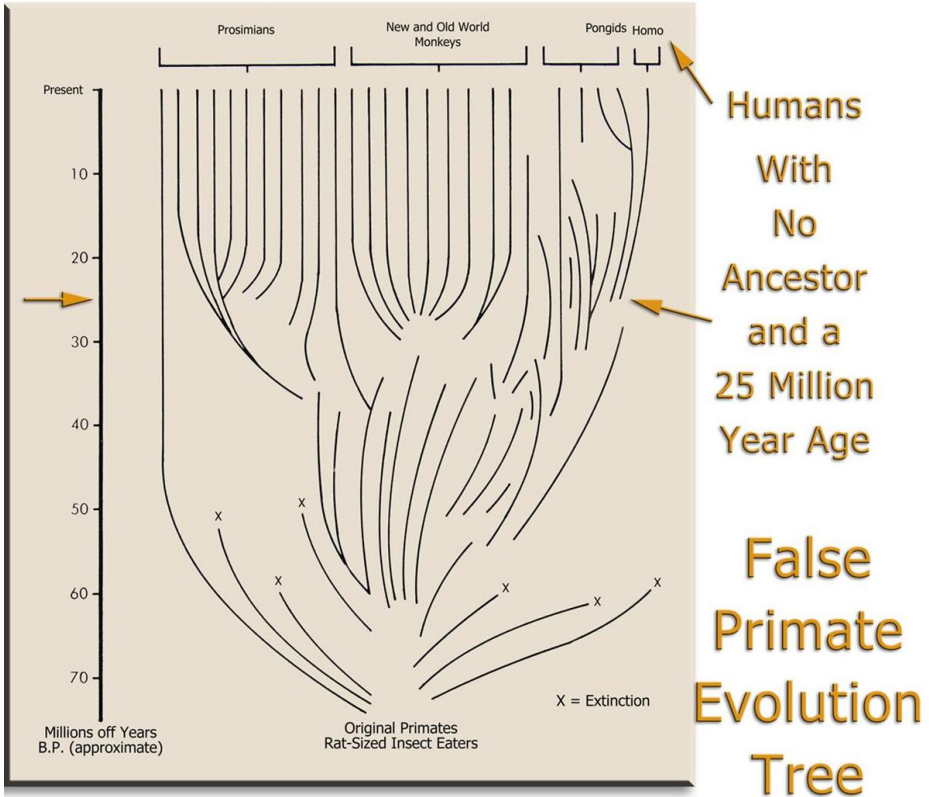
On page 48 they state their evolutionary view that “all living things on earth (both plants and animals) share a common ancestor.” Notice how they left out humans, or rather simply classed the humans with the animals, as scientists these days like to do. Putting humans in there might not be as ‘sensitive’ or ‘careful’, so good call on their part leaving that out. Let the reader be very clear: these authors believe that you evolved from mud over millions of years.

On page 48 they start their evolution chapter by claiming that evolution can tell us the “truth” about “when” and “how” life came to be on earth. No, it can't!

Consider how the phylogenetic tree of life lacks connecting ancestors between species:



(Images: Universal Model 2)



(Image: Universal Model 2)

The lack of common ancestors led evolutionist W. Ford Doolittle, evolutionary and molecular biologist who was a professor at Dalhousie University, to express, “The rooting of the universal tree is hopelessly compromised.”

Origins of the Geologic Column: Mere Correlation

The complete “Geologic Column” does not exist anywhere on Earth and was only built by correlation, as stated in college geology books: "Because we cannot find sedimentary rocks representing all of earth time neatly in one convenient area, we must piece together the rock sequence from locality to locality. This process of tying one rock sequence in one place to another in some other place is known as correlation, from the Latin for 'together' plus 'relate.'" (Physical Geology, L. Don Leet (Harvard) & Sheldon Judson (Princeton), p.181.)

"A rock that had an early form of an organism was clearly older than rocks containing later forms. Furthermore, all rocks that had the early form, no matter how far apart those rocks were geographically, would have to be the same age ... fossil successions made it possible to say that the Cambrian rocks are older than the Ordovician rocks. In this way our geologic time table came into being....**Without the theory of evolution and the interdisciplinary science of paleontology, it could not exist.**" (Geology, Putman & Bassett, p.544.)

Human-Like Ancestors?

Consider these statements from the "Let's Talk" authors claiming there were pre-Adamic people:

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In truth, there are as many types of skeleton as there are people in this world. God is creative and has designed many different people. These claims are

superfluous and will be exposed as frauds by and by just like the other findings which contradict God's revealed word.



Hominid claims always turn out to be merely a variety of apes, human pygmies, and ancient humans. The list of proven hoaxes in this field is long and growing.

Consider these known frauds that have been perpetuated to promote evolution:

- **Pitdown Man** Jawbone of an orangutan with fragments of a modern human skull. It was praised as the missing link for 40 years before the hoax was discovered. 500 academic journal articles were written on it.
- **Nebraska man** was used as evidence for evolution for a long time all they had of him was one tooth. Later they found the tooth was from a pig.
- **Hilton Man** the jaw was broken and the teeth filed down to fool people but it was in textbooks for decades until proved a fraud in the 50s.



(Images: [Piltdown Man - Wikipedia](#) & [Nebraska Man - Wikipedia](#))

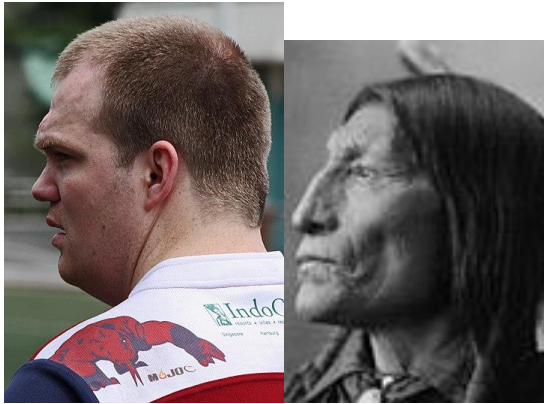
They didn't find humanoid bones and try to figure out why they were so. It was the other way around. First came the theory, then they went hunting for bones which would support the theory.

When they find skeletons of slightly different sized skulls or teeth, they are quick to claim it as a hominid. Actually, different teeth just mean different diet or habitat. Further, rickets arthritis poor diet and other medical conditions can make skeletons look different. There is significant variation in people and in monkeys, some are big, some small, etc., and this in no way is evidence of intermediate species.



(Image: [Kyphosis - Wikipedia](#))

Consider these modern man brow ridges. These ridges continue to grow, and some people simply have differently shaped heads than others. These are not evidences of human-like ancestors, but rather are a basic sampling of human diversity.



(Images: [Brow ridge - Wikipedia](#))

Consider also that various cultures have deformed skulls and other body parts arbitrarily, which leaves us with some strange looking skulls.



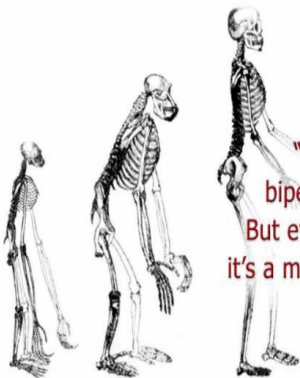
(Images: [Artificial cranial deformation - Wikipedia](#))

Consider these scientists statements about the flimsy research behind supposedly fossils of human-like ancestors:

- “A detailed and **continuous record of transition between species is missing**, those neat sedimentary layers, as Gould noted time and

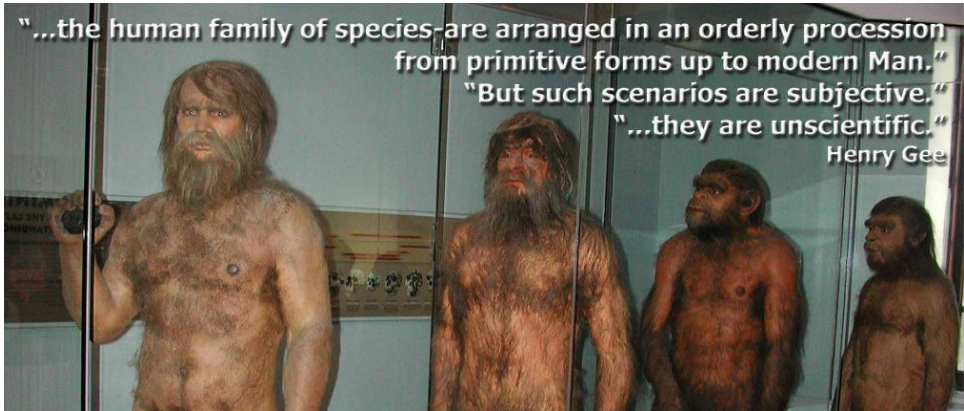
again, never revealing precisely the phenomena that Darwin proposed to explain... **‘most of the fossil record does not support a strictly gradualistic account’**... precisely what Darwin’s theory demands.” (David Berlinski, educator and former professor at Columbia University)

- “One of the major stumbling blocks is the **lack of evidence** concerning fossil forms and the **ignorance about the direction of evolutionary trends and rates** of evolution. This creates a serious problem, since **without data, weighting of characters in classification is largely subjective, and a truly evolutionary classification will never be a reality.**” Frank E. Poirier, Fossil Evidence, p12; Universal Model 2 p180



“We have a desire to see the story of bipedalism as a linear, progressive thing... But evolution doesn’t evolve toward anything; it’s a messy affair, full of diversity and dead ends.”

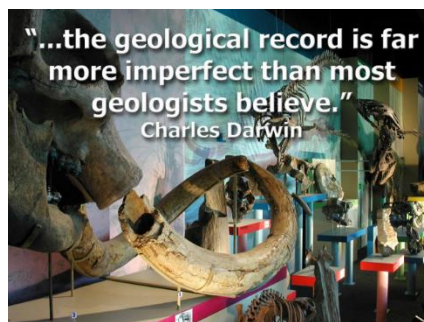
Will Harcourt-Smith - Anthropologist
American Museum of Natural History



(Images from Universal Model 2)

Darwin knew the challenges the fossil record presented to his theory, even in his day, and noted it when he stated: “There is another and allied difficulty, which is much more serious. I allude to the manner in which **many species in several of the main divisions of the animal kingdom suddenly appear in the lowest known fossiliferous rocks.** Most of the arguments which have convinced me that all the existing species of the same group are descended from a single progenitor, apply with nearly equal force to the earliest known species.” (Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*, Chapter 10, On The Imperfection Of The Geological Record)

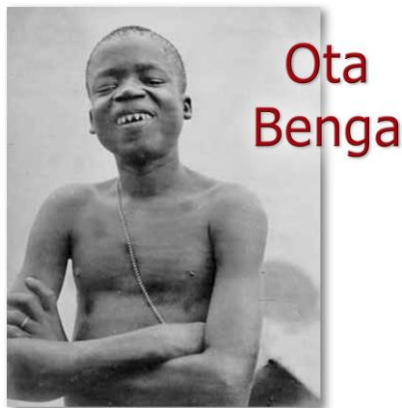
Darwin admitted that the fossil record isn't what evolution paints it to be:



(Image: Universal Model 2)

Consider also the legacy of racism evolution has created. Let's learn about the caged man, Ota Benga. “...caged at the Bronx Zoo where he came to be ‘exhibited’ in the zoo’s Monkey House as part of a display intended to promote

the concepts of human evolution and scientific racism....represented as the lowest form of human development.” (Wiki/Ota_Benga)

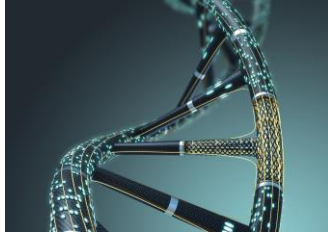


Ota missed his family. He finally killed himself from the psychological terror of his captivity and the demeaning messages of being sub-human. These are the fruits of evolution teaching.

DNA?

On page 53 in their DNA discussion, they bring up that when 2 organisms both have a fluorescent protein put into them, that they will both glow, “because all life on earth, including humans, read DNA that way.” Then they make the following extrapolation demonstrating their bias, “This is strong evidence that we all shared a common beginning.” The more obvious conclusion would be that living things were made by the same designer with similar blueprints. Similarities don’t prove evolution.

The main point about DNA is that it limits a species to only forming into that specific species. The similarities of DNA from one creature to another are irrelevant- it is the differences that count. The differences are such that no two species will ever accidentally mutate into a different species than what the DNA specifically codes for. DNA puts definite limits on how much a species can adapt, and this is definitely against evolution, and favors creation.



Consider the following about DNA and evolution:

- DNA differences are dramatic and unexplained.
- For even one gene to evolve by natural selection, it would take longer than the entire timeframe given by mainstream scientists.
- Genetics have proven that there are limits to how much a species can change, limits are set.

Junk DNA?

“Junk DNA” or non-coding genomic regions, has been claimed in the past by some as the best evidence of Darwinian evolution. (Bob Enyart Debates Ph.D. Eugenie Scott <http://kgov.com/journal-nature-junk-dna-not-junk-bob-enyart-vs-eugenie-scott>) The “junk DNA” argument appears to be evaporating. Douglas Axe reported in his studies in 2004 in the journal *Science Direct*, on challenges of random mutations being responsible for the origins functional protein folding. (*Estimating the Prevalence of Protein Sequences Adopting Functional Enzyme Folds*

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022283604007624>)

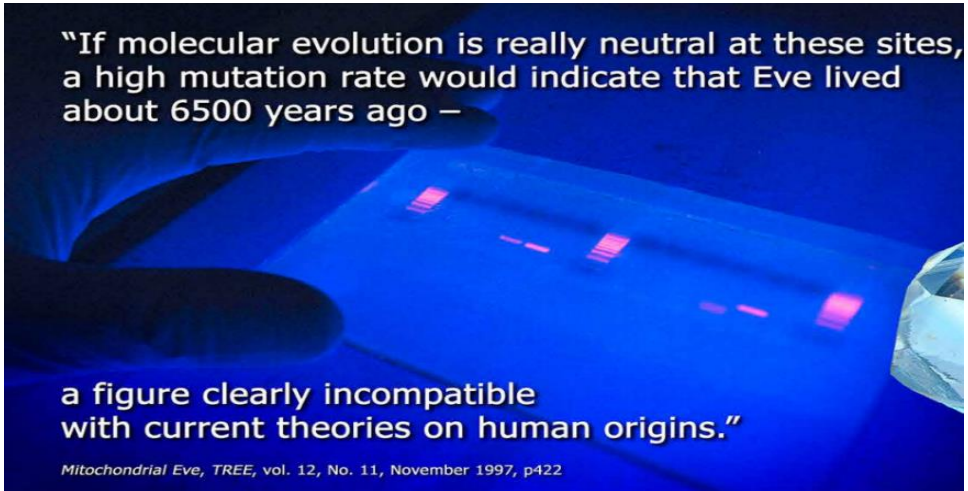
According to Axe's experiments, “the overall prevalence of sequences performing a specific function by any domain-sized fold may be as low as 1 in 10^{77} .” For a comparison of that number, there are believed to be 10^{80} sub atomic particles in the entire Universe. Hence, relying on random processes to beget “de novo” proteins is out of the realm of statistical possibility regardless of the billion of years that one could imagine, according to his research.



It's magic!

DNA Shows Parents of Human Race only a Few 1000 Years Ago

Consider also how mainstream researchers have also found that parents of the entire human race existed only a few thousand years ago:



"Simulations based on a model of human population history and geography find that an individual that is the genealogical ancestor of all living humans existed just a few thousand years ago."



Jotun Hein, *Nature*,
30 September 2004, p518

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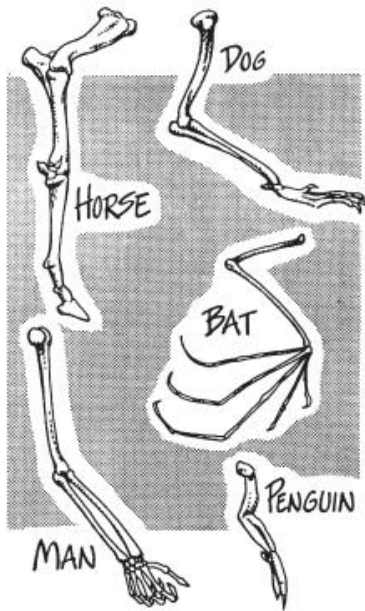
(See Universal Model v.2)

Similar (Homologous) Bone Structures?

On page 53 they go on and say, “the similarities in body structure of humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past.”

They make the popular claim that bone structure similarities in different animals are somehow evidence they came from a common ancestor. It actually just means the same person created them all. The hands of humans and animals are clearly very different, notwithstanding the minor similarities. Homologous morphology is not a valid argument for evolution.

In reality, God made these designs very different, take a look:



These similarities only show our ability to classify and overlook the vast differences between each type of animal and humans. These structures favor the creation model because not only are there similarities, but there are also gaps and distinct differences between species. In the evolution model you would have many extremely similar species you wouldn't be able to tell where the one started and the other ended.

The authors repeatedly submit their assumption that all living things (animals, humans, plants) share a common ancestor. The common ancestor theory is the heart of evolution theory. First came the theory, then came all the people crafting reasons to believe it. We do not have to accept evolution when we carefully consider the truths of nature and scripture.

