

“Is Atheism a Religion of Faith?”

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“*The fool has said in his heart, ‘there is no God.’*” Psalm 14:1

I think it is very important when having a dialogue not to resort to name calling or *ad hominem* attacks. These are neither helpful nor kind in presenting an argument, but I want to share in this column why I think God has said this in His Word about those who reject His existence. First, I think it’s important to define a couple of words. What is the definition of “religion” and “faith”? Although there are a variety of nuances to these words, Dictionary.com provides this nuance for religion, “something one believes in and follows devotedly.” The concept of religion doesn’t necessarily involve a belief in a deity, but primarily a specific set of beliefs. This usually does include some sort of belief about the origins of life, universe, etc. One nuance for faith is, “belief that is not based on proof.” I think this is a great definition that works right along with “religion.” The Bible tells us that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). If you are a Christian who believes the Bible, you take this on faith. There is no direct “proof” either for or against this assertion. On the other hand, there are those who reject this or don’t “believe” that God created the universe. They also have no evidence to prove their belief, which in turn, paints them into the corner of having faith that it happened the way they believe. None of us were there at the beginning, nor can this be recreated in a laboratory experiment. The point being is that we all have beliefs of origins that cannot be verified, but is this as far as it can go?

During my college years, I was an avowed and committed atheist... all this changed when I began to examine the evidence for what is most probable (versus provable). I love science and the amazing things we have learned from the natural world and the empirical method. What does science tell us about origins? One of the thorniest questions in all of science is how life originated from non-life according to standard evolutionary theory.

The typical atheist “believes” that somehow life evolved from non-living things (rocks, primordial soup, etc.). Yet let it be screamed from the rooftops, not a single scientist has ever produced life from non-life empirically or in any other way. The laws of science and probability all speak against this even being a possibility most specifically for those who believe it happened randomly, with no intelligent input. Yet this is exactly what evolutionists want us to “believe” happened. I have no problem embracing the scientific evidence for natural selection, but it can only operate on the genetic material already present in a population of organisms. *It cannot create new genetic information and subsequently change one kind of organism into another.*¹ Again this is contrary to the evidence even though atheists are committed to this violation of proven natural law and empirical evidence. If evolutionary change from amoeba to man was accurate, there would be no lack of evidence, especially in the fossil record. There would be billions of “missing links”, but there are no indisputable examples. According to the definition of faith above, they are demonstrating not just faith in something lacking any proof, but instead have faith in a process that violates current natural law! That is demonstrating even more faith than those who believe some intelligent designer created life. One evolutionist named Joseph V. Smith admits that: “...understanding the chemical beginnings of life poses major challenges. How could the first self-replicating and energy-supplying molecules have been assembled from simpler materials that were undoubtedly available on the early protocontinents? Most scientists abhor spontaneous generation, much less the wave of a magic wand from God or the inheritance of living organisms from outer space. The chemical steps that led to life on Earth remain a matter of intense speculation.” What’s the point? They have no proof, but instead will dismiss evidence that a Creator is the only logical conclusion while staying committed to their “intense speculation.”² That is why God calls them fools (Rom 1:22). Check our website for more evidence in an article entitled, [“A few reasons why an evolutionary origin of life is impossible.”](#) Have a blessed week! (Article for New Lenox Patriot- October 16, 2008 edition)

¹ <http://www.icr.org/natural-selection/>

² <http://www.icr.org/articles/print/2469/>