

March 6, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

### Chorus # 53

Don/People

Allan Lane

## Allan/People

*"Barry and Amy Rager: Just Dessert"*

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Don/People

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

## Don/People

*"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"*

Don/People

Fred Kerns

## People

Marcia Hart

Don Beavers

(Children are dismissed)

Allan/People

Allan Lane

*"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

Don/People

Allan/People

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Don/People

## Colossians 1:12-17

The debate between the theory of evolution and the Biblical teaching of creation

seems quite confusing. We're bombarded daily with the philosophy that evolution is the only credible explanation for the existence of the universe and the life forms in it.

This morning, we look closely into the question at hand to clarify the basic issues,

revive our faith in the Biblical explanation, and fortify ourselves to give a clear answer to those who doubt our stance.

## **1) Examining Evolution.**

### **A) It's the most commonly taught .**

Evolution has been, and in some circles still is, the most prominently taught explanation of the existence of the universe. Lee Strobel said: "In the popular culture, the case for evolution is generally considered shut." Time magazine, while recapping the second millennium in their Dec. 31, 1999 issue printed the heading "Iconoclast of the Century: Charles Darwin (1809-1882): "Darwinism remains one of the most successful scientific theories ever promulgated." Darwinism is taught in schools not as a theory but as fact. It's reinforced in museums, zoos, and even in children's cartoons. Bob Russel said "Evolution has been repeated so often that to challenge it is the equivalent to believing in a flat earth or a moon made of cheese."

### **B) Two basic subdivisions .**

#### **-- Micro-evolution**

"Micro-evolution" is true to many extents. There are undeniably variations within the specific species of animals and plants. For instance, there are more than 200 breeds of dogs. Dairy cattle can be bred for improved milk production. Bacteria can adapt and develop immunity to antibiotics. Micro-evolution consists of changes within the specific species.

#### **-- Macro-evolution**

"Macro-evolution" is what Darwinists promote. They claim that life began millions of years ago with simple single-cell creatures brewed in a gooeey soup and then developed through mutation and natural selection into the vast array of plant and animal life that populate the planet. Someone has facetiously referred to this process as: "From goo to you by way of the zoo."

### **C) Darwinists shortcomings .**

Darwinists have trouble explaining several things:

#### **-- Lack of Fossil Evidence**

There is a lack of fossil evidence for the transitions between various species of animals. Even Darwin admitted that the lack of these fossils "is perhaps the most obvious and serious objection" to his theory. Since Darwin's day, our knowledge of the fossil record has grown enormously. The number of fossil species is huge but scientists have to admit that there are even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than in Darwin's time. The fossil record actually shows that there was a sudden appearance of almost all the groups within the animal kingdom with no evidence at all of transitional forms of life.

#### **-- Irreducible Complexity**

"Irreducible complexity" means certain systems cannot be broken down into smaller yet functioning systems and nothing functions once you reach a certain point. Darwin admits this very fact in Origin of the Species: "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

#### **-- Not True Science**

The definition of science is the study of that which is observable and repeatable. No matter how hard they try, no one has been able to observe or replicate the necessary processes for evolution. Where are all the transitional forms today? If evolution has been happening over millions of years, why don't we see half-apes/half-men?

## **D) Origin of life .**

The theory of evolution runs contradictory to a scientific law called the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics. Basically the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics says that in any system, energy moves from order to disorder. Things tend to break down into the less complicated rather than increase in complexity. Evolution says that things go from disorder to order rather than from order to disorder.

Biological evolution can only take place after there was some sort of living matter that could replicate itself and then grow in complexity through mutation and survival of the fittest. Darwinism has no credible explanations for the origins of life. It only provides speculation as to how life changed and grew through a period of millions of years. Lee Strobel observes that "The origin of life is the Achilles heel of evolution."

## **2) Considering Creation.**

### **The Bible teaches ...**

The Bible teaches us that our universe and our lives are not the results of random chance but of a loving Creator.

**Genesis 1:1**

**Genesis 1:27-27**

**Psalms 19:1-3**

**Romans 1:20**

The Bible shows us that the universe was formed not because of blind chance but because of Intelligent Design. There is strong scientific evidence for an Intelligent Designer. Dr. Walter Bradley, retired Texas A & M engineering professor, points out that the only time we see written information, whether it be on a cave wall or in a novel, is when there's an intelligence behind it. That analogy should also be true of nature itself. He says, "In other words, what is encoded on the DNA inside every cell of every living creature is purely and simply written information. We use a twenty-six character alphabet in English; in DNA, there is a four-letter chemical alphabet, whose letters combine in various sequences to form words, sentences, and paragraphs. These comprise all the instructions needed to guide the functioning of the cell."

He also points out: "Each cell in the human body contains more information than in all thirty volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica. It's certainly reasonable to make the inference that this isn't the random product of unguided nature, but it's the unmistakable sign of an Intelligent Designer."

