

CREATION OR EVOLUTION?

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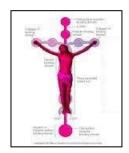
Here the Bible says, as written by Paul, "For by Him (Jesus) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

That means: Did God make the world and all that is in it ... or did it all 'just happen' by 'Evolution' over millions of years? (Maybe now we could ask 'artificial intelligence' to see what it thinks about its existence?)

This editorial/opinion is entirely and solely the work and responsibility of Peter JB Harris. 'theanswerer': This writer has thought about this for many years. I now write some thoughts about a creator - an intelligent, loving and creative thinking God, or to consider 'Evolution' where everything just came about by chance to make humans, the huge variety of animals, plants, birds - plus our world, the environment and even the air we breathe.

LIFE FROM 'NO LIFE' IN A SWAMP TO A LIVING CELL. 'Millions of years ago,' we are told in scientific books and by many teachers, that a very primitive life form became 'alive' because about twenty (20) or more proteins, chemicals and so on, somehow came together and life began. That life has, since then, developed by millions of stages and additions or mutational changes, into us humans.

As a start, with several <u>thousand</u> years of scientific knowledge behind us, why can't scientists create in their laboratories - life from nothing, like it began in the beginning? New life in a test tube - please! They can't.



I mean they have learnt **huge amounts of NEW information** about cells, DNA, genes, stem cells and in humans producing babies for sterile (unable to have babies) ladies. And women having babies without having sex with a male ... a sperm donation = yes! But 'they' cannot create life from chemicals.

Here is a picture of a Laminin molecule = that 'holds us together' in our cells. I think it is interesting that it is <u>shaped like Jesus on a cross.</u>

Or you could say, 'I came FROM a monkey,' 'My ancestors WERE monkeys,' or 'my ancestors WERE gorillas.' Is our 'nearest relative' in the wild and earlier life forms - is the monkey or gorilla? Are we related to them? "Our DNA is 95% the same a monkeys." That maybe so, but life is more than DNA, and our brain 30% bigger.

As a beginning, and some evidence, I would like to see a chimpanzee, maybe look at a rock and think! <u>Think what?</u> "Maybe if I dig out a bit of that rock, smash it into little pieces then build a large fire, and smelt (separate) the orange stuff (copper), from it in the fire. Then I could borrow a hammer, flatten it out into a flat sheet and make a whistle or a cornet (bugle) later on to make music." *They could start by making fire!*



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Animals cannot and do not think such things! Why? They are not capable of imagining (thinking of things they would like to have in the future). They do not get 'ideas' nor do they make plans for the future. They are not made to and never have. All they CAN do, or make, nests/homes to grow their offspring in and find food. They do not think of medicines or drugs/alcohol, aeroplanes, cars, cities or 'going to the moon!'

Neither can they speak or make music and sing songs. They do not have the brain as humans have -call it what you will and no vocal chords to speak any words ... only singing / calls to attract a partner for breeding babies. The Australian Lyre bird CAN imitate sounds it hears identically. How or why - I know not, but the Lyre Birds does not originate these sounds.

MY FAVOURITE EXAMPLE: The northern hemisphere woodpecker. Did God plan and make it – or did it just happen to be that way?

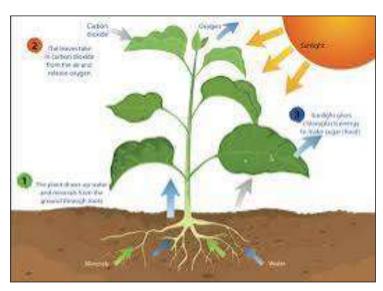
A truly amazing bird: This bird can fly up to a tree and take hold of it. No branches needed thank you. With eight forward facing claws and two facing backwards the bird simply grips the rough bark. It also has very stiff tail feathers and if needed these feathers help to hold (stabilise) the bird while it begins to make a nest hole (a nest) five (5) to ten (10) times bigger than itself in the trunk of the dead tree. "How?"