Genetics don't match up with homologous structures. In research summarized by Jonathan Wells and Paul Nelson, it has now been discovered that at times “non-homologous structures [are] produced by organisms with supposedly homologous genes, but organisms with different genes can also produce similar structures.” (Homology: A Concept in Crisis <http://www.arn.org/docs/odesign/od182/hobi182.htm>)

Not so homologous? A Call for De Novo Genetics

An article available in *Trends in Genetics* 2009 reported report that “10-20% of genes lack recognizable homologs in other species.” (*More than just orphans: are taxonomically-restricted genes important in evolution?* <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19716618>) In other words 10 – 20% of genes in species don't have evidence of ancestry. This is further discussed in an article available in *Nature Reviews, Genetics* 2011. It said, “[E]very evolutionary lineage harbors orphan genes that **lack homologues in other lineages and whose evolutionary origin is only poorly understood.** Orphan genes might arise from duplication and rearrangement processes followed by fast divergence; however, **de novo evolution** out of non-coding genomic regions is emerging as an important additional mechanism.” (*The evolutionary origin of orphan genes.* <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=The+evolutionary+origin+of+orphan+genes%2C+Nature+Reviews>) This sudden appearance of genetic material by “de novo”, or out of nothing, through material process, lacks credibility in the light of several other studies. In the journal *Nature* in 2012, it was reported that the ENCODE Project revealed that by their analysis, 80 percent of the human genome has a “biochemical function” (*An integrated encyclopedia of DNA elements in the human genome* <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v489/n7414/full/nature11247.html>) The lead researcher also expressed his thoughts that this percentage of functionality would move to a statistical 100 percent. (Ewan Birney,

ENCODE project's Lead Analysis Coordinator "It's likely that 80 percent will go to 100 percent." ENCODE: the rough guide to the human genome, By Ed Yong | September 5, 2012

<http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/notrocketscience/2012/09/05/encode-the-rough-guide-to-the-human-genome/#.WlmL0nllCM8>)

This level of functionality in a genome removes most all of the opportunity for non coding regions of the cell to be the incubators for the "de novo" or out of nothing sudden emergence of proteins.

Consider the following points against homology for evolution:

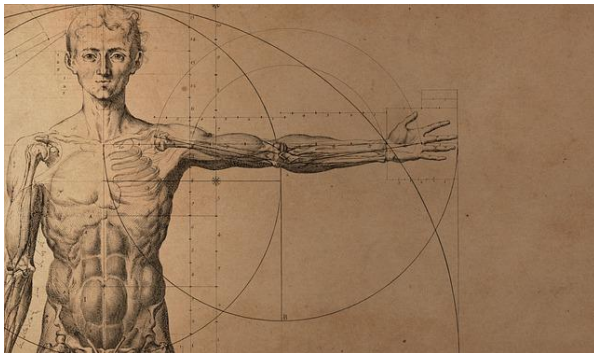
- Convergence is when very different animals happen to have a similarity, and they chalk it up to evolution. Divergence is when very similar animals happen to have some very different features, and again they chalk it up to a 'different type' of evolution. Convergence and divergence are just some of the many fancy meaningless words evolutionists use to try and explain away various impossibilities. All things have some similarities and some differences. It is circular reasoning to count both as somehow promoting evolution.
- Evolutionists use circular reasoning claiming that similarities are due to inheritance from a common ancestor, assuming that the common ancestor has already been established, and relying on that claim to make this claim.
- The proof Darwinists need is species change, not similarities.
- Does any similarity mean you descended from that? Did large spoons descend from small spoons?
- The octopus & human eye are similar, so did we descend from Octopus? If so, then why are we so different from the octopus in almost every other way?
- When it comes Specific gravity of blood, snakes and frogs are closer to humans than people and monkeys. So some evolutionists say our grandpa was more directly a snake, not a monkey.
- The rat disease of the Dark Ages only attacked people and Norway rats. So did we descend from rats, even more directly than all other animals?
- One scientist concluded that due to similarities in calcium phosphorous ratios in bone structures, we are directly related to turtles and elephants, and monkeys came from geese (or geese from monkeys), and that the dog was related to the horse, not the cat.

- Based on amino acid cytochrome C similarities, one evolutionist researcher concluded that people are more closely related to turtles than turtles are to rattlesnakes, and that people are more closely related to bread mold than sunflowers are related to bread mold.
- Evolutionists didn't know how creatures with one kind of eye could possibly have descended from creatures with another kind of eye, so they came up with the term "convergent evolution." Coming up with a new term doesn't solve an impossible problem. There are also creatures like various types of insects, closely related, but with dramatically different eye types.
- You might as well claim that because all land vertebrates have a common ancestor because they all have 2 eyes.

Evolutionary Leftover (Vestigial) Structures?

On page 54 they bring up the argument for old structures which are "evolutionary leftovers" which creatures and humans no longer need. They suggest these structures mean that whales had legs, and humans had tails. Scientists are finding all the time that structures they thought were vestigial, or useless, actually have very important purposes. Consider the following sampling of the many parts that were thought to be vestigial and now have known uses:

- The human coccyx supports weight, supports muscle, & helps balance.
- The whale pelvis is essential for reproduction.





At one time evolutionists listed 180 vestigial structures in the human body. (Darrow, Clarence and William J. Bryan. (1997). *The World's Most Famous Court Trial: The Tennessee Evolution Case* Pub. The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd. p. 268)

In the past these structures were routinely surgically removed and discarded. Today it is recognized that every one of these structures in the human body serves a purpose.

(Vestigial Organs Not So Useless After All, Studies Find, National Geographic News, <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/07/090730-spleen-vestigial-organs.html>)
(See also Dr. Jerry Bergman, George Howe, *Vestigial Organs Are Fully Functional: A History and Evaluation of the Vestigial Organ Origins Concept Book*)

Things once working in organisms can break down. Fish living in a cave may, after a period of time, lose their sight, etc. But considering human life, each of these structures once claimed to be vestigial has shown function or purpose. (Dr. Jerry Bergman, George Howe, *Vestigial Organs Are Fully Functional: A History and Evaluation of the Vestigial Organ Origins Concept Book*)

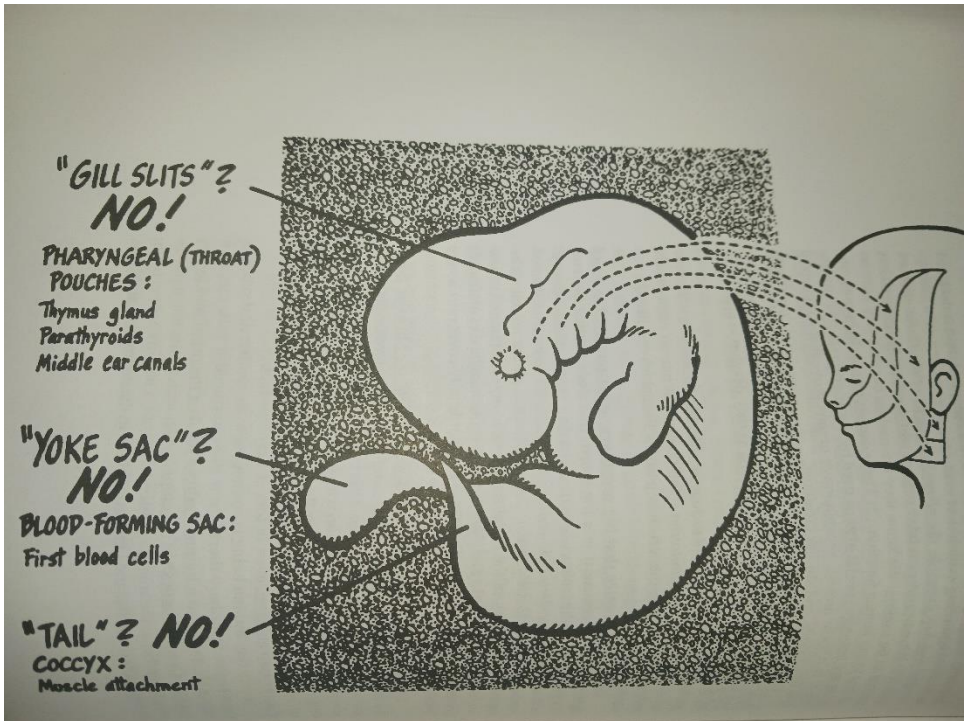
It is said by some that in the distant past these structures had different or greater functionality, and evidence of past function is claimed by an appeal to other living creatures which may have a similar structure that do have different or greater function. Such arguments are circular reasoning because it is assumed that the evolutionary history is already demonstrated.

Similar Embryos?

On page 55 they bring up similar appearances of embryos of humans and various types of animals, claiming they all develop “gills and tails.” But the human embryo never at any time develops gills or gill slits, a tail, fins, and is never a fish. The human embryo does develop pouches which become various glands and our guides for developing blood vessels and organs, so these features are not

useless. What kind of elementary logic is this that just because something looks like something else that it is the same as that other thing? The human embryo gill theory was proven wrong in 1874, and it is dishonest to continue to advocate evolution based on this claim.

Consider the following chart from a landmark textbook “Science vs. Evolution” demonstrating the noble traits of the human embryo, which are very different from lower lifeforms like fish:



(Image: Science vs Evolution p.698 by Vance Ferrel, EvolutionFacts.com)

As we can see, human embryos don't have gill slits, they have pharyngeal throat pouches which develop into the thymus gland, parathyroids, and middle ear canals. Human embryos don't have a yoke sac, they have a blood-forming sac to make the first blood cells. Human embryos don't have a tail, they have a coccyx which is essential for muscle attachment.

Consider also that

- No oxygen is extracted from the fluid as would happen with a gill.
- No gill slit opening of any kind exists in the embryo.

- Though humans begin as something small and round, so do marbles BBs and ball bearings, yet you wouldn't say we share a common ancestor with those. Similarity doesn't prove ancestry.
- Haeckel was repeatedly charged with fraud due to his embryo drawings having changed sizes of heads, eyes, trunks, etc. His ape and man skeleton drawings changed heights and showed apes with upright postures. Haeckel was also an adulterer, don't expect good fruit from a corrupt tree.

Does embryology prove common design? It's normal that features look similar in the beginning as life forms have similar features like heads and limbs, and they're in a similar environment. But then they specialize into their distinct species. The differences show up quite early, and these differences attest to creation not evolution.

It is well known that early evolutionist Ernst Haeckel's embryo drawings exaggerating similarities between animals and humans were in textbooks for a long time before being removed for their inaccuracy. Every stage of human embryo development is uniquely human and essential.

The recapitulation theory that humans are first fishes in embryo then turn into humans used to be popular and evolutionists now are having to admit that it doesn't work.

Also, look at the implications of considering human embryos to be animals, it cheapens human life, which is why abortion has taken such a hold in this country.

Radiometric Ages of the Old Earth?

On page 52 they bring up isotopes and radiometric decay rates of rocks to determine both the age of the earth and when life began on it. Based on this they claim, "...the earth is about 4.6 billion years old. We can also look to science to learn when the first life-forms appeared." There is a plethora of statements by mainstream scientists casting doubt on the radio dating methods used today. They go on, "the first living things began to appear at least by 1.9 billion years ago and possibly even before, at 3.4-3.6 billion years ago. Thus, if God prepared

evolution as a mechanism for creation, then this creation presumably began with this first life-form, which then transformed through generations...” This is more evidence that the authors are completely committed to evolution theory. It is unfortunate that they are not looking to God’s word about how old earth is and when the first life-forms appeared.

Darwin recognized the need for an old earth to make his theory of species change work. He said, “The belief that species are immutable [unchangeable] productions was almost unavoidable as long as the history of the world was thought to be of short duration.”— *Charles Darwin, Origin of the Species (conclusion to second edition).

Let’s take a closer look at “absolute” radiometric dating methods to see if earth is really as old as they need it to be.



The assumptions of these methods cannot be held with any degree of confidence, such as a constant decay rate in a closed system not impacted by environmental features, and the amount of substance started with, and the possibility of the sample being contaminated with environmental argon lead and other substances.

The geologic column (1800s) was made before any radiometric dating techniques (1900s) were developed, and when the radio dates give a wide variety of possible dates, they discard the dates which don’t align with the predetermined geologic column.

One professor pointed out the selective use of favored radiometric dates in the scientific community as follows, “If a C-14 date supports our theories, we put it in the main text. If it does not entirely contradict them, we put it in a footnote.

And if it is completely ‘out-of-date,’ we just drop it.” (*T. Save-Soderbergh and *Ingrid U. Olsson, “C-14 Dating and Egyptian Chronology,” *Radiocarbon Variations and Absolute Chronology*, ed. *Ingrid U. Olsson (1970), p. 35 [also in *Pensee, 3(1): 44].)

Another researcher pointed out just how many unapproved radiometric dates they throw out, “It may come as a shock to some, but fewer than 50 percent of the radiocarbon dates from geological and archaeological samples in northeastern North America have been adopted as ‘acceptable’ by investigators.” (*J. Ogden III, “The Use and Abuse of Radiocarbon,” in *Annals of the New York Academy of Science*, Vol. 288, 1977, pp.167-173.)

The radio dating methods are also all depending one on another (most of them being compared to uranium numbers), so if the uranium numbers were flawed in the first place (and there are many scenarios which they could be), then the other methods don’t work either.

It is common knowledge that we have dated fresh igneous rocks developed from witnessed lava flows to be millions of years old. The whole point of radiometric dating is that the rocks ‘clock’ gets reset when the rock is melted, and they think the earth was melted at its time of creation, so their measurement of the amount of decay is used to say how long ago the earth was made.

Dating based on when a rock was melted has its own problems - the earth wasn’t even made from melted rock, so the entire dating system is based on a flawed premise. No matter how precise a machine is, if it operates on a flawed premise, none of its results matter. There is much scientific evidence that the earth wasn’t made from a melt, but I’ll mention one here: quartz rock (the vast majority of all rocks) is piezoelectric, and if they had been melted at any point in time, they would lose their electric capacity.

Many interesting discoveries have been made limiting the history of life on earth to a very limited timeframe. Consider how we are finding blood vessels in dinosaur bones (refs). Consider how supposedly millions and billions of year-old coal and diamonds have carbon-14, which carbon is only supposed to last in the range of thousands of years. As the authors said, they have much supposed

evidence not listed in their book, but we have much legitimate evidence not listed in ours.

And tell me, if we can't tell what the weather will be in 1 week, why should we be so confident about the environment of 1 billion years ago?



Transitional Fossils Archeopteryx?



On page 54-55 they point to the Archeopteryx as a supposed transitional species of a reptile turning into a bird.

A few points on this claim:

- **UNIQUE:** This bird with teeth and claws is not necessarily evidence of a reptile becoming a bird, it may be like the modern platypus which has some features of one animal type and other features of other types. The platypus has fur, lays eggs, is a mammal, nurses, chews food with plates rather than teeth, & is generally far stranger than the Archeopteryx. Remember there are no transitional fossils linking the platypus to other species. We think we have it all figured out with our categories, but God reminds us with strange creatures that He is the creator and makes what He wishes.

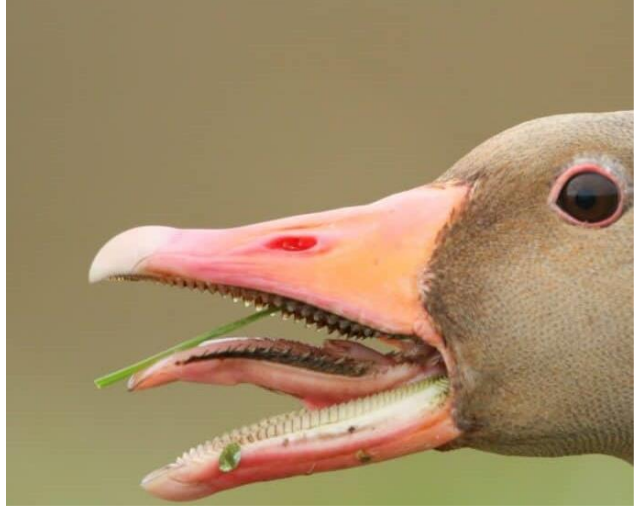
- **FEATHERS:** No explanation is available in science of how scales would turn into feathers. Archeopteryx has feathers identical to modern feathers. There are no intermediate feathers between a reptile scale and a bird feather. The leg and wing bones of Archeopteryx are hollow like that of a bird. The feathers are well developed for flight, asymmetrically. Non-flying birds like the penguin have symmetrical feathers.
- **TRANSITIONS:** There are modern birds in the same (Jurassic) period, as well as modern birds before this period. There are no transitional fossils between this bird and a reptile. This fossil doesn't pre-date birds, Archeopteryx is just a bird. It is common knowledge that variation within a species does allow for differences like this without crossing the species barrier which cannot be crossed.

Consider the statements of these scientists on issues of bird evolution:

“The origin of birds is largely a matter of deduction. There is no fossil evidence of the stages through which the remarkable change from reptile to bird was achieved.”—*W.E. Swinton, *Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds*, Vol. 1 (1980), p. 1

“It is obvious that we must now look for the ancestors of flying birds in a period of time much older than that in which *Archaeopteryx* lived.”—*J. Ostrom, *Science News* 112 (1977), p. 198.

