The Logic of Evolution
By Ronnie E. Cooper

Have you thought about evolution being thoughtless? I mean their self-proclaimed lack of intelligence. Or that design does not exist in the world of evolution. Evolution is dumb on purpose. And our education system believes that is the best thing to teach our [their] children.

I’m not saying evolution is logical, but if it was and its' evolved believers followed their own logic; then since they started without intelligence, evolution didn’t give them any. Then logic says they haven’t got any intelligence, unless they stole some from the God they don’t believe in!

A number of ARKY members have museum passes that can be loaned out to others. So if you have never gone yourself, or have some unsaved friends or relatives you have been wanting to take there, take advantage of this opportunity.

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“Mr and Mrs. Cooper, Thank you so much for the passes for the Creation Museum. We thoroughly enjoyed the museum, and our children had a blast! We really appreciate your kindness. Thank You, (names withheld)”
The Wonder of it All: 
The Joy of Thy Salvation
By Mark Jurkovich

This series has been covering some of the countless wonders of God’s creation. But the greatest wonder of all is everything that He has done for our salvation. I touched on it in the “How Great Thou Art” article, but it bears a second look, and a third, and… (to always behold his glory!)

Just think, the God who created us, all we see, and so much more that we cannot see, came down to dwell with us, to be like us. Why would He do such a thing?

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1 Cor 2:9, Isaiah 64:4, NKJV)

Who could ever imagine the lengths God the Father would go to in order to redeem his lost and rebellious creation. To send his only Son to not only dwell with man as a man, but to even die a most horrific death on our behalf. The Father had to watch his son be mocked, beaten and then impaled to a cross. So grim was it that at some point even He had to turn His face away, prompting His Son to cry out “My God my God why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matt 27:46, Ps 22:1)

Jesus’ followers were absolutely devastated. No man ever spoke like this man; no man ever did the things he did. They got to spend three years with this amazing teacher, and believed he would redeem Israel. He had warned them what he was about to do, but they could not comprehend it. And now they were in fear and hiding. But then imagine the unspeakable joy of those same disciples once they fully realized that truly was their risen teacher standing there before them, now revealed as Lord and Savior!

But it doesn’t end there. God did not just redeem us, He wants a close, personal relationship with us. The Bible describes the type of relationship He wants with us in at least three ways, all revealing a wondrous aspect of His love for us.

Friend: Before Christ’s arrival, scripture hinted at this when it told us “there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24). But then Jesus himself told his disciples (and us) plainly;

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15, NIV).

What a wonder, for God to call us his friend!

Adopted son/daughter:

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ … fellow heirs with Christ” (Rom 8:15, 17. See also Eph. 1).

This is one of my favorite concepts in scripture, that God, the creator of the universe has adopted me as his son and I can call him Daddy! (Abba). He wants that intimate a relationship with us, like a child has with his daddy.

Bride: In that passage so popular for weddings, all believers together are described as the church, as Jesus’ bride (Eph. 5:25–27). This one may be harder for males to grasp, but no less powerful. Jesus is in the process of building us up as his radiant possession.

Years of trials, of missed opportunities or other failures can sap the joy of His salvation from our life. Some of you may feel like David who prayed “Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” (Psalm 51:12 NIV) I go through such periods myself. But when we do, we can use His Word to remind us of how great His love is for us, and that we are at the same time His (Jesus) friend, His (God the father) child and His (Jesus) bride, He will restore the joy that comes with His salvation. Let Him wrap His arms afresh around you as your friend that sticks closer than a brother, in the strong embrace of your loving father, and in the embrace of your beloved.

Reference:


THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH (NEH. 8:10)
Obey or Close Up Shop
By Kevin Hadsall

What is one convenient way to outlaw Christian beliefs in America? Establish a different religion behind the guise of "civil rights." That is exactly what LGBT activists/humanists are trying to do when they sue Christian business owners such as Jack Phillips. The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) recently heard oral arguments for *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*. Jack Phillips is the owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop. In summary, he was sued by a homosexual couple because he refused to bake and decorate a wedding cake for their same-sex ceremony. Jack initially lost his case in the state of Colorado, where the Colorado Civil Rights Commission ordered Jack to either violate his faith by designing custom wedding cakes celebrating same-sex marriages, or stop designing wedding cakes altogether. Jack lost 40% of his business since, historically, 40% of his orders are for wedding cakes. Moreover, Jack and his staff were forced to endure a "re-education" program and file "compliance" reports to document their explanations for denying any custom cakes.[i]

The American Humanist Association posted a New York Times article that essentially claimed that the case is about civil rights, not religious freedom. There were many comments on the article, and it is apparent that most of the humanists have no problem forcing Christians to violate their beliefs. One humanist, KM (abbreviated for privacy), posted a comment claiming that Christian business owners should serve the "whole public" or "close up shop." After a long string of comments in response to his comment, I offered my own response. I did not receive a reply from KM. However, I did receive responses from another humanist, RF. Below is the short debate thread.