The woodpecker uses its beak like a carpenter's chisel to chew away the wood. It pecks at 400 to 600 pecks per minute - and sounds a lot like a machine gun. Brain damage? No Sir! Every time it strikes the tree the skull (brain case) moves back a tiny bit – and the skull has a unique (like no other) shock absorber around the beak. **So there is NO brain damage!**

The SOUND it makes is heard by lady woodpeckers in the forest who may come & check out (have a look at) how the male nest builder is going. There may even be a 'marriage'- if she likes his style of work - and I guess how he looks, then a family. The nest builder's lungs are protected from breathing in sawdust by a filter that comes over the nose to keep out sawdust. Cool don't you think? Created like that - or just modified over millions of years to be like no other bird?

A Question for you: Lake Eyre in South Australia fills up say, five (5) to ten (10) times in a century. The water takes three (3) months to get there after rain in Queensland. "How do waterbirds (pelicans and seagulls) know that it is full of water and food - so they fly there?" The lake is thousands of miles from the ocean! Sydney is 1,500 km away and Adelaide is 500 km away. *How do they know?*



Photosynthesis: This truly borders on a miracle because without it there would be little food or trees or plants for us 7,800,000,000 humans to have food and many resources: Things like wood, food crops, spices, flowers and yummy fruits to eat. (See my other article, asking 'What colour ARE leaves' = See the Light!) In the amazing work of photosynthesis the leaves of green trees and plants take up water, carbon dioxide and sunlight to make wood, wheat, corn, potatoes and apricots and strawberries & many other plant foods.

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AND ... the leaves give out oxygen in the photosynthesis process.

Without this 'Work' there would not be enough oxygen in the air for us all to live. "Cool Eh?"





Also in the 'Largest Living Thing" on the earth (General Sherman – a 'Sequoia Tree' in California) the needed water goes up one hundred metres (100 m.) to the leaves at the top of the tree! No pumps needed thanks! Did God plan and create it all - or is it all a 'happening' that occurred all by itself? (This tree is around 2,500 to 2,700 years old.) I gave a reel/roll of rope to the man who puts these pictures to my text for you – I used this reel-of-rope in my Scripture classes as it is measured to be the circumference (circle -around) this tree. All the children go <u>outside</u> near a tree, and then we get <u>inside</u> the rope to make it a big-big-BIG circle! <u>Fun!</u>

And about trees: Trees had to be there in the beginning ... fully grown for the birds to find nectar in the flowers (a honey-like liquid) to feed on. Then seeds to feed birds that live on seeds ... and to build nests, animals to shelter under, and some seeds get to grow into new trees if some trees fall down or die.

More about trees: People use trees to cut wood into timber: Rough or raw timber shows saw-cuts. Dressed timber is when it is shaped or sanded to be smooth, for staining and painting. Maybe a door frame, edging around the floor, very decorative patterns for a picture frame, or for arrows, spears or toothpicks! Many houses are made of wood, even the paper you could print this story onto is made from wood-pulp.

Think about - what you think! Because YOU can!

AND: "Just suppose our earth was 1% closer to the sun – how hot might it get?" One percent (1%) would put this planet 930,000 miles closer to the sun. WOULD THAT BE COMFORTABLE - JUST 1% CLOSER? In my city, Perth, when it gets to 40 degrees Celsius, I am so glad we are not 1% closer to our Sun! I think God got it 'Just right'. Do you agree? (I have another story to 'Wonder' about this topic a lot more.)



One last comment about trees, plants and flowers: My relative Colin Groom helps make this website = See HIS website: **Domus Nursery**

He grows 1,000's of plants, flowers and baby-trees.

A wonderful job to have and enjoy doing outdoors = in the environment. Do you have plants at home in a garden, lawn, verge trees near the road? Maybe indoor plants, herbs to cook and add flavour, or 'to eat in space.' One plant = insect spray is made from. Others are medicines for our help. WE MUST be careful with everything = poison to one, is food for another!