- **CLAWS & TEETH:** Other modern birds also have wings with claws such as the ostrich with 3 claws on each wing the same as Archeopteryx. Also Hoatzin of South America and Touraco of Africa have wings on their claws. Other modern birds have teeth also.



(Graylag Goose with teeth, image Wikipedia)

Evolution scientist P. Moody also acknowledges that it's nothing strange for a bird to have teeth, “However, other extinct ancient birds had teeth, and every other category of vertebrates contains some organisms with teeth, and some without (amphibians, reptiles, extinct birds, mammals, etc.).”—

*P. Moody, Introduction to Evolution (1970), pp. 196-197

- HOAX? Some have even concluded that due to it's carefully separated feathers (rather than overlaying which would likely occur in a natural press), that Archeopteryx is a fraud.

Closing the Gap & Species Change

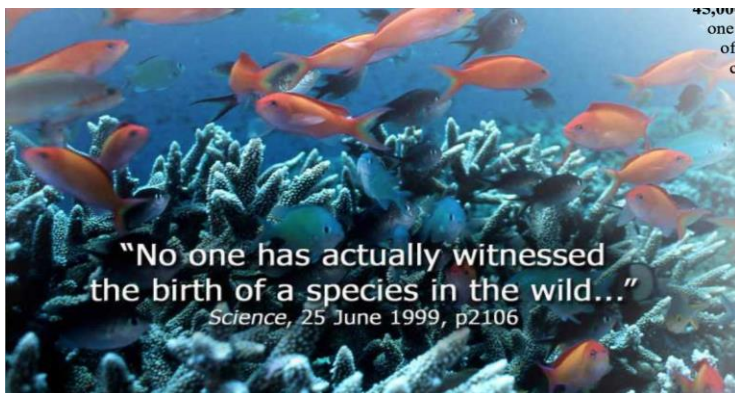
On page 25 they promote the idea that there are transitional fossils, but the record is full of gaps from one species to the next. This is why evolutionists have invented theories like “punctuated equilibrium” claiming these changes happened ‘quickly’ over a few hundred thousand years, but with lots of stasis or blank time between the changes. The fact remains that we have not found the transitional fossils which Darwin’s theory called for. Whenever evolution theory statistically fails, they change the theory, they lengthen the time.

On page 25-26 they claim to ‘close the gap’ between a walking land mammal evolving into a whale. They make a series of claims about transitional animal fossils. Unfortunately for them, the dating of these fossils is all based on highly flawed methods, wild speculation about which animal came first, and the detailed mechanism of one fossil turning into another remains unexplained in all of the scientific literature.

On pages 24-26 in their “God of the Gaps” section they insist that there are transitional fossils and that God didn’t just fill in the gaps of one form going into the other, but the fossils aren’t transitional, and there’s no gap to fill, which implies that there is no sequence of change. The differences between the species have always and will always be there. The fact of large gaps between species is a major problem for evolution, and major evidence for creation.

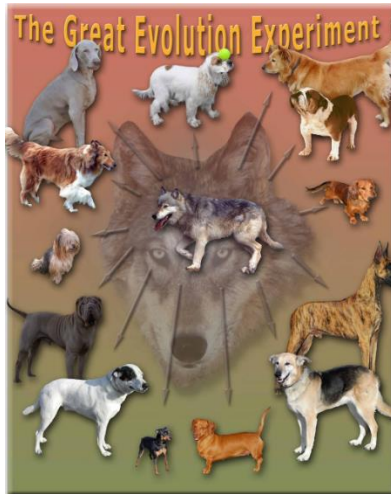
Species Change:

No one has seen a new species come into being, and all our breeding hasn’t come up with a new species.



(Image: Universal Model 2)

After all our dog breeding, we still can’t get anything but a dog.



(Image: Universal Model 2)

It's the same for pigeons: many varieties, but never a new species.

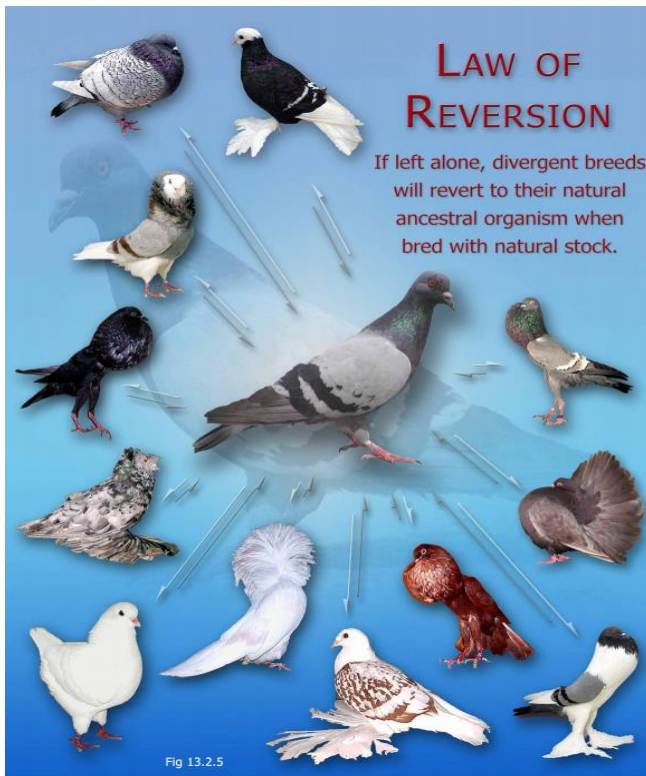


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(Image: Universal Model 2)

As one scientist put it, “**At no point does the breeder produce a breed of pigeon that is so extreme that one can no longer consider it a pigeon...endless varieties can be produced but in no case are new species formed.**” (In Search of Deep Time: Henry Gee, The Free Press, 1999, p33)

And every evolution book seems to bring up the pettered moths at one point or other. Unfortunately those are proven fakes.



But wait! What if you wait millions of years? To that I say:

- That's not science!
- Let me know when you have.
- Left to themselves, species revert to natural stock.
- In all our crossbreeding, we can't get a new species.
- A cross of 2 species becomes infertile, like the mule.



Evolutionary Science Reasonable?

On page 28 they say don't let your faith be shaken if science can explain something God did. While that is a correct principle, they apply it incorrectly by stating that there is provable evidence for evolution, which God must have used.

On page 28 they say, "what happens when science comes up with a reasonable and even testable explanation for a "gap" in our understanding?" The first problem with this statement is that evolution theory is neither reasonable nor testable. Next, evolution isn't demonstrating the "gaps," it isn't demonstrating anything because it isn't an empirical testable (real) science.

Author Ernst Mayr, delivering a lecture after receiving the Crafoord Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Science, explained the non-empirical nature of evolution, saying,

"Evolutionary biology, in contrast with physics and chemistry, is a historical science- the evolutionist attempts to explain events and processes that have already taken place. Laws and experiments are inappropriate techniques for the explication of such events and processes."

As we see from this quote, evolution is more storytelling than science. Latter-day Saints are interested in testable science. Consider this message from the 1st Presidency calling for demonstrable science:

"Our religion is not hostile to real science. That which is **demonstrated**, we accept with joy; but **vain philosophy, human theory and mere speculations of men, we do not accept nor do we adopt anything contrary to divine revelation or to good common sense**. But everything that tends to right conduct, that harmonizes with sound morality and increases faith in Deity, finds favor with us no matter where it may be found." (from "WORDS IN SEASON FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY": Deseret Evening News December 17, 1910, part 1 p.3) (excerpt from the BYU packet on evolution <http://biology.byu.edu/DepartmentInfo/EvolutionandtheOriginofMan.aspx>.)

Just because the authors don't understand how God did things doesn't mean they need to insist upon the atheistic theory of evolution. Evolution is more storytelling than science. You can't prove evolution - it is a belief system, an orthodoxy you shouldn't dare question if you don't want to risk being fired or defunded. By claiming that our gaps of understanding are filled by evolution rather than by God, the authors are taking God out of nature, excluding the creator from the creation, claiming that nature didn't require God's intervention to reach its present state.

Not Just a Theory

On page 7 they give the “theories are important” speech. Evolutionists give the “theories are important” speech all the time. They fail to answer: if theories are so important, why do we have laws? Real theories are supposed to explain how laws work, so tell me the laws of nature that evolution is explaining? None. Evolutionists are upset that evolution is still called a theory. For example: we don't call gravity a theory, and why not? Because we can prove it. It's a law. Evolution cannot be proven and will never be a law of nature. More and more scientists agree that evolution is an unsustainable theory.

I remember watching a nature documentary lately that referred to evolution as an “established” theory. No, throwing the word ‘established’ in there doesn't change the fact that no one has demonstrated it to be true. We have seen beaks elongate etc., but never have we seen one species evolve into another. There is no common ancestor between animals and humans.

Assuming Evolution is a Fact

On page 39 they ask, “why are homo sapiens (us) the only species left among our human-like ancestors?” It's because we have no human-like ancestors. We are made in the image of God. Small skeletons are those of various types of apes and short human pygmies. There was no line of partial humans that lead up to our

creation, we came straight from the bowels of God Almighty. We are His “children,” His “direct” “lineal” “offspring” (see the 1924 1st Presidency Statement elsewhere in this essay), & Acts 17:29). The issue is that the authors, by asking this question, are setting you up with an assumption that you are supposed to take as fact. They want you to radically accept the controversial statement that there is proof of human-like bones and the statement that those bones are our ancestors. Both are false. See how much they can load into one clever question? I don’t fault the authors; they are just touting the same lines that all evolutionists fed them. But it is up to each of us to discern between truth and error. I hope the reader will not adopt the talking points of the evolutionists without looking at evidence to the contrary, and without becoming familiar with the long series of hoaxes and attempts to sell the theory of evolution to the public.

Mountains of Evidence?

On page 56 they say “**scientists have not come lightly to the conclusion that all organisms evolved on earth. They have accumulated mountains of evidence...**” What we actually see are mountains of propaganda, lots of brainwashing, and 200 years of re-writing textbooks to ensure that this theory is relentlessly taught so much that people forget the simple and pure message nature intended to give.

In this review we go over the key ‘mountains of evidence’ they thought would best showcase evolution. How are they holding up? Their mountain of evidence is only a mountain of chaff, quickly blown away in the wind. As Psalm 35:5 says, “Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them.”



Image [Such a Time as This: Chaff Driven by the Wind \(Psalm 1:4-6\)](http://mattakers.blogspot.com)
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Evolution on its way out. Remember the geocentric model was believed by the educated for 1800 years but turned out to be the opposite of the truth. When Aristarchus proposed the heliocentric model, Aristotle's supporters shot it down based on the scientific evidence and theories of their time. They didn't have sufficient telescopes to see stellar parallax and they didn't know about the law of inertia, so they thought the earth was at the center, not the sun. Evolution theory was the best science could come up with in the 1800s, but we are far past that now – or at least we would be if it weren't for tax funded establishments bending over backward to prop it up.

PART 2: CHURCH DOCTRINE STILL AGAINST EVOLUTION

What Really Happened

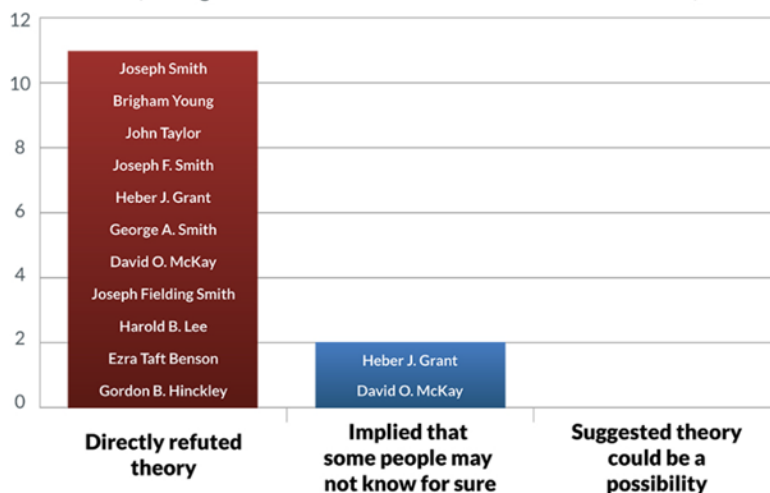
God brought animals to this world in a similar way that Noah brought animals to the land after the flood. In the beginning God planted seeds and placed animals here. We learn this in the temple. We learn it in Genesis. We learn it everywhere. We learn it in genetics, that one species cannot create another. Simple truths are in great contrast to the complexities of evolution.

The Consistent Message of the Church

The church has and continues to teach against evolution, contrary to what the authors of this book would have you believe. The authors shy away from teachings of the modern prophets against evolution. The message against evolution in the church is consistent.

Expressed Views of Presidents of the Church

(on Organic Evolution as it relates to the Creation of Man)



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On page 51 they casually comment that some church leaders have expressed their opinions against evolution. Do you agree that we should take these expressions casually? They also claim that other church leaders have expressed opinions in favor of evolution, but those opinions are the very small minority, only Apostles Talmage and Widstoe. When Talmage and Widstoe advocated evolution, it wasn't from the pulpit, whereas church leaders have repeatedly and confidently advocated against evolution from the pulpit. (More on this later.)

Elder McConkie and other church leaders have called evolution theory an abomination. Their teachings are frequent and easy to find, and I won't be focusing on those in this essay. I focus on our canonized doctrine which is found in scripture, and it is more than enough grounds to reject evolution theory.

President Nelson Denounces Evolution

I do want to speak about our current Church President Nelson's statements against evolution just in case people think that being anti-evolution is some outdated thinking of the past which doesn't continue in the church today. And note that Nelson was president of the church at the time of the publication of the 'Let's Talk' book, which just heightens the hypocrisy of this book being sold at the Church bookstore.

On page 37 they speak of true science and religion not being in conflict, and footnote to statements by Elder Russel M Nelson given at the BYU Life Science building dedication in 2015. The authors conveniently decide to leave out multiple statements by Nelson showing his adamant rejection of evolution theory. At no point in the dedication did Nelson suggest any possibility of evolution being true or possible.

You can chalk Russel M Nelson on the list of those who directly refuted the theory, as the following 2 quotes demonstrate:

“to think that man evolved from one species to another is, to me, incomprehensible... Man has always been man. Dogs have always been dogs. Monkeys have always been monkeys. It's just the way genetics works... (2007, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life interview with Russel M Nelson <https://bycommonconsent.com/2007/05/20/elder-nelson-doesnt-believe-in-evolution/>)

“...some people erroneously think that these marvelous physical attributes happened by chance or resulted from a big bang somewhere. Ask yourself, “Could an explosion in a printing shop produce a dictionary?” The likelihood is *most* remote. But if so, it could never heal its own torn pages or reproduce its own newer editions!” (Russel M Nelson, Conf. Report April 2012, Thanks Be To God <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2012/04/thanks-be-to-god?lang=eng>)

PS- Very recently we heard over the pulpit in General Conference another rebuke of evolution, that evident design in nature indicates a designer. Evolution

theory's entire purpose is to declare that no designer was involved in creation, but that it was all happenstance from slow gradual natural selection! [add](#)

BYU Professors Fired for Advocating Evolution

In 1909, 3 BYU professors were fired by Joseph F. Smith for promoting scripture as not being revelation from God, and for promoting Darwinian Evolution, and for their progressive interpretation of Church history.

On page 62 they quote this First Presidency statement from Joseph F. Smith to take it out of context:

“Whether the mortal bodies of man evolved in natural processes to present perfection, through the direction and power of God; whether the first parents of our generations, Adam and Eve, were transplanted from another sphere, with immortal tabernacles, which became corrupted through sin...(or) whether they were born here in mortality, as other mortals have been, are questions not fully answered in the revealed word of God” (First Presidency of Joseph F. Smith, Improvement Era, April 1910, 13:570).

If organic evolution is what Joseph F. Smith was implying, then why did Joseph F. Smith fire 3 BYU professors who taught organic evolution?

Those days are long gone, and many Church members are unaware that evolution is being promoted at our Church university.

Brigham wanted schools to expressly counter false philosophies like Darwinism, Marxism, socialism, atheism, etc. Schools to teach the doctrines of the Gospel as contained in Latter-day revelation to counter false philosophies. Schools where the primary texts were the standard works of the Church, and no doctrines contrary to those scriptures would be promoted. ([Refs](#))

Church Members Reject Creation Doctrine

On page 50 they speak of “the varying views of church leaders over time.” What they mean is that the message of church leaders has been entirely consistent, except for two notable Apostles (Widstoe & Talmage). They expressed their belief in evolution theory and an old earth, and their opinions are at variance with the scriptures and teachings of the presidents of the church for 200 years. They also mention Henry Eyring Sr., who was not an apostle, but who also believed in evolution. These rare opinions in the wilderness hardly represent “varying views of church leaders over time.”

There were heavy battles between these men and church presidents about what should be taught at BYU, the Church’s school, whose professors and students are heavily subsidized by tithing dollars. Finally, they decided to pull out all religious influence in the teaching of science at BYU, and ‘leave science to the scientists’. Since then, secular professors have had a hay day at BYU, teaching all the dogmatic evolution they want.

Henry B Eyring Jr. (son of evolutionist) said that “the contention was the problem.” Contention was a problem to be sure, but the source of the contention was people who rejected church doctrine, and sadly we decided to resolve the contention by letting the evolutionists do whatever they want.