## **3) Coming to a Conclusion.**

### **A) Modern Scientific Propositions .**

The most current propositions concerning the origins of life propagated by scientists over the last twenty-five years:

**1. Random Choice**...warm little ponds of water eventually leading to life. This lost support because the odds are infinitesimal (1 in 10 with sixty zeros behind it.)

**2. Chemical Affinity**...there is an inherent attraction that would cause amino acids to spontaneously link up in the right sequence to create living cells. This lost support because a computer model couldn't make it work with all living cells.

**3. Self-ordering Tendencies**...under certain circumstances systems will actually rearrange themselves to a more complicated form. This lost support because the complexity to rearrange and improve could never make the leap from non-living to living cells.

**4. Seeding From Space**...the building blocks of life came from somewhere else in space. Lost support because it still doesn't prove where life actually came from.

**5. Vents in the Ocean**...vents in the ocean actually provide a safe, continuous source of life particles. Lost support because the theory doesn't explain how things came

together, nor does it answer why life wouldn't be destroyed by the same thing that created it.

**6. Life From Clay...**life arose on clays whose structure had enough complexity to somehow encourage chemicals to assemble together. This lost support because a crystal is far short of the complexity that living matter needs.

**B) Creation is most Provable .**

Comparing intelligent design theories with evolutionary theories show intelligent design to be the more provable of the two systems.

Why do evolutionists propagate ideas that seem ridiculous and have no scientific data to back them up? Michael Behe, biochemist at Lehigh University, in his book "Darwin's Black Box," said, "The conclusion of intelligent design flows naturally from the data itself – not from sacred books or sectarian beliefs... The reluctance of science to embrace the conclusion of intelligent design ... has no justifiable foundation ... many people, including many important and well-respected scientist, just don't want there to be anything beyond nature."

In actuality, evolution is more of a philosophy or a faith issue than it is a scientific issue. There are those who just will not come to terms with God. They refuse to acknowledge His existence and therefore His Lordship over their lives. Richard Dawkins, one of the most influential evolutionists of our day, begins his book *The Blind Watchmaker* by stating, "Biology is the study of complicated things that give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose." Nobel Prize winner Francis Crick, co-discoverer of the structure of DNA, writes in his book *In What Mad Pursuit*, "Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved."

Evolution is ultimately idolatry. It attributes the creative power of God to the forces of nature.

**Romans 1:18-25**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12**

**Conclusion**

Creation answers three basic questions:

**What is the origin of life?** "In the beginning, God..."

**What is the meaning of life?** "You're not here by accident; you're here by God's design. God made you for the purpose of having fellowship with Him, glorifying Him, and living eternally with Him."

**What is the value of life?** "God loves us and therefore life is sacred."

One thing that evolution can never explain is how faith in Jesus Christ brings people to a point of transformation that no amount of time, chance, and energy can produce.

In a world full of tolerance and acceptance of all ideas as equal, there is no broadmindedness when it comes to the origin of the universe. We, as Christians, must not change or compromise what the Bible teaches in Genesis. There is no room for broadmindedness in a chemical laboratory. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation from the formula is not allowed.

There is no room for broadmindedness when it comes to music. The skilled director will not permit his first violin to play even so much as 1/2 note off from what is written in the music.

There is no room for broadmindedness in the mathematics classroom. The study of geometry, calculus, nor trigonometry allows any variation from exact accuracy. The solution of the problem is either right or it is wrong. There is no tolerance.

There is no room for broadmindedness in biology. If they are investigating a theory and if one result out of a thousand is different from the rest it will invalidate an entire theory.

There is no room for broadmindedness on the athletic field. The game is to be played according to the rules with no favors shown for "charity's sake."

There is no room for broadmindedness in the garage. The mechanic says the piston rings have to fit the cylinder walls within one thousandth's of an inch and it's just that way.

There's no room for broadmindedness in the church.

## ***No Room for Broadmindedness!***

### ***The Power of Design***

In Robert Wise's book "Your Churning Place" he tells the story of Burt Lancaster, a famous movie Star who made almost 100 movies between 1939 and 1989.

But before he began working in the movies Burt Lancaster was a circus performer, a job he was fortunate to land, considering his less than flawless audition. He was asked to perform on the parallel bars, so he leaped on the bars and began his routine. Because he was nervous, his timing was off, and he spun over the bar falling flat on his face some 10 feet below. He was so humiliated that he immediately leaped back on the bar. As he spun again in the same point, he flipped off and smashed to the ground once more. His tights were torn. He was cut and bleeding, and he was fiercely upset. He leaped back on the bars again, but the 3rd time was even worse because this time he fell on his back.

The agent came over, picked him up, and said "Son, if you promise not to do that again, you've got the job!"

Of course Lancaster was frustrated. He just knew he could do the job, but every time he tried he failed. A lesser man would have given up. But Lancaster was so convinced of his own abilities that he kept at it even when he fell down repeatedly.

