

# Foundations of the Faith

**Lesson 16 – Creation and Intelligent Design**

Calvary Chapel Northwest

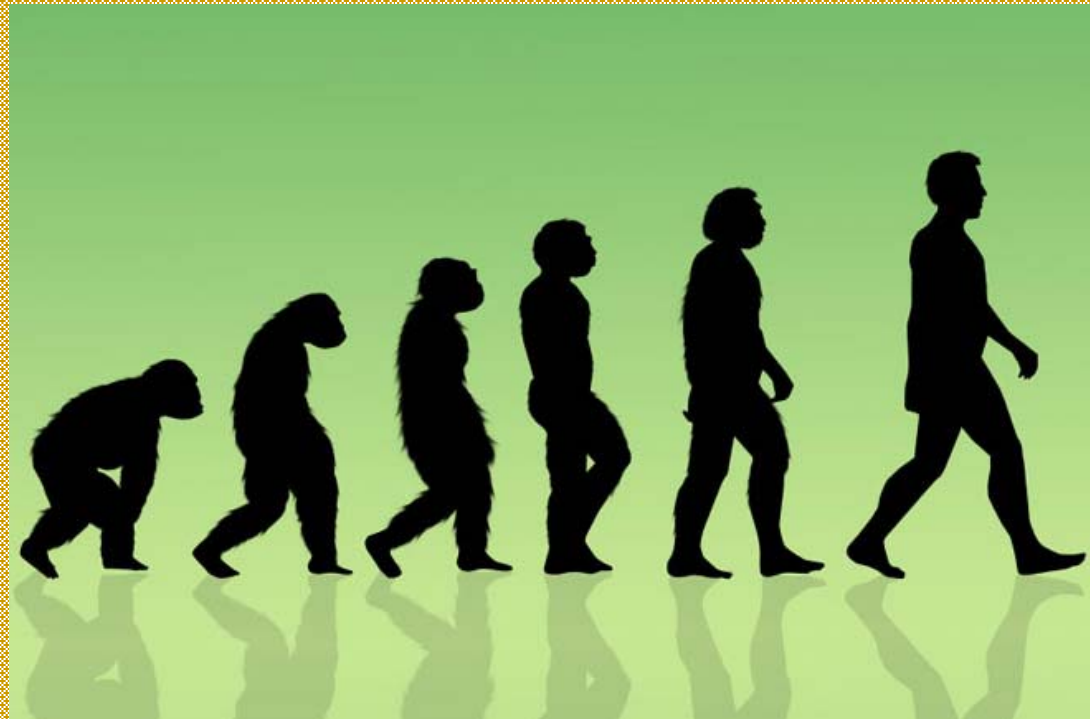


## Memory Verse

- [Psa 14:1 NLT] 1 ...Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!



# The Way the World Sees It



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“From the goo, to the zoo, to  
you.”

**It's Not True!**



As the World Sees It

- It takes a lot of faith to believe in God

It takes more faith to believe in evolution



Say Whaaaaaaaat?



# Big Bang or Big God?

- The central question we are looking at tonight is how where we created. Did we come into existence as a random chance of collision of molecules over a very long time period or is there intelligent design which made us?

Disclaimer: In this introductory topic we won't go into great depth on any of the topics. More detailed information is available at the resources provided at the end of the session for any who wish to explore further.



# Big Bang or Big God?

- [Gen 1:1 NLT] 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Key: The Bible is Divinely Inspired and  
Infallible





# Big Bang or Big God?

- [Jhn 1:1-5 NLT] 1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

## Several thoughts

1. God has always existed.
2. Jesus was with God the Father at the time of creation.
3. Jesus (the Word) gave life to everything that was created.
4. The darkness can never extinguish it.



# Big Bang or Big God?

What about those who don't believe in the Bible?



The anthropic principle says that the universe appears “designed” for the sake of human life. More than a century of astronomy and physics research yields this unexpected observation: the emergence of humans and human civilization requires physical constants, laws, and properties that fall within certain narrow ranges—and this truth applies not only to the cosmos as a whole but also to the galaxy, planetary system, and planet humans occupy. To state the principle more dramatically, a preponderance of physical evidence points to humanity as the central theme of the cosmos.



# Big Bang or Big God?

## Back to the Word of God

[Rom 1:18-22 NLT] 18 But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. 19 They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. 20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. 21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.



How long did it take?



# How long did it take?

- Things you might hear
  - Evolution and creation can co-exist
  - Old earth vs young earth

[Gen 2:7 NLT] 7 Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

[Gen 5:1 NLT] 1 This is the written account of the descendants of Adam. When God created human beings, he made them to be like himself.

**1,656 Years from Adam to Noah**

**2,000 Years from Noah to Jesus**

**2,024 Years from Jesus to until now**



# But does evolution pass muster?

- Time Factor
  - Monkeys, Typewriters & Shakespeare
- Irreducible Complexity
  - Complexity of Cells
  - The blood clotting cascade
  - DNA – the code of life
    - The Primordial Soup?
    - A,G,C & T
    - It's information – not chemicals
    - Pseudo-Science. Pre-Evolution????
- Fossil Record
  - Fossils in the wrong place
  - No proof of evolution happening in the fossil record



# Biology Help Desk

- molecular machines are complex structures located inside of cells or on the surface of cells. One popular example is the bacterial flagella. This whip-like structure is composed of many proteins, and its rotation propels bacteria through their environment. The molecular machine of interest in a recent PNAS article is a protein transport machine located in the mitochondria. This machine transports proteins across the membrane of mitochondria so they can perform the very important function of making energy.



## Biology Help Desk

- Molecular machines are considered to be irreducibly complex. An irreducibly complex machine is made of a number of essential parts, and all the parts must be present for it to function properly. If even one of these parts is missing the machine is non-functional. Evolution, which supposedly works in a stepwise fashion over long periods of time, can't form these complex machines.

Source: Answers in Genesis (<https://answersingenesis.org/intelligent-design/the-end-of-irreducible-complexity>)





What does God say?

- [Heb 11:3 NLT] 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.



# Why Should We Care About Evolution?

- Eternal Perspective – If we believe Evolution, there is no hope for eternal life for there is no God. And those who believe in this theory are being stolen from Eternity.
- Earthly Perspective – If we believe in Evolution, there is no moral imperative. There is no right and wrong. Life is not sacred. Everyone can do what is right in his/her own eyes.



# In Summary

- We believe in Intelligent Design (God)
- Three Reasons Not To Believe in Evolution
  - The Bible is Divinely Inspired...and it says so
  - Not enough time for evolution to happen (Bible & Fossil Record)
  - Irreducible Complexity



## For Further Study

- Answers in Genesis (<https://answersingenesis.org/creation/>)
- The Institute for Creation Research ([www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org))

Ashton, John F: In Six Days, 2001

Behe, Michael: Darwin's Black Box, 1996

Gish, Duane T.: Evolution, The Challenge of the Fossil Record, 1985



In closing...

- “I believe in the big bang theory. God said it and bang it happened!”
- -Source Unknown



# In Closing

- Questions
- Prayer