KM: When you open a business to the public, that means the WHOLE public!! If you think to push your religious agenda onto customers through your business, then, I suggest you close up shop and work in a church!!

Me: Let’s say you’re the owner of a bakery, and a customer asks you to bake a cake that celebrates marriage as one man and one woman. The cake design includes various Bible verses. I assume decorating a cake such as this would go against your beliefs. Here’s my question for you: would you be willing to bake and decorate that cake, or should you have the constitutional right to refuse?

RF: No, Kevin Hadsall. Your example is NOT a valid comparison. Nothing about the decoration of the cake for the gay couple was discussed.

Me: RF, I’m not interested in debating the specific details of who said what in the Masterpiece Cakeshop case. Put that aside for a moment and consider my question. What would you do if you were the bakery owner in my hypothetical scenario?

RF: Your hypothetical scenario is irrelevant. Deal with the facts of this case.

Me: Actually, it’s perfectly relevant to KM’s original comment, which you apparently support. Earlier in this thread you said “Masterpiece Bakery isn’t a private business. It is open to the public.” So, let’s apply your logic. Let’s say you own “[RF] Bakery.” I come to you and ask you to bake a cake with a few Bible verses and a message that says “God made marriage in the beginning: one man and one woman.” Does “open to the public” mean that you have to bake the cake for me and decorate it according to my instructions? Or do you have the constitutional right to refuse my request because decorating a cake in such manner goes against your religion of humanism?

I checked the thread for up to two days after posting my last comment, and saw that I did not receive a response. The lack of response to my question is revealing. These particular hu-

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Almost every congregation has them. Some are very vocal and do all they can to teach their views and recruit more “disciples.” Others rarely share their true beliefs, occasionally keeping their real feelings from their family members. They are theistic evolutionists—individuals who believe in God, but they also embrace the evolutionary theory.

I have met literally dozens of these individuals on my weekend seminars. Normally, they will approach me after a lesson and they will say something like, “I heard what you said about creation, but don’t you think it could have also happened like this…” And then they go on to share how they get millions of years into God’s Word.

Some prefer the Gap Theory, squeezing millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. Most individual who hold to the Gap Theory believe there was a previous creation and that Genesis 1:2 begins with a recreation. However, as I point out to these individuals, there is no mention of this alleged previous creation in God’s Word. (Additionally, if the first creation resulted in total destruction doesn’t it make sense that God would have included that in His Word, especially given the record we have of the Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Tower of Babel, etc.) Additionally, it would call into question if Adam was truly the first man as Paul indicated in 1 Corinthians 15:45.

Others cling to the Day Age Theory, essentially stretching millions of years into each one of the days of creation. This theory is problematic as Genesis records each day as an evening and a morning (see Genesis 1:5,8,13,19) and then Moses adds a numerical adjective. Additionally, the creation account in the Bible indicates plants were present before any heavenly bodies (stars, sun, moon, Genesis 1:14). Consider also that most plants require flying insects to be pollinated. Flying creatures were not created until Day 5. If each “day” was a million years that would mean God created the plants on Day 3 and they have to wait two million years before they were pollinated.

The problem is that many Christians have bought into “Intellectual Elitism”—that all smart people believe in evolution. Wanting to be considered intellectual these individuals compromise God’s Word in order to squeeze in evolution. On one particular occasion I asked a man who identified himself as a Christian if he believe the Bible was inspired. His answer was that, yes, he did believe the Bible was infallible. I then asked him what happened when science came in that contradicted God’s Word. His response blew my mind. He said:

“Well, the science is infallible, because most is based on mathematics and the numbers can’t be wrong. Therefore it would be our interpretation of God’s Word that was wrong.”