To teach evolution at BYU now all you must do is give your students a packet which says, “Adam was the first man,” which the professors quickly spiritualize away and proceed in teaching that man came from monkeys. There’s a whole display of human evolution at the BYU Bean science museum. Sadly, we decided to allow the adversary’s deceptions into our institutes of higher learning, and much of whole church has become secular as a result. The conversation is one sided, and there is little to no hope for the rising generation, who are no longer being taught creation truths at home, church, or the great BYU. When President Oaks admonishes us to repeatedly teach basic church doctrines, surely these doctrines about the creation fall and atonement, and how they relate to the theories of men, are some of these plain and precious truths that we are commanded to warn our children and neighbors against!

1st Pres. Statements Don't "Confirm Or Deny" Evolution?

On page 49-50 they cite two first presidency statements about the origin of man, and they make an astonishing claim that “Neither [1st Presidency] statement confirmed or denied the claims of evolutionary science...” Consider the 2 statements and see for yourself:

Here is President Smith in 1909:

“It is held by some that Adam was not the first man upon this earth, and that the original human being was a development from lower orders of the animal creation. These, however, are the theories of men. The word of the Lord declares that Adam was ‘the first man of all men’ (Moses 1:34), and we are therefore in duty bound to regard him as the primal parent of our race. It was shown to the brother of Jared that all men were created in the beginning after the image of God; and whether we take this to mean the spirit or the body, or both, it commits us to the same conclusion: **Man began life as a human being, in the likeness of our heavenly Father.”**

Here is President Grant in 1925:

“...All men and women are in the similitude of the universal Father and Mother, and are **literally sons and daughters of Deity...**Man is the child of God, formed in the divine image and endowed with divine attributes**, and even as **the infant son of an earthly** father and mother is capable in due time of becoming a man, so that undeveloped offspring of celestial parentage is capable, by experience through ages and aeons, of evolving into a God.”**

The middle 2 paragraphs of the Grant 1925 quote **which the authors left out** emphasize the point that Adam and Eve were literal lineal corporal reproductive offspring of God. Here is what they left out in those three little dots:

Adam, our great progenitor, “the first man,” was, like Christ, a pre-existent spirit, and, like Christ, he took upon him an appropriate body, the body of a man, and so became a “living soul.” The doctrine of pre-existence pours wonderful flood of light upon the otherwise mysterious problem of man’s origin. It shows that man, as a spirit, was begotten and born of heavenly parents, and reared to maturity in the eternal mansions of the Father, prior to coming upon the earth in a temporal body to undergo an experience in mortality.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, basing its belief on divine revelation, ancient and modern, **proclaims man to be the direct and lineal offspring of Deity**. By his Almighty power God organized the earth, and all that it contains, from spirit and element, which exist co-eternally with himself.

Remember the authors claim, that “Neither [1st Presidency] statement confirmed or denied the claims of evolutionary science...”

So, what do you think?

Remember that evolution says Adam was not the first man. Remember that evolution says Adam was the son of someone who was a hominid, not the son of God. Lastly, remember that evolution claims that God is, at best, an irrelevant factor on the topics of the creation of earth and the creation of life upon it.

I believe that these first presidency statements were obvious clear and direct refutations of evolution theory. What other theories would the prophets have been referring to? Denying the plain meaning of these passages is a great feat of ‘double think’ word games.

The authors’ position would be stronger if they admitted that these statements were against evolution, but that they had a new and improved way of seeing things. The authors should be upfront about where they stand, and how that differs from where the church stands. At that point they could attempt to persuade the church to join them. Instead they have chosen to claim that their views and church views aren’t so different. I feel these methods demonstrate both academic dishonesty and spiritual deception.

Yes, one of the statements used the word “evolve.” But Darwinists have hijacked the word evolve to mean man from monkey, and universe from explosion.

Evolve doesn't have to mean these things, it can simply infer change, improvement.

Yes, one of the statements used the word aeons [eons]. To an evolutionist, that sounds like millions and billions of years. But the word eons doesn't and hasn't necessarily meant that much time in the past. The use of the word eon here is clearly merely a figure of speech meaning a long time.

I believe that the attempt to mesh evolution with established religious doctrine approaches the prophecy of Isaiah 5:20, **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”**

At our church schools we should made students aware of the theories of men such as evolution as they are big parts of this world, but we should not advocate accepting those theories! I am aware that current church leaders have this hope for BYU where these authors teach, and am sad to report that what is going on there is something else entirely. Not only did I see evolution advocacy first hand as a BYU student recently, but I am also aware of recent personal correspondence with the brethren indicating that BYU should be teaching these theories by way of information, but not advocating for them!

Human Common Ancestor is God, Not Hominid

4. When these quotes refer to “our race,” they clearly mean the HUMAN race. They clearly show that the origins of all humans are NOT from lower life forms, yet that is EXACTLY what evolution theory is founded upon! YOU CAN'T HAVE A COMMON ANCESTOR between humans animals and plant life if the human race is the “first man of all men!” There are no 99% humans - the gap between man and all other known species is massive, and conjecture based on supposed transitional fossils does not change that fact.

Who's Your Daddy?



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Evolutionists play word games and claim that the humanoids before Adam weren't human, and thereby insist that those could have still been Adam's parents. But think about it: Who was Adam's dad? Was it an 'almost human,' or was it God Himself as scripture and modern prophets have boldly declared? We read in Luke 3:38, **“Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.”**

When Christians play word games and claim that the first man can be Adam while allowing for Adam's parents to be monkey-men, This reminds me of Alma's plea, “O blessed God, have mercy on this people!” (Alma 19:29)

Why have we rejected God's words, His precious truths, in exchange for the teachings of the Gentiles?

Consider these prophetic teachings on Adam's biological dad being God:

- Brigham Young: “Mankind are here because they are offspring of parents (Adam and Eve) who were first brought here from another planet, and power was given them to propagate their species, and they (were) commanded to multiply and replenish the earth...(God) created man as we create our children; for there is no other process of creation in heaven, on the earth, in the earth, or under the earth, or in all the eternities, that is, that (was), or that

ever will be... We are flesh of (God's) flesh, (and) bone of his bone" (Journal of Discourses 11:122; 9:283, October 1859).

- Joseph F. Smith: "...Man was born of woman; Christ the Savior was born of woman; and God the Father was born of woman. Adam, our earthly parent, was also born of woman into this world, the same as Jesus and you and I..." (Pres. Joseph F. Smith, Deseret News, Section 3, p. 7, 27 December 1913).
- "Joseph Smith is reported...to have taught that God was the great head of human procreation – was really and truly the Father of both our spirits and our (physical) bodies" (Andrus, Hyrum, God, Man, and the Universe, pp. 351-354).

Luke 3 Generation Chart is Physical, so Adam's Physical Father is God

5. As it says in the line they didn't include in their quotation in the book, man is "the direct and lineal offspring of Deity." Lineal? Ponder the meaning of that word. That is genealogical language. It means the same way that your dad is your direct dad, God is Adam's direct dad. Can we be any clearer? If Luke 3:38 about the genealogy leading up to Adam is not spiritual, why should we claim that when it says Adam's father is God, that that step is spiritual? No, the context of the list being physical parentage insists that Adam's physical father is God.

Latter-day Saint Doctrine of God: We of All People Should Know Better

The latter-day saints are endowed with the understanding that God has a tangible body (D&C 130:22), He is married to a woman (D&C 130:2; add exalt refs), that procreation is divine when used properly (1 Cor. 11:11, Gen. 1:28), and that "children are an heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3-5). Can you put the pieces of this puzzle together? The latter-day saints armed with these truths are in a

better position to refute evolution as the origin of man than any other Christian denomination!

This book on evolution represents a larger movement in the church to take away our foundational understanding of restored truth and exchange it for a more politically correct version of faith. Let us bravely reject these philosophies of men and stand by revealed truths.

Issues with the “No Official Position” Claim

On page 50 they cite a Church youth magazine quote which claims that the Church has no official position on the theory of evolution. Here is the magazine quote:

“The Church has no official position on the theory of evolution. Organic evolution, or changes to species’ inherited traits over time, is a matter for scientific study. Nothing has been revealed concerning evolution. Though the details of what happened on earth before Adam and Eve, including how their bodies were created, have not been revealed, our teachings regarding man’s origin are clear and come from revelation.” (New Era Magazine, Oct. 2016, [What does the Church believe about evolution? \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org))

There are several issues here. First this is not a First Presidency statement, it is not in our canon of scripture, and it therefore is not doctrine. One need not accept this opinion piece to remain in good standing in the church. This is just a youth magazine, and the author of the article isn’t even named.

Next, given the 1st Presidency statements we have analyzed in this essay, how can we persist in advocating evolution? Not to mention our canonized scriptures, aren’t they official? It is true however, as we mentioned elsewhere, that the dwindling faith of the saints is leading to more and more topics being classified as ‘no official position.’

Fortunately, the article does have a further reading section where they point you to this more detailed church teaching against evolution:

[The Origin of Man \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://churchofjesuschrist.org)

Next, let's get more of the partial quote from Elder Holland which the New Era article quoted:

“In our increasingly secular society, it is as **uncommon as it is unfashionable to speak of Adam and Eve or the Garden of Eden or of a “fortunate fall” into mortality.** Nevertheless, the simple truth is that we **cannot fully comprehend** the Atonement and Resurrection of Christ and we **will not adequately appreciate** the unique purpose of His birth or His death—in other words, there is no way to truly celebrate Christmas *or* Easter—without understanding that there was **an actual Adam and Eve who fell from an actual Eden, with all the consequences that fall carried with it.** I do not know the details of what happened on this planet before that, but I do know **these two were created under the divine hand of God,** that for a time they lived alone in a paradisiacal setting where there was **neither human death nor future family,** and that through a sequence of choices they transgressed a commandment of God which required that they leave their garden setting but which allowed them to have children before facing physical death.” (Jeffrey R. Holland April 2015 Where Justice Love and Mercy Meet [Where Justice, Love, and Mercy Meet \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://churchofjesuschrist.org))

In that quote, we learned that Elder Holland is aware of evolutionists who are claiming that there was no Adam, that there was no Eden, that there was no fall, and he rejects these teachings as being in direct contradiction to revealed truths of the gospel. None of the spiritualizing of these scriptures, these were actual real events on this earth! We learn about how there was no death before the fall, which rules out evolution entirely. We get a feeling here that Holland is weary of speaking against evolution, but at the same time is trying to not step on too many toes. Line upon line, today's membership are fragile as glass when anything is said that contradicts the almighty infallible scientists and their temples the universities.

Do we officially believe The Book of Mormon? I hope so. Do we officially liken it unto ourselves (1 Ne. 19:23)? I hope so. Do we use the book as a guide to warn us against modern day false teachings? I hope so.

Leave It to Scientists? (Sure, if You're a Communist)

On page 50 they cite Heber J Grant in saying that Church leaders should leave science alone since it doesn't have to do with our salvation. On a certain level this is true, but whatever happened to bringing all truth into one great whole? Whatever happened to all truth belonging to Mormonism as Joseph Brigham and their successors have taught? When we see the massive wave of faith crisis which evolution is causing, can we persist in claiming that science is an abstract amoral study? Can we teach our doctrine and false mainstream science which directly contradicts it at the same time? If science hadn't become so corrupted, we wouldn't be worried about it, but corrupt it the Devil has, and we cannot let the lies in the textbooks and lectures go unchallenged. It is because of our testimonies of the truth that we can easily detect the errors of these popular theories.

What we all need to understand is that each member of a democratic society has the duty to look at what the experts are saying and form their own informed opinions. Science does not present a uniform opinion about evolution, in fact it remains a subject of great controversy among scientists, with tricks of silencing the opposition taking place routinely. The benefit of religion is that it helps us see which side to take when these controversies arise. We should not set aside our religious understandings in the face of science, rather, our religious understandings should inform us about when science is and is not on the right track toward finding pure truth. People intent on promoting a certain view often resort to silencing the opposition. Banning the capitalist professors in the Soviet Union did not ultimately stop capitalism any more than today's banning of professors who reject evolution will stop the truth of God's creation from being established throughout the world. We aren't communists, we don't need to purely rely on expert-approved opinions.

Many Scientists "Dissent from Darwin"

To demonstrate that there is controversy in science today about the validity of evolution, consider groups such as Dissent from Darwin (<https://dissentfromdarwin.org>). Their site features a series of scientists who openly express their view that natural selection (the heart of Darwinian

evolution) is wholly insufficient to explain natural processes. The site features a researcher who had written a textbook on evolution who said, “students at least should have the opportunity to learn about the flaws and limits of Darwin’s theory while they are learning about the theory’s strongest claims.”

Where Do You Stand?

Evolution is so universally accepted today that going against it is, well, unpopular and will bring ridicule (however, Christians are supposed to be ok with ridicule). Scripture and the prophets have warned us against this theory, but for many, only scientific evidence will turn them against evolution. This is akin to what Jesus taught doubting Thomas. Blessed are those who see and believe, but even more blessed are those who believe without seeing (John 20:29). Will you wait for science to vindicate the prophets, or will you boldly stand with them today, when the scientific community has successfully buried most research which disproves evolution? The false theory of evolution is on its way out. Now is the time to stand for the right without being compelled by the overwhelming mounting evidence in favor of truth.

Rejecting Plain Truths for Complex Mysteries

Those who accept evolution while having plain and precious gospel truths available to them are like the Jews who rejected plain miraculous truths in favor of the complex mysterious ways of the world, as we read of in Jacob 4:14:

“But behold, the Jews were a stiffnecked people; and they **despised the words of plainness**, and killed the prophets, and sought for things that they could not understand. Wherefore, because of their blindness, which blindness came by looking beyond the mark, they must needs fall; for God hath taken away his plainness from them, and delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand, because they desired it. And because they desired it God hath done it, that they may stumble.”

Only by cunning deception have members been led to accept teachings on evolution today.

Unknowingly ‘Killing’ The Prophets from Inside the Church

Note that in today’s world, killing the prophets as referred to in Jacob 4:14 above can be doing things which undermine the teachings of the prophets, causing people to discount and disbelieve them. Twisting their plain words and claiming that those words, as the authors put it, neither “confirm or deny” evolution theory. Perhaps the most dangerous version of this is from people within the church, who may not be aware of the effect of what they are doing. President Packer, referring to progressive attacks on church doctrine, warned that not all the persecution against the saints comes from outside of the church:

“Atheists and agnostics make nonbelief their religion and today organize in unprecedented ways to attack faith and belief. They are now organized, and they pursue political power. You will be hearing much about them and from them. Much of their attack is indirect in mocking the faithful, in mocking religion. The types of Sherem, Nehor, and Korihor live among us today (see Jacob 7:1–21; Alma 1:1–15; Alma 30:6–60). Their arguments are not so different from those in the Book of Mormon. You who are young will see many things that will try your courage and test your faith. **All of the mocking does not come from outside of the Church.** Let me say that again: All of the mocking does not come from outside of the Church. Be careful that you do not fall into the category of mocking.” (President Boyd K Packer, Jan. 16 2007 [Lehi's Dream and You - Boyd K. Packer - BYU Speeches](#))

Equal Representation?

On page 22 they say diversity of thought is a good thing, but nothing in this book allows for diversity of thought involving creation science. As is the sad case today, tolerance often means tolerating everything that is mainstream. If you think they are being tolerant of opposing views, try and sign up for a creation

science class at BYU. Would it kill them to allow both points of views to be taught? I guess it would, at least, likely lead to killing their theory.

Are creation science advocates represented at BYU, a religious private university whose leaders have long taught against evolution, and whose founder started it for the express purpose of shutting down false theories of men? Not a chance.

Sadly, this book is being officially promoted by the Church in the Church's official magazine. The concept of aligning science and religion is good, but this book does not advocate the side of truth in the matter.

So how about the religious scientists who aren't comfortable with evolution? Do they get a voice too? Can creation science advocates sell their books at Deseret Book? A friend of mine tried to get them to sell his books which promote creation, and DB rejected them saying they didn't match the DB brand. This is how entirely the secular members of the Church have drowned out the message of creation today.

Sadly, scientific creationists have never had a voice at the Smithsonian or other mainstream scientific establishments. In today's academic climate, researchers who try to publish contrary evidence are ridiculed and defunded. This has left many scientists in fear, who are well aware of contrary evidence, but who won't attempt to publish it. It's a vertical wall, with a big red "NO" stamp is just waiting for any and all academic research that dares to question the theory of evolution.

Versions Of Creation & Evolution

On page 20 they talk about 5 different views on creation.

1. "Young Earth Creation" (6 24-hour periods by God)

This is the view most Christians espouse, and it's much closer to the truth than evolution. It is a real possibility, as suggested in Abraham 4 which refers to days of creation being 1 day each.)

Abraham 4:23 actually makes an interesting case for a single calendar day being what is meant by days of creation, describing the day as morning until evening:

“23 And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time.”

For a rebuttal on their claims in the book here that events of creation in scripture are all out of order, see the section of this work on how the sun could come after the plants, as scripture says.

2. “Day Age Creation” (6 periods of creation by God of unknown length)

This is the truth when understood in light of a day to God being a 1000-year period. The 1:1000 conversion is not a whim, it is scriptural (JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:6-11).

3. “Progressive Creation” (Multiple periods of creation over millions of years.)

Note how this theory is just another type of evolution, employing the old ‘millions of years’ line.