Many of the great men and women of the past have approached life in this same fashion. Henry Ford was broke at age 40, and yet he led in creating the first automobile empire. Albert Einstein flunked in math and yet he devised some of the most powerful mathematical equations. One of Great Britain's greatest admirals – Horatio Nelson – suffered from seasickness. Helen Keller could not hear nor see yet she graduated with honors from Radcliffe College. Abraham Lincoln was well known throughout his life for his failures in business and life and yet he is remembered as one of the greatest presidents of our nation.

These people overcame difficulties because they were convinced they had purpose and value - a purpose and value that their handicaps could not damage or undermine. Abraham Lincoln explained the reason he was driven to accomplish so much in his life: "Surely God would not have created such a being as man, with an ability to grasp the infinite, to exist only for a day. No, no, man was made for immortality."

In Psalm 139, David arrives at the same conclusion. He comes to believe that he has been created by God, that he has been fearfully and wondrously made. He realizes that God had "knit him together." Whatever it was that got David to thinking, it led him to realize how much he meant to God, that God loved him unconditionally, and that God had created him with a purpose.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

## **Opportunities For Service**

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

### **Sunday, March 6, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ????, Ken Nice, Don Sharp,  
Fred Kerns

Alternate: Isaac Waters

No Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

### **Monday, March 7**

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

### **Tuesday, March 8**

Dr. Glen Schultz at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, March 9**

Prayer Warriors..... 10:00 am

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

### **Thursday, March 10**

R Team.....6:30 pm

### **Sunday, March 13, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough,  
Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, March 16**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study .....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

### **Thursday, March 17**

O Team.....6:30 pm

### **New Address:**

Elvera Crow

3420 Messanie Street Apt. 2B

St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

### **Up-Coming Events.....**

**March 6 — North American Mission Study, Noon**

**March 7 — Food Kitchen**

March 8 — Dr. Glen Schultz speaking at Frederick Blvd.  
Baptist Church  
March 13 — Daylight Saving Time! (Please set clocks forward 1 hour the night of March 12.)  
March 19 — Baby Shower for Kelsey and Baby Lane 2:30 pm  
March 20 — Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting  
— Food Pantry Collection Day  
March 27 — Easter  
— Diversicare 2:30 pm  
April 8-9 — WMU Annual Meeting @ Midwestern  
April 16 — Keyboard Festival 9:00 am

## **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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### **Sunday Nights**

We will not have Sunday Evening Service here tonight.

### **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

### ***Thank You!***

Dear members of Calvary Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the delicious soups, sandwiches and sides! We are so appreciative of your kindness and generosity!

Blessings,

Hungry Students at the BSU

### **North American Mission Study**

Today, March 6 at noon

immediately following the worship service *with a lite lunch.*

### ***Food Kitchen***

*We will serve tomorrow, Monday, March 7, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.*

### **St. Joseph Christian School Faith Promise 2016**

Dr. Glen Schultz  
Will be sharing on  
Kingdom Education  
***School: It's More  
Than Academics***

**Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm**  
**hosted by Frederick Boulevard**

**Baptist Church**

This is a free event. All those interested from the community are invited to attend.

**~~Daylight Saving Time~~  
March 13**

~~Please remember to spring forward one hour the night of March 12~~

**~~Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting~~  
March 20 at Noon**

Please plan to attend and fellowship with us as we conduct the business of the church.

***Easter Schedule***

Please remember that we will have breakfast at the church on Easter Morning, Sunday, March 27. It will be followed by the regular Sunday morni



***For the Record-***

**Attendance:** February 28, 2016

Sunday School.....	49
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	50
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	58
Children's Worship.....	15
Sunday Night .....	N/A
Wednesday Night .....	16

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 2,905.53

**Offering Received by Mail:**

**March Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and Mike Green

**March Van Driver:**

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747



**before 8 am** if you need a ride.

### **March Member Birthdays:**

01...Ken Nice  
05...Sharon Yarbrough  
13...Tim Ford  
16... Don Sharp  
16... Aleana Lane  
20... Betty Campbell  
20... Lester Buck  
27... Jim Winans

### **March Anniversaries**

Fred and Linda Kerns  
March 14, 1969

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

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Family of Nell Morris  
Donna Dunn—pneumonia  
David Schottel—recovery  
Ken Nice—surgery recovery  
Kathryn Seedorf—Sharon's mother  
Joyce Izer—pray for healing  
Alicia McKinnon—healing  
LoLeta Middleton—eye infection  
Bill Schottel—healing  
Maxine and George Ferbert  
Betty Anslinger—surgery recovery  
Sue Higgins—regain strength  
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew  
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—  
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Bill Haskins—strength  
Stacy Gray—cancer treatment  
Muriel Elder—surgery recovery  
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters  
Grant Schottel—advanced training  
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister  
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew  
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health  
Bob Barquist—cancer  
Lester Buck Kathryn Beavers  
Louanne Laurence Dorothy Post  
Allen Jennings Ann Riddle  
Jim Winans Jozy Winans  
Nellie Reynolds Leona Reynolds  
Kevin Duty Kenny Duty  
Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold  
Susan Patten Debbie Sands  
Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane  
Keon McKahan Dorothy Post  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church

David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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