Okay, so let me get this straight: A God who can create the Universe can’t communicate His Word in a way that man can understand?

On another occasion I had a “pillar of the congregation” argue with me during the question and answer session. He had studied Isaac Newton and just couldn’t believe that “science” could be wrong. When I pressed him about whether the Bible was inspired he responded,

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Instant Creation by Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

“Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.” (Psalm 148:5)

Certain Christian intellectuals today are promoting the concept of what they call “process creation,” a euphemism for theistic evolution. This is a contradiction in terms, however, for creation by definition is supernatural and instantaneous. The Bible makes this plain.

Our text is in one of the beautiful “hallelujah” psalms in which the entire creation is exhorted to praise the Lord. The sun, moon, and all the heavens are included, and then the testimony of our text is given. As soon as God commanded, they were created, not over long ages, but immediately! God said “Let there be . . .” and it was so.

This is especially emphatic in the 33rd Psalm: “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. . . . For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:6, 9). This is also the testimony in the great “faith” chapter, Hebrews 11. The very first object of faith is the following: “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” (Hebrews 11:3). That is, the things that are seen (sun, moon, stars, etc.) were not made out of preexisting materials (things that appear), but by the spoken word of God.

There is not any need at all to compromise either God’s omnipotence or His inerrant Word by such devices as theistic evolution, progressive creation, or process creation, for no natural “process” could ever generate the complex and beautifully organized systems of the creation. Compromising evangelical scientists and theologians who are intimidated by the ungodly philosophy of evolution should be corrected, not accommodated.


“FOR HE SPAKE, AND IT WAS DONE” (Psalm 33:6)
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“I don’t know about the Bible, but I know Newton wasn’t wrong.”

When I hear these kinds of statements (and I’ve heard lots of them), I always feel bad for the individuals—because it is obvious they have placed their allegiance in man and they are comfortable compromising God’s Word. As I’ve said on many occasions, if you can’t trust the first verse of the Bible, why would you trust anything that followed?

Or to put it another way, if you don’t think the Bible is accurate on the creation account, then what would make you think it is accurate on redemption and salvation?

It’s time we stop compromising. Time to stop buying into the intellectual elite argument. It’s time we remove the blinders of evolutionary science and realize true scientific evidence points toward a Creator. It’s time we consider where we have placed our allegiance.

Dr. Brad Harrub is the author of “Convicted: A Scientist Examines the Evidence for Creation” and “Heart of the Matter” and co-author of “Engage: Rethinking How We Walk Down the Aisle”

ARKY’s Calendar of Events  
(as of 1/1/18)  
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*Jan 8, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Stop Trusting Man's Word; Genesis and Compromise with Ken Ham at ARKY’s House. So many in the church today are falling victim to the Genesis 3 attack, "Did God really say...?" They question His Word and instead place their trust in the fallible words and "knowledge" of man. This DVD challenges Christians to hold a high view of Scripture. He examines Genesis 1:2-5 and other Bible passages to gain a firm grasp on the Bible's authority and authenticity. The undermining of God's Word will have lasting effects on future generations; we must repent of our desire to gain the praise of man rather than the "well done" of a holy God.

*Feb 12, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: The Hidden Faith of the Founding Fathers at ARKY's House. Perhaps the first and only documentary to go where no film has ever gone before, confronting the little known beliefs of America's founders. Conservative Christian leaders often claim that the revolutionaries were godly men who were trying to build a Christian nation. But was their faith the true faith of the Bible? Or is it possible that the exact opposite is true? 106 min.

*Mar 12, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: The Christian Roots of Science with Jonathan Sarfati at ARKY's House. How modern science flourished under a Christian worldview. Learn how the Christian worldview provided the assumptions required for comprehending how science worked at all. Also learn the real truth about Galileo and the myth of flat earth belief. 52 min

*Apr 9, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Jesus in Genesis - The Messianic Prophecies with Jonathan Sarfati at ARKY's House. See how the whole Bible, right from the beginning, points to Jesus Christ as God and man, and Saviour. The time, place and manner of His birth, and His mission, are just what the prophets foretold. Genesis is foundational to all this teaching. While the content of this popular, illustrated presentation DVD is the same as one you may have with the same title, it now includes extra features. Not only does it have a new cover design, it also has English subtitles, has been 're-badged' to feature the CMI logo and contact details and includes a 3-minute promotional segment.

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