4. “Theistic Evolution” (Evolution, but with God involved somehow.)

This is the theory most latter-day saints ascribe to, as the teachings against such have died out. It’s also the most laughable, as evolution’s whole point is an alternative theory to God as creator. This is a theory of ignorance for people who want to have one foot in Zion and the other in Babylon, or at least who are innocently lost about how creation occurred in the midst of such dogmatic voices calling for evolution theory to be seen as pure truth. The god of evolution is not all powerful, all knowing, or perfect – he is wasteful and tyrannical. Evolution takes God out of religion, that’s always been the point.

5. “Agnostic Evolution” (Evolution either with or without God.)

This theory isn’t really an option because evolution theory is inherently atheistic.

6. “Atheistic Evolution” (Evolution without God.)

This is the only possibility with evolution, as the heart of evolution theory is that natural (not supernatural) causes are to thank for the world as we know it.

I contend that all the versions of evolution are wrong and blasphemous. Sadly, most church members today ascribe to the “God used evolution” line. The whole theory of evolution is a cunning device to ‘explain’ creation without God.

PART 3: SCRIPTURAL DOCTRINES OF CREATION

What the authors ridiculously fail to do in this passage is explain the repeated verses of scripture about the creation. Its almost like they are intentionally avoiding the use of scriptures which give detail about the creation, when the whole point of this book is trying to mesh science and religion.

This book fails to explain the clear revealed truths to the latter-day saints that the earth was created in 6 days or over a 6000-year period, that the temporal lifespan of earth is 7000 years, and that death was not operable before the fall. Sadly, these unbelieving authors (unbelieving means you don’t believe or otherwise dismiss scripture) have placed themselves with the class of modern dissidents who are “willingly ignorant” of the creation (2 Peter 3:5-7). It is sad that our teachers are now leading us astray. The Book of Mormon is clear: when teachers teach the theories of men rather than God’s truth as revealed in scripture, **“their wisdom is foolishness”** (2 Ne. 9:28).

Adam Literal Son of God

Here is Luke 3:38, which teaches that Adam is literally the son of God (and therefore not a product of evolution):

“Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.”

Genesis 1:27 shows that we look like God, just another evidence that He is the real Father of the human race (not monkeys):

“So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Acts 17:29 shows we are OFFSPRING of God, and specifically makes the point that this is why we know God isn't a strange thing, but an actual person like us:

“Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.”

Adam First Man

Evolutionists try to get around Adam being the first man by making some strange new meanings of "first" and "man." This is clearly wresting (trying to change the plain meaning of) scripture.

Moses 1:34 is clear that Adam was the first man:

"And the first man **of all men** have I called Adam, which is many."

D&C 84:16 also shows that Adam was the first man:

“And from Enoch to Abel, who was slain by the conspiracy of his brother, who received the priesthood by the commandments of God, by the hand of his father Adam, who was **the first man**—”

Remember that Eve is “**the mother of all living**” (ref), not just those who came after Adam.

Avowed atheist William Craig said that what evolution has done is destroy the idea of a first man (ref). This is a clear recognition of the implication of evolution

theory. Let Christians beware: if you get rid of Adam and his fall, there is no need for Christ and his redemption!

No Death Before The Fall

Here is 2 Nephi 2:22 about the impossibility of death and birth before the fall of Adam:

“**22** And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. And all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which they were after they were created; and they must have remained forever, and had no end. **23** And they would have had no children; wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin.”

7000 Temporal Years of Earth

We learn in D&C 77:6-7, 12 that the earth has a 7000-year temporal existence. 6000 are accomplished (remember, the bible dictionary reminds us that Adam lived at 4000 BC, that puts us at 6000 years since Adam now), so there's 1000 more to go till we get to the full 7000-year temporal lifespan, that last 1000-year period is the millennium. Then the earth dies and is resurrected with a celestial body. Before earth began its temporal lifespan, guess what it was? It was spiritual. It's just like us - before we began our temporal lives, we were spirits. When our temporal lives are over, we die and are resurrected. These plain and precious truths are not brought up in the text for the obvious reason that they fly in the face of evolution. Here is the passage:

“**6 Q.** What are we to understand by the book which John saw, which was sealed on the back with seven seals? **A.** We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things of his economy concerning this earth during **the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence.** **7 Q.** What are we to understand by the seven seals with which it was sealed? **A.** We are to understand that the first seal contains the

things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.” 12 “Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation? A. We are to understand that **as God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day he finished his work, and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth, even so, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years will the Lord God sanctify the earth,** and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which he hath not put into his power, when he shall have sealed all things, unto the end of all things; and the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of his work, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years—the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.”

1 Day of Creation is 1000 Years

Scriptures from the New Testament, Pearl of Great Price, and D&C show plainly that 1 day to God is the equivalent of 1000 earth years (JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:6-11). This clearly shows that the earth was created over 6000 years. So, we have 7000 years of creation, and 7000 years of life on earth before earth is changed into an eternal celestial kingdom.

Here is JST 2 Peter 3:8 about 1-day equaling 1000 years:

“8 *But concerning the coming of the Lord, beloved, I would not have you ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*”

Here we have Facsimile 2 Figure 1 telling plainly that God’s time is 1000 of our years for one of his days:

“Fig. 1. Kolob, signifying the first creation, nearest to the celestial, or the residence of God. First in government, the last pertaining to the measurement of time. The measurement according to celestial time, which celestial time signifies one day to a cubit. One day in Kolob is equal to a thousand years according to the measurement of this earth, which is called by the Egyptians Jah-oh-eh.”

Here we have Abraham 3:4-11 about the time on Kolob being a 1:1000 ratio, Kolob being the Lord's time for creation, etc.

“4 And the Lord said unto me, by the Urim and Thummim, that Kolob was after the manner of the Lord, according to its times and seasons in the revolutions thereof; that one revolution was a day unto the Lord, after his manner of reckoning, it being one thousand years according to the time appointed unto that whereon thou standest. This is the reckoning of the Lord's time, according to the reckoning of Kolob. 5 And the Lord said unto me: The planet which is the lesser light, lesser than that which is to rule the day, even the night, is above or greater than that upon which thou standest in point of reckoning, for it moveth in order more slow; this is in order because it standeth above the earth upon which thou standest, therefore the reckoning of its time is not so many as to its number of days, and of months, and of years. 6 And the Lord said unto me: Now, Abraham, these two facts exist, behold thine eyes see it; it is given unto thee to know the times of reckoning, and the set time, yea, the set time of the earth upon which thou standest, and the set time of the greater light which is set to rule the day, and the set time of the lesser light which is set to rule the night. 7 Now the set time of the lesser light is a longer time as to its reckoning than the reckoning of the time of the earth upon which thou standest. 8 And where these two facts exist, there shall be another fact above them, that is, there shall be another planet whose reckoning of time shall be longer still; 9 And thus there shall be the reckoning of the time of one planet above another, until thou come nigh unto Kolob, which Kolob is after the reckoning of the Lord's time; which Kolob is set nigh unto the throne of God, to govern all those planets which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest. 10 And it is given unto thee to know the set time of all the stars that are set to give light, until thou come near unto the throne of God. 11 Thus I, Abraham, talked with the Lord, face to face, as one man talketh with another; and he told me of the works which his hands had made;”

Also note how Adam was told he would surely die the day he partook of the fruit (ref), and he lived to be in the 900's before he died. This is another evidence for God's Day being 1000 of our years.

Worldwide Flood of Noah

Consider these passages from Genesis 6:

“12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for **all** flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. **13** And God said unto Noah, The end of **all** flesh is come before me; for the earth is **filled** with violence through them; and, behold, **I will destroy them with the earth.**”

“17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy **all** flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and every thing that is in the earth shall die.* **18** But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee. **19** And of **every living thing of all flesh**, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.”

Note: God used Noah to establish his covenant because Noah was the only person left (and his small family).

Consider these passages from Genesis 7:

“4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and **every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.**”

“11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were **all** the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. **17** And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was **lifted up above the earth.**”

“18 And the waters prevailed, and were **increased greatly upon the earth**; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. **19** And the **waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.** **20** Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. **21** And **all flesh died that moved upon the earth**, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that

creepeth upon the earth, and every man: **22** All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. **23** **And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.** **24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.”

Note: “Prevailed” means won, or were on top of, here meaning completely covering.

Willingly Ignorant of Creation

Here we learn in 2 Peter 3:5-7 that people are willingly ignorant, particularly about the dynamic events of the creation and the flood:

“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

Here is the Joseph Smith Translation of 2 Peter 3:5-7 which is even more clear about the creation and the flood:

“**5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that *of old* the heavens, and the earth standing *in the water* and out of the water, *were created by the word of God*; **6** *And by the word of God*, the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished; **7** But the heavens, and the earth which are now, are kept in store *by the same word*, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

Here we learn in Psalms 19:1 that nature does prove God:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”

Ongoing Creation

The authors fail to cite passages about the ongoing creation of God, that as one earth goes out, another comes in. The creation account is clearly understood to be about this earth, not all earths. This obliterates the Big Bang theory about all of the universe coming into existence at one time (and yes, there are scientific problems with ‘redshift’ theories). It also distinguishes the latter-day saints from other Christian faiths by demonstrating the knowledge that God’s creation wasn’t a one-time deal, and that His creations will continue forever.

Strangely, most Christian creationists advocate this planet is the only place humans are to be found, and we have scripture demonstrating that this is incorrect as well (think of the D&C where Joseph teaches that multiple worlds are inhabited, for starters.)

And let’s not forget that they refuse to speak about other scriptures which dash evolution theory like 2 Nephi 2:22, that there was no death before the fall of Adam, in other words, no death before around 4000 BC. That simply doesn’t work for evolution theory. Of course, advocates for evolution dance around this scripture with all kinds of sophisticated theories, but the plain reading which the whole book was intended to have clearly teaches that evolution is absolutely impossible in the light of revealed truth. (For a more detailed treatment of this, see Clark’s book, “Using the Book of Mormon to Combat the Falsehoods of Evolution”)

On page 20 they say, “Young earth creationism is not supported by the science that shows our earth has existed for at least 4.5 billion years and that life has existed upwards of 3.5 billion years.”

Notice how the authors are careful to indicate that earth and life are possibly even older than the numbers they have given. Those familiar with evolution theory know that evolutionists keep making the earth older and older whenever we

demonstrate the statistical impossibility of the evolution of life within the time frame they call for.

This is one of the many times they put supposed scientific knowledge above scripture. It is shocking how quickly they dismiss scripture because of what they think they know from science. Clearly their priorities are first science, second scripture. Clearly this is not how God intended our education to be conducted.

Science is in fact beginning to catch up with scripture; scientists are showing that our dating methods are unreliable and based on faulty premises such as the notion that the earth began as a melted rock, when scripture says it began primarily as water (JST 2 Peter 3:5-7; Gen. 1:1-10). Radiometric dating simply doesn't work for a water world, it only works for a clock ticking back to when rock was last melted. Creation rock was actually never melted at all. For the best treatment of the water creation, refer to Universal Model Vol. 1 chapters 5 & 7. We forget that 200 years ago, the scientific community did understand a young water-based earth, and only upon false premises have they built the case for an old magma based earth.

How to Approach Creation Studies

Here in D&C 88:118 we read of mixing study and faith, notice how this passage refers to the issue of many not having faith in their study:

“And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith.”

Here we learn in 2 Nephi 9:28 that the learned who reject God's word are fools:

“O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish.”

D&C 59:21 shows that not giving God credit for all of creation is very bad. Notice how this denial is linked to commandment breaking. Someone who doesn't see the hand of God in all creation from the beginning is surely not keeping the commandment to preach this miraculous gospel to all the world:

“And in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who confess not his hand in all things, and obey not his commandments.”

Here in D&C 29:34 we see that God doesn't want us to separate spiritual and temporal things. Notice how the verse also talks about God making Adam, whereas evolutionists believe that Adam was made from a monkey who evolved:

“Wherefore, verily I say unto you that all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any man, nor the children of men; neither Adam, your father, whom I created.”

Abraham Creation Account Implies Evolution?

On page 52 they cite Abraham 4:21 as evidence that God could have used evolution. Read it and see for yourself:

“**21** And the Gods prepared the waters that they might bring forth great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters were to bring forth abundantly after their kind; and every winged fowl after their kind. And the Gods saw that they would be obeyed, and that their plan was good.”

That sure doesn't sound like evolution to me. I think these authors have trained their minds to see everything through an evolution lens, rather than training themselves to see everything through the plain lens of scripture. Let's look at the next verses for more context:

“**22** And the Gods said: We will bless them, and cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas or great waters; and cause the fowl to multiply in the earth. **23** And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time.”

Here we saw an example of what God calls the “times” (days) of creation: the evening till the morning was the length of the “time,” which sounds very much like a single calendar day, be that days as we now know them or days according to Kolob (1:1000), the account is still extremely different from the millions and billions of years of evolution theory.

It was not wise of them to bring up Abraham in their case for evolution!

Scripture Got Creation Order Wrong?

On page 57 they cast doubt on the “day-age creationism” model by claiming that “potential issues of compatibility [with evolution] only arise if one stipulates that the creative periods had to occur in the exact order described...” Described where? In Genesis Moses Abraham and the temple. In plain English that means, ‘**evolution works great so long as you totally disregard everything the scriptures say about how the creation happened.**’ In other words, ‘we can’t really accept the scriptural accounts of creation because they give the complete wrong order of events things were created in!’ Wow!

All the orders of events presented in the scriptures for the creation are almost completely the opposite of the proposed order of creations in evolution theory. The Devil must be laughing about how he has convinced almost everyone that creation happened in exactly the opposite order of the scripture. The world of science laughs at the bible because it is the opposite of their theory.

Evolution is the opposite of the bible!

Bible: earth before sun & stars. **Evolution:** Sun & stars before earth.

Bible: oceans before land. **Evolution:** land before oceans.

Bible: light before sun. **Evolution:** sun before light.

Bible: land plants before marine life. **Evolution:** marine life before land plants.

Bible: fruit trees before fish. **Evolution:** fish before fruit trees.

Bible: fish before insects. **Evolution:** insects before fish.

Bible: plants before sun. **Evolution:** sun before plants.

Bible: birds before reptiles. **Evolution:** reptiles before birds.

Bible: man brought death into the world. **Evolution:** death brought man into the

world.

Bible: God created man. **Evolution:** man created God.

Sun Not on Day 1 of Creation as Scripture Says?

Here is a terrific case in point demonstrating their bias against scripture when it contradicts mainstream science theories.

On page 20 they point out that the scriptural account gives us plants before the sun. In their narrow views they see no possibility for this. There are many ways this could work. They assume that the source of light for these plants had to be the sun. This is a strange hill for them to die on because scripture says in the future, the sun won't be the earth's light source.



Take a look at Revelation 22:5,

“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, **neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light:** and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

So, it shouldn't be hard to understand that the earth in its beginning had a different light source too. Interestingly, the temple narrative was recently corrected to reflect the actual order of events of Genesis, putting the creation of the sun on day 4 where it belongs.

Even my kids know this, they grew plants without sunlight in science class, using an alternative source of light. I talked to my kids about scientists rejecting this scripture due to their limited understanding, they said, “grown-ups are silly. They make things complicated. Why don’t they just believe God?” A good question indeed. We have been commanded to become as a child, submit to and believe in the word of God like a child does to its parents (Mosiah 3:19). There are more teachings from the prophets on earth’s beginnings which teach these lost truths, but that’s not the point of this essay (see the end notes for suggested reading).

There are some other possibilities for the sun being on day 4. If it turns out that the sun was in existence before earth, and it somehow only became visible at day 4, so be it. But I point out the very plausible possibility of the sun being made later, or the earth being brought to it’s current location at day 4, to show that scriptures are always right, and that we don’t need to dismiss scripture when it doesn’t align with mainstream modern science theory.

Stop Telling God How Creation Happened

We are under covenant to accept canonized scripture as the revealed word and will of God. It is no light thing to openly advocate messages which directly contradict God’s word. There is no need to guess and speculate about truth when it is plainly revealed.

Why are evolutionists in the church so quick to dismiss the word of God in favor of their pet theories? Why have they contemplated these things? Why do evolutionists contemplate possibilities which have been out ruled by scripture? We might as well contemplate a theory that someone other than Christ is the redeemer, or that the 10 commandments were reported incorrectly and should actually do precisely the opposite.

It is common among secular church members (and secular Christians generally) to trivialize, spiritualize, and take away the literal meaning of scripture. Evolutionists belittle the reality of scripture authors, scripture times, and even the scripture doctrine.

Why have they gone out of their way to complicate the creation? Why have they made it so difficult for people to believe the scriptures? If we are to accept a

complicated version of scripture rather than the plain meaning, then the foundations of our faith are shaken, and long held truths are questioned.

Jacob 4:8-10 warns us against telling God how earth was created:

“8 Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of him; and it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. And no man knoweth of his ways save it be revealed unto him; wherefore, brethren, despise not the revelations of God. 9 For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure? 10 Wherefore, brethren, seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand.”

Finally, Joseph F. Smith promised, “If members of the Church would place more confidence in the word of the Lord, and less confidence in the theories of men, they would be better off. I will give you a key for your guidance. Any doctrine, whether it comes in the name of religion, science, philosophy, or whatever it may be, that is in conflict with the revelations of the Lord that have been accepted by the Church as coming from the Lord will fail. It may appear to be very plausible; it may be put before you in such a way that you cannot answer it, it may appear to be established by evidence that cannot be controverted, but all you need do is bide your time. Time will level all things.” (Joseph F. Smith, recorded by Joseph Fielding Smith, The Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine, Oct. 1930, 155)

PART 4: EVOLUTION’S INFLUENCE ON TESTIMONY

No God Allowed

The authors throw in a few vague references to God being the creator, but then tie His hands, not letting Him be involved in the creation, and skew His revealed words about how the creation actually occurred.

It's like my old BYU astronomy professor who, in a dark smoke-filled room on campus, tried to convince her students that 'God used big bang evolution, and that's just wonderful!' It's not wonderful, actually. It's wasteful, cruel, unintelligent, and represents a significant betrayal of all we have been taught in scripture and the teachings of the church over the past 200 years.

To evolutionists, it is laughable when Christians claim that 'God used evolution,' because literally the whole point of evolution is a way of explaining nature without any supernatural involvement! The book never gives God credit for being involved firsthand in the creation, it merely attributes creation to natural selection and evolution over millions of years. Mentioning God in the background of all this isn't just silly, it's blasphemous.

How long can we tolerate these inconsistencies? Sooner or later, people who don't want to make waves, who want to 'trust the science', will have to admit that modern science is deceptive, inherently atheistic (not just agnostic), and is guilty of a mixture of mass academic fraud and government coercion to uphold the Devil's theory of evolution. Many souls are falling casualties to the influences, underpinning philosophies, and implications of this theory.

The object of evolution is to systematically remove the hand of Providence from natural and historical events. It is to say that everything could have reasonably happened without Providence, so it probably did.

[Alma vs Korihor: A Showcase of Creation v Evolution](#)

On pages 27-28 they ironically bring up the naturalist (essentially evolutionist) antichrist Korihor. Korihor says 'hey, you can't prove God exists.' Alma says 'everything proves God exists' (as in, earth and the universe didn't just pop into being). Again, the authors tout the line that we don't have scientific evidence for or against God, which isn't correct, because ALL of nature is proof for God (particularly when you become familiar with the complexity of it). Korihor

demands a sign, which of course isn't the right way to get faith in God, everyone agrees on that. But what Alma is saying is that Korihor is flat wrong when he says there isn't evidence for God in nature. The authors don't get that. Korihor taught naturalistic theories, that there is no convincing evidence of a Supreme Creator. There are remarkable similarities in Darwin's teachings taught by today's evolutionists. There is no shortage of irony that the authors of this book promote evolution while claiming to be against the teachings of Korihor.

President Benson at General Conference specifically identified Charles Darwin, creator of evolution theory, as a modern-day antichrist:

“As a watchman on the tower, I feel to warn you that one of the chief means of misleading our youth and destroying the family unit is our educational institutions. President Joseph F. Smith referred to false educational ideas as one of the three threatening dangers among our Church members. There is more than one reason why the Church is advising our youth to attend colleges close to their homes where institutes of religion are available. It gives the parents the opportunity to stay close to their children; and if they have become alert and informed as President McKay admonished us last year, these parents can help expose some of the deceptions of men like Sigmund Freud, **Charles Darwin**, John Dewey, Karl Marx, John Keynes, and others. Today there are much worse things that can happen to a child than not getting a full college education. In fact, some of the worst things have happened to our children while attending colleges led by administrators who wink at subversion and amorality.” (Ezra Taft Benson, Strengthening the Family, Conference Report, October 1970, pp. 21-25, also quoted in The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, 307.)

Science Must Be Agnostic?

On pages 16-22 they have a whole chapter called “**science is agnostic.**” This means they don't use God's word as a helpful standard in detecting truth and error if the question at hand has anything to do with science. We should all know that there are many false theories going around, and when we hold the word of God as our standard, it can help us avoid many false theories. But to these people and the world of modern science, the refusal to allow any inspiration in the direction of their research is explicitly banned. Again, modern scientific theories

like evolution are NOT agnostic, they are atheistic. How long can we live in denial of what they are doing, what they are skewing, what they are closing their eyes (and journals) to?

Scientific “Knowledge”

The authors make many claims about what science “knows.” There are certainly discovered laws of nature. But what modern scientists think they know is often found later to be false, based on false premises, corrupt and incomplete data, and so forth. Like Elder Holland recently taught, let’s “doubt our doubts before we doubt our faith.” These people take things the other way around: they only accept religious teaching when it matches what they think they “know” from science. They believe in science first, religion second.

On page 18 they say that it's ok for scientists to offer their opinions about what they find, but what happens when all those opinions are atheistic? Today the atheistic voices in science are so loud and consistent, that the public has forgotten that scientists don't have the data to dismiss God from existence.

Evolution: An Atheistic Science

On page 20-21 they say we can accept atheistic viewpoints as they align with the science. [quote them] Why are we relying on science which points us to atheism? We know that true science by definition cannot point us to atheism (Moroni 7:14-17). (paste the full here its first and only)

On page 21 they say, “the most appropriate version of evolution, from a scientific standpoint, is agnostic, often referred to as “naturalistic” evolution.” So, they are basing all of their studies on a viewpoint that doesn't include God. How contrary this is to the restoration! Brigham Young commissioned Karl G Maeser as President of the academy and told him “you ought not to teach even the alphabet or the multiplication tables without the Spirit of God.” (p190 Stoddard Faith Crisis Vol. 1).

On page 21 they admit that half of undergraduates who believe in evolution are atheists. Their mission is to get people to believe in evolution and God at the same time, though this is an inherently contradictory mission. Sure, on some level a person can believe in both, but by and by a person will need to pick a side, as the philosophical & theological implications of these two ideas are direct opposites. Fortunately, science is beginning to disprove evolution, so for those with good intent, the answers are not far off, despite all the coverup.

PS- apparently Satan is anti-evolution. The authors claim **on page** 35: “You can almost think of educating ourselves and our children [about evolution] as a vaccination against Satan’s attempts to destroy our faith... He [Satan] seeks to infuse doubt into our minds when we encounter something in science [evolution] that **seems to** disagree with what we thought about the world.”

Origin of Morals: Children of Natural Selection?

On page 26 they directly declare that we evolved a sense of morality [**explain & quote**], rather than directly inheriting it from God. They put way too much stock in genetics as the answer to everything and relate a gross story of natural selection being the reason for people having morals. Why do they refuse to directly attribute our nature to God? God is angry with those who do not confess His hand in all things (D&C 59:21). So why can’t they admit that we inherited our morality directly from God? The problem is that they refuse to admit that we are the direct offspring of God, and rather insist that we came from millions of years of monkeys adapting. They undermine this most fundamental tenet of our faith. Latter-day saints know that Adam was the son of God, just as the record assures (Luke 3:38). That’s why evolution theory is not just a bad idea, it is an evil idea, it cancels our relationship with God. We are the offspring of God (Acts 17:29). Adam was the first man (Moses 1:34; D&C 84:16). We are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), yet another reason that God is our Father, not hominid humanoids.

No Scientific Evidence For God?

On page 19 they claim that science “cannot offer evidence for or against the existence of God.” This is patently absurd - something you would expect to hear from an atheistic communist, certainly foreign to the inspired 200 years of restoration thinking.

The whole point of scripture is to prove God, it’s called prophecy. God foretells and does miraculous things, and since these things actually happened, we are going to find evidence (science) that reminds us of these events. The issue with today’s spiritualists is they think everything in scripture is figurative and non-literal. Though wildly popular, these spiritualists are a dying breed, as truth is beginning to prevail, and cannot be covered forever.

The issue with a literal God who has literal requirements and literal control over the elements is that he will literally punish people for sin, and that’s uncomfortable. Today we prefer the God who can only bless, and never curse. The God who smiles on high, but whose hand never interferes down below.

When God says he covered the whole earth and its mountains with a flood about 4500 years ago, and all the science is showing that such actually occurred, will they still insist that science doesn’t offer evidence for God? Universal Model Science author Dean Sessions spoke in his first book about how a BYU professor (whose name shall not be named) dogmatically told him that there would never be any scientific evidence for Noah’s flood. Boy was he wrong! Dean has documented in his books literally hundreds of evidences for this flood which clearly covered the whole world. PS- if it was just a local flood, why didn’t God tell Noah and the animals to just move? (More on the universal flood later.)

How about the scripture that says the heaven & the firmament declare God’s work (Ps. 19:1)? If you can’t tell that this means that science (the study of nature) gives evidence for God, you are truly lost. Have we forgotten what the greatest scientist of all time, Isaac Newton, repeatedly said of his study of science, that such showed the existence of God?

In truth, all science declares the reality of God. We and our children have been robbed of truth. Only in these last days has the devil been able to fully cloak the hand of God in nature by selling us the theory of evolution. The whole point of evolution is to explain nature without God. Evolution is inherently blasphemous,

immoral, and disgusting. It is easy to understand that God created the earth and all things on the earth; only in the sophisticated schools of today can we undo the clear witness of nature. Surely the teaching of evolution is akin to misleading a child away from God, and grave consequences await its advocates.

Evidence Doesn't Build Faith?

On page 28 the authors point out the scripture that says, “all things denote there is a God” (Alma 30:44), good for them, but then they go on to say on page 28 “physical evidences follow our faith; they do not build our faith.” For starters, did they just admit that physical evidences for God do exist? Yes, so they are contradicting themselves (on page 19 they said they don't). Second, any time you get evidence, physical or spiritual, it will build your faith. One can't only rely on physical evidence, but build it does. We all have spiritual knowledge of God, it's called the light of Christ, and physical evidence can help us gain the courage to let that faith shine and flourish. Alma 30:44 says nature is a “witness” for God.

Separate Temporal & Spiritual?

On page 21 they say religion and science are different ways of learning, and call for separate spiritual and temporal learning. This does not bode well for the latter-day saints, whose scriptures insist that there is no difference between spiritual and temporal (D&C 29:34). Yes, we can and should mix the two, and let laws of both govern our investigations. Learn by study AND faith (D&C 88:118). The authors even cite this scripture to try and cover their bases, but they are advocating something which completely goes against the spirit of this scripture.

Nature's Hardly Witnesses of God?

On page 28 the authors say “these evidences [of nature] would hardly witness to them [non-believers] of a Supreme Creator,” yet the scripture plainly says the witness of nature is for **everyone**. Alma 30:44 says nature is a “witness” for God. Nature is calculated to create faith in God. A child sees nature and knows it was created, not random. This is why scripture calls for us to be as children, choosing

to believe the witness of nature. The witness of nature IS evidence, and it is sufficient for everyone to choose to accept or reject God, and because that witness is universal and sufficient, **all** will be held accountable for that choice as attested in scripture:

Revelation 20:12: “And I saw the dead, **small and great**, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

2 Nephi 9:22: “And he suffereth this that the resurrection might pass upon all men, that all might stand before him at the great and judgment day.”

2 Nephi 9:15 “And it shall come to pass that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto life, insomuch as they have become immortal, they must appear before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel; and then cometh the judgment, and then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God.”

2 Nephi 9:44: “O, my beloved brethren, remember my words. Behold, I take off my garments, and I shake them before you; I pray the God of my salvation that he view me with his all-searching eye; wherefore, ye shall know at the last day, when all men shall be judged of their works, that the God of Israel did witness that I shook your iniquities from my soul, and that I stand with brightness before him, and am rid of your blood.”

Evidence Won't Reveal God?

On page 29 they cite Matt. 16:17 that Peter is blessed because he learned of Christ by spiritual revelation not by flesh and blood (nature). They do this to try and build their case that a person should keep science and religion separate, and that nature doesn't prove God. They say, “scientific evidence will not reveal God to us.” But this verse isn't to say that nature can't reveal truth to us. Those who deny Christ, who refuse all spiritual information, will eventually bow the knee to Christ when they become acquainted with the undeniable natural truth of God as the creator. All the science points to Him, and if honest in their research, by and by they will find Him, whether sooner from academic integrity or later from the

forceful events of nature in the last days. Classes in Hell will surely involve a study of ignored true science, all of which undeniably testifies of Christ (Moroni 7:14-17). But those who believe without first seeing, they are “blessed.” I hope that evolutionists will repent, see God as creator of all things, and wake up to the Satanic deception of evolution with all of its anti-scientific and immoral social implications. It is sad how many good people have been deceived by evolution and feel a need to try and defend evolution in an unnatural religious context. Elder McConkie once pointedly taught that the test of life is to see whether we will believe truth or a lie. There are evidences either way, and it’s up to us to make the choice. God is merciful, call out to Him for deliverance! Do you really think that nature, created by God, won’t give evidence for God?

Signs of God Jeopardize Testimony?

On page 24, they make the bazar statement that, “searching for signs of God’s existence, while possible to receive, equally puts our testimony in jeopardy.” But those who are involved in the search for physical evidence for God and Gods work know that the opposite is true. OF COURSE we will find the evidence, God placed it there because he wants those with eyes to see to see. Of course we don’t base our faith on signs, but signs follow faith! We aren’t trying to convert people with physical evidences, but the converted should be building a massive reservoir of physical evidences which align with scriptural doctrines. If we want to talk about the evidences we have been blessed to see, and that happens to strengthen someone’s faith (helping lead them to God), so be it.

Testimony Only Pertains to Spiritual Matters? No, Let it INFORM Temporal Matters!

On page 29 they point out that “a testimony pertains to spiritual matters,” but once we have that testimony of spiritual matters, it should by necessity shape our views of temporal matters! **The spiritual informs the temporal!** If we gain a witness that the bible is true, we should trust the worldwide flood, the 7-day creation, Adam as first man, the fall bringing birth and death into the world, and other obvious tenants of our faith (including many non-uniformitarian events of

God's intervention in nature & society). If scripture says one thing and science says another, having the spiritual witness informs the natural understanding.

Scripture Not Scientifically Accurate?

On page 50 they make the claim that the creation accounts from Genesis Moses and Abraham are “not meant to be a scientific textbook on how the creation took place.” Then they have a footnote after that claim, and guess what it’s to? Some random guys podcast. Yes, we all know that there is a very popular secular theory that the scriptures should be completely divorced from nature and reality, but that has never been Gods message to separate temporal and spiritual things (D&C 29:34). To say that the creation accounts do not reflect the reality of the nature of God’s creation is to most faithful readers of scripture, blasphemy.

Pseudoscience is Dangerous Indeed: The Faith Crisis

On page 32 in their discussion about the dangers of pseudoscience they fail to bring up dangers toward testimony. Which is the more dangerous pseudoscience: that which kills the body, or that which kills the soul (Matt. 10:28)? They point out how false science has it’s toll of lives, but let’s remember the toll of spiritual lives that are being taken out by the pseudo theory of evolution. Elder Anderson recently pointed out that 30 million have left Christianity in the last 10 years. Many report evolution as the reason for the death of their faith.

Pseudoscience is Dangerous Indeed: The Fruit of Evolution is Murder

On page 32 and the whole of chapter 4, “teach true science, not pseudo science,” they ironically call for the teaching of evolution, which is itself a pseudo science. They correctly state that “pseudoscience causes physical harm.” Here I think of Hitler whose views were based in evolution, and other eugenicists who want to kill inferior races who haven’t evolved as much. Yes, Darwin and other evolutionists were advocates of blacks being inferior, claiming that they hadn’t

evolved away from monkeys as much as the white man had. [insert quote in green see Hovind] Disgusting, right? Last I checked we were all children of God made in HIS image. Then you could talk about the mass shooters who loved evolution, and claimed it motivated their killing sprees. Then we could talk about popular radio songs which say things like “you and me baby ain't nothin’ but mammals, so let’s do it like they do on the Discovery Channel.” [artist name] This is called moral Darwinism - teach us that we are animals, and we will take license to act accordingly.

And remember Ota Benga, the sad case of an African man they put on display at a zoo as a lower-form human.

Testimony of God’s Plan

On page 29 they quote Elder Oaks in saying that a testimony includes knowledge “facts” and the “reality” of the Godhead and of the Atonement. [input the ref] But evolution denies the need for the creator, denies the fall, and denies the need for atonement (we will just evolve). We can’t just spiritualize all of this into non-reality, these events actually happened, yet modern science denies all of them. If they are events of history then science should be able to tell us about their reality, but science is bias in denying these obvious truths. Satan must “deceive” the whole world because God’s truth is otherwise obvious, even to children.

Testimony of the Restoration

On page 29 they continue in the quote of Elder Oaks in saying a testimony involves knowledge of the restoration, but what thanks do they give for the restoration? They dismiss by wave of hand all of the prophetic teachings of the restoration against the evils and deception of evolution theory. There are scores of pages of teachings from the brethren on that subject, though I’m limiting my comments in this essay primarily to the standard works, hopefully readers will graduate into appreciating those plain teachings later. They dismiss Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants scriptures which contradict evolution, and remember, according to the Elder Oaks quote they cited we need to take the

scriptures as “facts” of “reality,” not allegorical and limited to spiritual, which aligns with D&C 29:34 which says we shouldn’t separate spiritual and temporal things. Which scriptures of the restoration go against evolution? For starters:

- 2 Nephi 2:22 that there was no birth or death before the fall of Adam.
- D&C 77:6-7,12 about earth’s temporal lifespan being 7000 years (not billions).
- JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:6-11 about each day of creation being 1000 years, not millions or billions of years.
- JST 2 Peter 3:5-7; Gen. 1:1-10 that earth was created by water and was later covered by a worldwide flood higher than the mountains which Noah and the animals couldn’t just run away from.
- D&C 84:16 that Adam was the first man.
- D&C 29:34 that we shouldn’t separate spiritual and temporal things.

And a few from the original bible:

- Luke 3:38 that Adam was literally a son of God (not a son of millions of years of monkeys and humanoids.)
- Psalms 19:1 that nature does prove God.

Spiritualizing Scripture to Fit the Theory

Evolutionists try to get around the natural implications of spiritual witness of scripture by twisting passages of scripture to mean things other than their natural and plain messages. They spiritualize the scriptures, not really believing in the events reported in scripture.

In scripture we call this changing of scripture “wresting,” and it is repeatedly condemned. Alma 13:20 warns against those who would change plain meanings of scripture to fit their agendas,

“Now I need not rehearse the matter; what I have said may suffice. Behold, the scriptures are before you; if ye will wrest them it shall be to your own destruction.”

D&C 10:63 continues to explain the role of scripture,

“And this I do that I may establish my gospel, that there may not be so much contention; yea, Satan doth stir up the hearts of the people to contention concerning the points of my doctrine; and in these things they do err, for they do wrest the scriptures and do not understand them.”

Notice that God’s plain doctrine enables there to not be contention. But notice that this doesn’t mean being pacifists and letting the atheistic scientists do whatever they want, just for the sake of keeping peace. There is no peace except when God’s word prevails.

On page 29 they speak of spiritual things being learned by spiritual methods, and temporal things being learned by temporal methods. This shortchanges both methods but let’s point out that science doesn’t know as much as it claims to. Deception from political agendas have infiltrated the sciences. We are taught untestable theories as though they were fact, and many supposed facts supporting evolution are nothing but clever deceptions, many of which are already proven hoaxes. Scientists would do well to see how this political world works and think twice before buying everything published in an ‘academic’ journal.

What are the Spiritual Truths We Can Learn?

On page 29 they refer to the spiritual truths we can learn. Why are they unwilling to get into those truths? Why don’t we talk about the spiritual truths about the creation? They stay on the very surface of these topics because they are unwilling to discuss where those spiritual truths lead. You would think that a book on science and religion would get more into the religion side of things. In this essay I will favor the honest inquirer by supplying some of those doctrines, and it will be plain to see the many layers of contradiction between modern science and spiritual truths. The Book of Mormon, D&C, and teachings of latter-day prophets are the elephants in the evolution room that keep getting brushed under the table. These prophetic teachings are primary sources of spiritual truth, and if we reject them, then the ‘spiritual truths’ we think we are finding may be coming from dark spiritual forces rather than coming from God.

Spiritual Testimonies Jeopardized by Rejection of Creation Doctrine

Is God allowed to inform us of things that aren't supported by modern science? Can we gain a witness that the bible is real history? Can we gain a witness that God created the world in 7 days, or that Noah's flood was real, just as the bible described it? God can and does witness these things which contradict mainstream modern science. Instructions from God should prevail over theories of men.

Yes, we are aware of religious overreach in the past that said the sun revolves around the earth, but this religious argument was based on obscure scripture references, whereas the basics of creation which decisively out rule evolution are based on a plethora of scriptures and teachings of latter-day prophets establishing fundamental aspects of God.

With knowledge of the true creation is restored, will we keep our views with the secular world who knows not God? 2 Nephi 1:10 laments the fact that we reject truth about the creation despite having so many revelations about how the creation actually took place, and shows that (at least for the majority of people) false teachings about the creation will culminate in a loss in faith in Christ, and it points in particular to those of us in the land of promise, which is clearly America:

“But behold, when the time cometh that they shall **dwindle in unbelief**, after they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord—having a **knowledge of the creation** of the earth, and all men, knowing the great and marvelous works of the Lord from the creation of the world; having power given them to do all things by faith; having all the commandments from the beginning, and having been brought by his infinite goodness into this precious land of promise—behold, I say, if the day shall come that **they will reject** the Holy One of Israel, the true Messiah, their Redeemer and their God, behold, the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them.”

Science Shaking Faith?

On page 30 they ironically warn people against the dangers of “**new scientific discovery**” which could shake spiritual faith. Are they warning people against science which doesn’t support evolution? However tragic, for many, evolution has become a belief system in and of itself. But the principle they advocate is right: don’t let supposed science shake your faith. Unfortunately, the authors of this book have allowed evolution theory to weaken their faith. They still believe in God and seek to serve Him, but their belief in this falsehood has them advocating causes which will ultimately lead people away from God. The best of intentions cannot remediate the wrong path. When evolution came on scene, those well-grounded in truth did reject it, they knew from their spiritual testimonies (and other natural witnesses) that evolution doesn’t match God’s plan of salvation. Evolution ‘discoveries’ are the “new scientific discovery” we must guard against.

Who is Remaining Constant?

On page 30 they say rightly that “**spiritual truth remains constant,**” but let’s remember, temporal truth is also constant. All truth is constant. But false theories always must change as more truth is revealed. Remember that whenever evolution theory is proven false (when they can’t brush contrary findings under the rug), they just update the theory, claiming that this new version is how it has been all along. Darwin wanted transitional fossil record showing evolution, when that didn’t pan out, they changed the theory to say those fossils are no longer a requirement. If we are so far from where the theory started, if we are making up all kinds of mental-gymnastics to keep it alive, shouldn’t we rather consider that the whole theory was nonsense in the first place? PS- To keep up with the needs of evolution theory, the earth is getting older at an astonishing rate.

Root of the Faith Crisis: If Nature Doesn’t Need God, He Probably Doesn’t Exist

So why are so many Christians losing their faith? Because of the central message of evolution: That nature formed by itself, without the assistance of God. If we can explain all of nature without God (which is the primary goal of evolution), then God probably doesn’t exist. Science has routinely rejected theories which

nature doesn't require, as they should. For example, Lavoisier was able to denounce the chemical theory of phlogiston because nothing in nature required it to be there, so he concluded that in all likelihood, it does not exist. When evolution tries to claim that nature has no need for God, then reasonable people will conclude that in all likelihood, God does not exist. This is the problem with naturalistic philosophy which these authors and all other evolutionists advocate. The reality is that you simply cannot reasonably explain nature without God as evolutionists claim to do. The odds for life to come into existence and develop into complex forms without God are astronomical, much higher than what can be considered a statistical possibility.

Overwhelming Scientific Evidence & Attacking Faith

On page 34 they point out how sad it is when people see scientific evidence mounting against God favoring evolution, and they doubt their faith. Agreed, any attack on faith is sad. They speak of “**overwhelming scientific evidence**” for evolution, but that is far from the truth. What we have is an overwhelming propaganda campaign favoring evolution as a state religion, where dissenting views are not allowed in ‘accredited’ establishments of learning or ‘academic’ journals.

On page 34 they speak of students who come to them who feel that people in the Church had used pseudoscience to try and support scripture. What pseudoscience they don't say. Maybe the pseudoscience that God created the earth and flooded it, killing every creature and person on it except for those which were on the ark? Is science demonstrating that reality pseudoscience? The authors keep things vague, and merely claim that pseudoscience taught by Church members had led them away from evolution, then at a university (specifically Brigham Young University) they learned the ‘truth’ of evolution.

Which Teachings Lead Children Away from Christ?

On page 34 they say “**we have encountered individuals who have the mistaken idea that providing pseudoscience will somehow save testimonies. They place the blame for declining religious devotion among the rising generation squarely on**

science and believe that creating and teaching an alternative to science will not threaten testimonies and will help students avoid spiritual conflict.” In reality, creation advocates don’t create “an alternative to science,” they promote an alternative to evolution. Here again they equate evolution theory with science! Creation advocates point out science which has been hidden by evolutionists which contradicts evolution theory. No creation advocate favors ending science, they favor ending dogmatic anti scientific theories like evolution. They favor ending false (pseudo) science, theories which obviously aren’t true because they don’t testify of Christ (Moroni 7:14-17). I’m not aware of anyone promoting decidedly false science to try and save testimonies. I am aware however, of people who are diligently fighting against the machine which crushes anything disagreeable to modern science. D&C 123:11-15 certainly applies to those who try and promote the now hidden truths of creation which directly contradict evolution:

“11 And also it is an imperative duty that we owe to all the rising generation, and to all the pure in heart— 12 For there are many yet on the earth among all sects, parties, and denominations, who are blinded by the subtle craftiness of men, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, and who are only kept from the truth because they know not where to find it— 13 Therefore, that we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness, wherein we know them; and they are truly manifest from heaven— 14 These should then be attended to with great earnestness. 15 Let no man count them as small things; for there is much which lieth in futurity, pertaining to the saints, which depends upon these things.”

“What They’ve Been Taught?”

On page 34 they say, “when individuals find out that there is overwhelming scientific evidence to refute what they’ve been taught, they start to wonder about the truthfulness of other things they’ve been taught (for example, resurrection, the Atonement, and the reality of a Savior and a Heavenly Father). The result is absolutely heartbreaking.” On this tragedy we agree.

I ask then, what exactly is “what they’ve been taught” which contradicts science and favors religious doctrines? You wouldn’t happen to be referring to teachings which don’t support evolution, would you? Because when youth are taught that evolution is false, and that the fall atonement and resurrection are true (all of those contradict evolution), yes, encountering supposed evidence for evolution may rock them. Sadly, those who teach evolution are the poison, not the cure. Stop claiming that all of science is evolution, and that questioning evolution equates to questioning all of science. Perhaps these parents taught their children the bible, and the teachings of the bible are contrary to your supposed evidence for evolution? Is the bible the pseudoscience you so often refer to? Because most parents aren’t sitting around at home training their children against the points of evolution; most parents are sitting around at home teaching doctrines of the scriptures, many of which just so happen to be in direct conflict with evolution theory.

Now let’s talk about the handful of parents who do actively teach creation science at home- let’s say they get something wrong sometime, such as, ‘oops, maybe the ark landed here rather than there.’ Is that going to shake their testimony? No. And parents teaching these things typically teach their kids that these are possibilities, not iron clad facts. These parents also teach their kids to rely on scripture.

Perhaps creationist parents’ capital offense is to teach their children to take the scriptures literally. Joseph Smith advocated doing so as well. He said, “What is the rule of interpretation?” he asked. “Just no interpretation at all.” It should be “understood precisely as it reads.” (ref) Don’t be too quick to dismiss the teachings of Joseph Smith, he is the head of this dispensation, and one declared in scripture to be in standing next to Christ Himself (D&C 135:3).

“What We Thought About the World?”

On page 35 they say that Satan “seeks to infuse doubt into our minds when we encounter something in science that seems to disagree with what we thought about the world.” So just what did we think about the world? That man was made by God, not from a monkey? Is that one of the things we thought about the world that we will have to let go of? Or perhaps that God placed different kinds of

animals on the earth, does that have to go too? While it's true that there can be some minor difficulties in matching what we learn today with what we knew yesterday, evolution theory takes it to a whole new level. Evolution is a radical new worldview in direct opposition to a plethora of scriptures, ancient and modern. Truth works together to make one great whole. Falsehood separates people into various sects and worldviews.

Truly the evolutionary worldview is phenomenally different than the religious worldview. These authors are attempting to make an entirely new worldview of mixing the two, and it cannot be done any more than Zion and Babylon can meet in the middle. The result of this mixing leads straight to Babylon. Zion is pure, or nothing. There are shocking miraculous truths about the creation which the secular world refuses to consider. Evolution theory foists upon us bogus explanations for some things which have not yet been revealed, and bogus explanations directly against things which have been revealed.

Teach “Science” in Your Homes

On page 35 they call for parents to “teach science in your homes”; by this do they mean teach evolution in your homes? They want you to teach the gospel alongside evolution, but this is only to make the difficult process of converting people to evolution easier. Evolution isn't natural, it doesn't make sense, and it takes lots of brainwashing to swallow.

Yes, you should teach your children science, especially the foundation of true science, focusing on that which is demonstrable, and which doesn't conflict with scripture. Evolution doesn't qualify on either of those grounds. Homeschooled children are often much better qualified to detect falsehoods in evolution. Think about it: government schools get millions in funding to find ever more clever ways to string evolution throughout all science. This is not natural. Kent Hovind put it well when he said, “Evolution is a carefully protected state religion.” (Kent Hovind Creation Seminar Series, drdino.com).

Can't Co-Teach Evolution & Doctrine

They call for teaching evolution ‘bathed in the light of the gospel’. It’s sort of hard to teach that man evolved over millions of years, then to teach that Adam was the first man. It’s hard to teach from textbooks which completely deny a worldwide flood, then to teach from the bible that there was a worldwide flood. It is hard to teach that the earth is billions of years old with no end in sight, then to teach that earth was created in 7 days after which it would have a 7000-year temporal lifespan. In short, it’s hard to teach secular and spiritual subjects as being completely removed from each other. It is not God’s will for us to make such separations (D&C 29:34; 88:118).

Concerned with Rising Secularity?

On page 35 they ironically claim to be “concerned with the rising secularity in the youth. We suggest that the solution is to endow your children (and yourself) with the truth, with the real science and, if needed, seeking and offering ways to reconcile science with what we believe.” Again, here they attack any science which isn’t pro-evolution as not being the “real science,” and they equate evolution with “the truth.” And boy are they right, there will be lots of reconciling to be done, because the truth of evolution and the truth of God are two very different things. Of course, there is only one truth, and it’s not evolution. They speak of reconciling science with what ‘we believe,’ and it appears this belief increasingly includes evolution. If they’re so concerned with the secularity of youth, why are they writing a book on how to get kids to be ok with being more secular? Yes, their message is secular. It is secular when we view biblical events as just allegories which didn’t really happen. It is secular when we view scriptures about the creation as just opinions which should be discarded when ‘science’ says otherwise. These fluid interpretations of scripture are the very definition of secular.

“Reconciliation Model” of Evolution Teaching: Friendly & Successful, But Still Rejects Doctrine

On page 36 they review their “Reconciliation Model,” which, among other things, includes reviewing the topic from a religious perspective, such as from

scriptures, modern revelation, and Church teachings. So, do they just say this is part of their model without actually doing it? Because I'm not seeing a lot of religion in evolution theory. I guess part of their model includes tossing out or reinterpreting whatever religious sources they don't like. They make the pompous claim that using their model results in no loss of faith. I'll tell you what it does result in: a new faith, and a new religion, very different to the teachings of Christ and His appointed messengers.

On page 36 they talk about presenting evolution in a “**nonthreatening**” way. They say, “**this approach is effective in increasing evolution acceptance.**” These authors are out to get you! They are looking for converts and are tactful in their sly methods! They claim that in this there is no decrease in religious commitment, but they can't measure what the theory has and will do to the lives and testimonies of the students they convert. Elder Anderson recently pointed out that 30 million have left Christianity in the last 10 years. Putting lipstick on the pig, presenting evolution in a friendly “nonthreatening” way, is only going to hold back the faith crisis so long. No matter how “nonthreatening” they present false material, it's still false. And if we aren't building faith, we are tearing it down. The Christ says you're either with me or against me.

A “Complete” Understanding: Testimony of Evolution?

On page 37 they call for “**a complete understanding of science.**” Does that mean acceptance of evolution? They claim that understanding evolution is the only way to be inoculated against “**alternative ideas from the world that may shake our testimonies.**” Are they referring to a testimony of evolution? Is their deepest fear is that their carefully established evolutionary worldview (which they have dedicated their lives to) might be wrong? And what alternative ideas are they referring to? By advocating evolution, they are aligning themselves with the voice of the world. The only conclusion we can make is that the alternative views they are referring to are actually correct views of creation, which don't match evolution.

Embrace All Knowledge! (But Is It Really Knowledge?)

On page 37 they quote Brigham Young calling for us to embrace all knowledge [put this in blue if its direct BY]. The issue is that evolution isn't knowledge, and Brigham knew that! Therefore, they are taking Brigham's statement out of context. Evolutionists who have "accepted" evolution will not let their beloved theory go so easily. These converts have shut their minds to all things which contradict their pseudoscientific worldview. Their commitment does not allow them to consider alternative science which has been kept buried by established scientific organizations.

No "Comfort" in Apostate Teachings

On page 38 they begin an entire chapter titled "Comfort with Uncertainty." They advocate that it's ok for us to feel bad about evolution and how much it contradicts religion, but that these feelings don't give us license to dismiss evolution. Aren't we supposed to heed the spirit which warns us of falsehood, rather than dismiss these impressions into a category of uncomfortable acceptance? Christ taught that "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32). The Book of Mormon which teaches that "ye may know the truth of all things." (Moroni 10:5). Beware becoming overly attached to the theory of evolution, or you might become "past feeling, that ye could not feel his words" (1 Ne. 17:45). The plain witness of the spirit and of nature are against evolution, but plain and precious truths are often unaccepted by those who embrace the theories of men.

"Much to Learn" (But Don't Forget What We Already Know)

On page 38 they point out that we must "recognize that in both science and religion we still have much to learn." But they don't acknowledge what we DO know about science and religion. Genetics proves to us that one species cannot transform into another, no matter how much time is allowed. Detailed fossil

findings prove that life has not transitioned gradually from simple to complex. Scripture has proven many things to us which they refuse to acknowledge. A more wholistic study of scripture reveals a routine contradiction of evolution's claims of life coming from amoebas (a common ancestor).

Religion or Science: Which Comes First?

On page 38 they ironically claim that “we need to learn to feel comfortable with not having all the information right now.” This is a correct principle, but the irony is that they have done it backward: they dismiss scriptures and favor secular theories as the best source of information instead. For the faithful, being comfortable with not having all the information right now means rejecting academic theories that don't match prophetic teachings. It means anchoring in God's word, rather than the popular scientist's word. The “patience of the saints” (Rev. 14:12) often involves being a minority, being mocked for rejecting popular views, and not being vindicated until much later. Today the whole mainstream academic world accepts the theory of evolution and lauds it to be more than a theory, something worthy of being called ‘truth’ and ‘law’. So where do you think the saints fit into this picture? Are they in the great and spacious building raving about evolution, living it up with the pride of the world? Or are they off somewhere else, enjoying the precious doctrines of the gospel so much that they are willing to risk their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred careers for the sake of the truth?

...Stalling...

On page 38 they call for “time to learn and progress without having to make a decision that places science [evolution] and religion at odds with one another.” Evolution is so backwards, that they'll probably need a few million years to make it sound like it matches the gospel of Christ! What is taking them so long to figure this one out? Surely the devil has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9), and we are sad for people who have fallen into the trap of believing this fabrication (Moses 7:28). We have basic surefire tests to prove whether something is of God or not based on whether it persuades us to believe in Christ

(Moroni 7:14-17), and evolution's one goal is to persuade people to NOT believe in Christ.

Religion Doesn't "Know Nothing" Either

On page 39 they point out that “when scientists say they are “uncertain,” it does not mean that they “know nothing.” But let's also consider the flip side: while religion doesn't claim that all is now revealed, we must not forget that much has been revealed. Revealed doctrine are the parameters that we must work within, or our efforts are vanity and will prove fruitless, if not harmful.

On page 42 they say, “when people encounter information about a topic that seems to contradict their worldview, they tend to assume science is useless in answering questions about that topic.” Are they saying that people are stupid for not accepting all mainstream science claims? Are they insisting that any views which don't align with what mainstream science journals happen to be promoting at the time are mistaken? Have they forgotten the many times that science has gotten it wrong?

On page 42 they say, “nothing is completely “proven” in science.” So why are they so quick to throw out religious doctrines based on the ‘scientific’ claims of the day?

On page 42 they denounce dogmatism (a stubborn insistence on being right), yet ironically throughout the whole book they dogmatically insist that evolution must be true. They go so far as to cite D&C 50:3, “And also Satan hath sought to deceive you, that he might overthrow you.” Yet they won't apply this to evolution.

Revelation Required to Learn Creation Truths

On page 44 they make a bold move and cite Henry Morris, a creation science teacher. It is surprising that they mention his name, which might lead some of their readers into looking at actual rational credible creation science. Morris of course carries some false protestant ideas about creation, like all creation

happening at one time, and us not being able to know about how creation happened, etc. The authors ridicule Morris for these views. But Morris is correct in saying that we don't know the details of how God created and operates today. For example, can you tell me the exact method by which God hears all our prayers (simultaneously) and answers them? Can you tell me exactly how the conduit straight into heaven operated which Moroni traveled through when he visited Joseph Smith?

The Book of Mormon in Jacob 4:8-10 is clear in its teaching that we can't understand all of God's works, that it is by REVELATION that we learn the details of creation, and that we shouldn't tell God how it happened:

“8 Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of him; and it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. And no man knoweth of his ways save it be revealed unto him; wherefore, brethren, despise not the revelations of God. 9 For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure? 10 Wherefore, brethren, seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand. For behold, ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom, and in justice, and in great mercy, over all his works.”

Welcoming Truth Outside of Science... If It Agrees with Evolution

On page 44 they admit that there is truth outside of science, but what bothers me is their insistence that any religious teaching which doesn't square with modern science theories should be discarded or manipulated into a strange new doctrine that was clearly never intended by the word, such as a mere local flood, or Eden being merely spiritual, or the father-son relationship of Adam and God being only metaphysical. Elder Holland was very clear that Adam, Eve, Eden, and the fall, before which there was no death, were very real. He said,

“In our increasingly secular society, it is as uncommon as it is unfashionable to speak of Adam and Eve or the Garden of Eden or of a “fortunate fall” into mortality. Nevertheless, the simple truth is that we *cannot* fully comprehend the Atonement and Resurrection of Christ and we *will not* adequately appreciate the unique purpose of His birth or His death—in other words, there is no way to truly celebrate Christmas *or* Easter—without understanding that there was an actual Adam and Eve who fell from an actual Eden, with all the consequences that fall carried with it. I do not know the details of what happened on this planet before that, but I do know these two were created under the divine hand of God, that for a time they lived alone in a paradisiacal setting where there was neither human death nor future family, and that through a sequence of choices they transgressed a commandment of God which required that they leave their garden setting but which allowed them to have children before facing physical death.” (Jeffrey R. Holland, April 2015, [Where Justice, Love, and Mercy Meet](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org) ([churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org)))

Questioning Our Culture of Truth Seeking: Actually, It's Ok to Know!

On page 46 they say, “We sometimes set up a culture that demands that we “know” the truth of all things.” But scripture gives us authority for seeking this culture: “**And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.**” (Moroni 10:5). Do the authors have a problem with using scripture as the guide to shape the culture of the saints? Should we join with many of today’s philosophers in casting doubt on the reality of revelation, and God’s will for us to experience such? The wonder of revelation is that it is possible for us to no longer be deceived by the philosophies of men (James 1:6). **[quote it?]**.

Consider these additional references on God’s will for us to know the truth:

-Alma 5:45

-Jesus said ye shall KNOW (not just believe) the truth, and the truth shall set you free (just quote it)

-Many prophets have declared a knowledge of God, not just a belief. Joseph Smith said that what is available to prophets is available to any member. (ref)

Prophet Identifies Darwin as an Antichrist

President Benson identified 5 specific antichrists of our day, including Sigmund Freud, Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, John Keyes, and John Dewey (Ezra Taft Benson, Strengthening the Family, Conference Report, October 1970, pp. 21-25, also quoted in The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, 307.; see Anti-Christ (josephsmithfoundation.org/anti-christ)). (quote it)

Since these antichrists are promoted in college, Benson said, “Today there are much worse things that can happen to a child than not getting a full college education. In fact, some of the worst things have happened to our children while attending colleges led by administrators who wink at subversion and amorality.” (ETB Conf. Report “A Plea to Strengthen our Families” Oct. 1970, 22)

Beware Uninspired Scientists

On page 45-46 they cite a good quote by President Uchtdorf: “I believe that our Father in Heaven is pleased with His children when they use their talents and mental facilities to discover truth. Over the centuries many wise men and women - through logic, reason, scientific inquiry, and, yes, through **inspiration** - have discovered truth. These discoveries have enriched mankind, improved our lives, and inspired joy, wonder, and awe.” (Uchtdorf, What is Truth)

Let’s talk about the importance of inspiration for scientists, the nature of revelation, and Satan’s counterfeits. We can’t separate the art from the artist, at least not entirely. Good fruit won’t come from a corrupt tree. Bill Clinton argued that the office of the US President didn’t have anything to do with the moral character of the office holder, and boy was he wrong! His failed presidency will forever be a testament to the importance of moral character in our leaders. The Book of Mormon commands us to have righteous teachers: “**And also trust no one to be your teacher nor your minister, except he be a man of God, walking in his ways and keeping his commandments.**” (Mosiah 23:14). And why can’t we trust them? Because they lie and are even themselves tricked by the Devil because of their unfaithfulness!

The personal life of Charles Darwin is of great concern. Charles Darwin was cruel to animals as a child and continued in his reclusive and inhumane habits throughout his life toward his wife and others. There was tremendous conflict in his married life as his wife was very religious. The further he became entrenched in his theory of evolution, the more he hated life, and could not find beauty in nature. Evolution theory poisoned Darwin because it was from an impure source.

What we must acknowledge is that God's spirit of inspiration will hardly work with an immoral person. Good scientists get inspiration from God, and bad scientists get inspiration from the Devil. Let's not be shy about the reality of the Devil and his power to influence us. Jesus preached more about hell and the Devil than any other biblical preacher. We must be awake to the horrifying possibilities of the Devil to overtake anyone who is not keeping God's law!

Isaac Newton was an inspired scientist who discovered truth by the influence of the spirit of God. Consider what he said: "All my discoveries have been made in answer to prayer." Also, "I believe the more I study science, the more I believe in God." And finally, "A man may imagine things that are false, but he can only understand things that are true."

Evolution Evidence Deceptive

Of course there are some things which appear to be evidences for evolution; the Devil isn't stupid, he has conjured up many falsehoods, to deceive the very elect (see JSM 1:22). Joseph F. Smith warned us against sophisticated deception:

"Let it not be forgotten that the evil one has great power in the earth, and that by every possible means he seeks to darken the minds of men, and then offers them **falsehood and deception in the guise of truth**. Satan is a **skilful imitator**, and as genuine gospel truth is given the world in ever-increasing abundance, so he spreads the counterfeit coin of false doctrine. Beware of his spurious currency, it will purchase for you nothing but disappointment, misery and spiritual death. The '**father of lies**' he has been called, and such an adept has he become, through the

ages of practice in his nefarious work, that were it possible he would deceive the very elect” (Gospel Doctrine, 5th ed. [1939], 376).

Thankfully God has inspired many scientists to detect and record the plethora of scientific issues with claims of evolution theory. A good resource to start learning these things is creationism.org, where many resources are shared free to the public as a token of good will.

Cursed Educational Establishment

Consider the Lord’s displeasure with the educational establishment of our times as expressed in these verses:

2 Ne. 28:9: “**9** Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.”

2 Ne. 28:11-12: “**11** Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted. **12** Because of pride, and because of **false teachers**, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted, and their churches are lifted up; because of pride they are puffed up.”

2 Ne. 28:14-15: “**14** They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in **many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men**. **15** O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and all those who **preach false doctrines**, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord, wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell!”

Hubris: Someday You’ll Understand

On page 46 they claim, “Lastly, if learning scientific theories puts your faith in jeopardy, choose your faith. Choose your **faith until you can better understand the science** (or until science can provide better explanations).”

Let me make 5 points about this statement.

1. This passage appears to say, ‘If you’re still too ignorant to accept evolution, okay. But, eventually you’ll have to accept it. In the meantime, we will perfect our brainwashing methods since no one could rationally reject evolution.’
2. The passage seems to indicate that we can choose our faith “until” we understand science. Does this imply that at that point we will then choose science instead of faith? Harmony of science and religion cannot work when falsehoods are being promoted in science. Only when we have true science will it match with our true religion as found in the standard works. A dogmatic unwillingness to let go of evolution will never result in harmony with religion.
3. The whole theme of the book is that we need to adopt an evolutionary worldview and adjust our religious thinking to accommodate evolution.
4. They think disbelief in evolution is because of poor teaching. The authors must accept that no matter how well they teach evolution, many people will reject it on moral scriptural logical rational natural and scientific grounds. We’ve all heard people blame the failure of bogus systems, like socialism and communism, on incorrect delivery methods.
5. Faith isn’t something that goes away when you learn how things work. Faith is a trust in a process you have proven to be true, which you can rely on to accomplish future works. God works by faith, it is eternal.

As Joseph Smith taught, “13 As we receive all temporal blessings by faith, so we, in like manner, receive all spiritual blessings.—But faith is not only the principle of action, but of power, also, in all intelligent beings, whether in heaven, or on earth. Thus says the author of the epistle to the Hebrews, 11:3: 14 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God: so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. 15 By this we understand that the principle of power, which existed in the bosom of God, by which the worlds were framed, was faith; and that it is by reason of this principle

of power, existing in the Deity that all created things exist—so that all things in heaven, on earth, or under the earth, exist by reason of faith, as it existed in him. 16 Had it not been for the principle of faith the worlds would never have been framed, neither would man have been formed of the dust—it is the principle by which Jehovah works, and through which he exercises power over all temporal, as well as eternal things. Take this principle or attribute, (for it is an attribute) from the Deity and he would cease to exist.” ([Appendix 1: First Theological Lecture on Faith, circa January–May 1835, Page 1 \(josephsmithpapers.org\)](#))

A Sad Rejection of Truth by the Latter-day Saints: Foretold & Fulfilled

2 Ne. 1:10 which I cited earlier warns us against rejecting the fullness of the message of the gospel, including what has been revealed about the creation:

“But behold, when the time cometh that they shall **dwindle in unbelief**, after they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord—having a **knowledge of the creation** of the earth, and all men, knowing the great and marvelous works of the Lord from the creation of the world; having power given them to do all things by faith; having all the commandments from the beginning, and having been brought by his infinite goodness into this precious land of promise—behold, I say, if the day shall come that **they will reject** the Holy One of Israel, the true Messiah, their Redeemer and their God, behold, the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them.”

3 Ne. 16:10 bears a similar message, that if we persist in rejecting the fullness of the gospel, it will be withdrawn:

“And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations; and if they shall do all

those things, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.”

Today I fear we are approaching this limit in our persistence in the church to accept a theory which is repeatedly denounced in scripture, and which scripture repeatedly shows inaccurate as it clearly demonstrates actual creation doctrines. More and more topics are being backed away from, claiming “no official position” by the church. It is well known among church education teachers as well among protestants that latter-day saint church members today don’t know nearly as much doctrine as they did 50 years ago, and that getting them to seriously consider our scripture and teachings of our prophets is like pulling teeth. We don’t know our religion anymore. Thankfully we still have various official positions that give us grounds to stand on. Church leadership is not to blame, it is the members who have refused their warnings over the years and have, like ancient Israel demanding the inferior government of a king, demanded a watered-down version of the truth.

Academic Fraud Denial?

In a world where academic fraud runs wild, how are these authors so dismissive of the entire problem? Have they not read the Book of Mormon which assures us that our times will be fraught with secret combinations? Here are just a few references every latter-day saint should be familiar with:

Ether 11:22: “And they did reject all the words of the prophets, because of their secret society and wicked abominations.”

2 Ne. 9:9: “...the father of lies...stirreth up the children of men unto secret combinations...”

2 Ne. 10:15: “...I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness...”

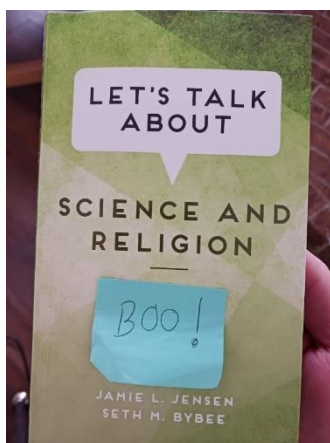
Alma 37:30: “...the judgments of God did come upon these workers of darkness and secret combinations.”

Helaman 2:13 “And behold, in the end of this book ye shall see that this Gadianton did prove the overthrow, yea, almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi.”

Ether 8:22: “And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed.”

I bring up these stirring passages about secret combinations in our day, not to personally find fault with the authors, but to point out that there are abundant reasons to be skeptical of the agendas behind their mainstream claims. The authors do not realize how dangerous the theory they have adopted is.

If nothing else, I hope that my rebuttal to this book makes people aware that BYU Science Professors are not just making students aware of evolution - they are openly, systematically, and even dogmatically advocating it.



Additional Resources

Dissent from Darwin: Scientists unite in expressing doubt in claims of Darwin's theory: <https://dissentfromdarwin.org>

UniversalModel.com which is a terrific academic resource put together by a member of the Church which demonstrates the geologic fact of Noah's worldwide flood, a young earth, the impossibility of evolution from monkeys, and so on.

Science and Religion Reconciling the Conflicts by David Barker - this book by a latter-day saint researcher does a good job showing that the science which doesn't match the Bible is actually not good science, such as the flawed dating methods. Purchase it here: <https://a.co/d/5oNfz1u>

The Evolution Cruncher - get a free PDF of this excellent book and succeeding editions here
<https://evolutionfacts.com/Downloads.htm>

In The Beginning by Walt Brown - get a free PDF of this excellent book here
<https://creationism.org/books/index.htm>

A great resource to begin creation science study with many free resources is creationism.org, where you can access the Kent Hovind lecture slides & many creation flagship books as free PDFs.

For a survey of scripture and teachings of latter-day prophets demonstrating that the earth is about 6000 years old, see this article by The Joseph Smith Foundation:
<https://josephsmithfoundation.org/faqs/science/28-young-earth-do-the-revelations-teach-a-7000-year-temporal-existence-of-the-earth-can-the-scriptures-and-writings-of-the-presidents-of-the-church-be-harmonized-with-the-scientific-principle-of-u/>

For related writings defending revealed doctrines of creation, visit Nate's website Richardson Studies at RichardsonStudies.com.

For Jeremy Michel's Dinosaurs in Scripture presentation, see [Dinosaurs in Scriptures, Dragons, Living Dinosaurs, and Noah's Flood. \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Creation of Life by Latter-day Saint author . This excellent work discusses both latter-day saint doctrine and science.

Using the Book of Mormon to Combat the Falsehoods of Evolution by Clark Peterson.

