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Evolution is in Trouble

Evolution is a theory of the origin of life on this planet. It is attractive to those who do not want to consider the existence of or their responsibility to a supreme intelligent creator being.

Evolutionists claim that plant and animal life arose all by itself. The building blocks of life were generated from simple chemicals, water, atmospheric gasses and lightning. Simple organic compounds combined in various ways gradually producing single-celled life. Evolutionary theory states that the current diversity and complexity of life arose through random mutations and natural selection imposed by an ever-changing environment.

As the immense complexity found in single cells started to be fully appreciated, honest scientists began to question the feasibility of evolution. The theory is woefully inadequate to explain, not only the origin, but also the development of the variety and staggering complexity of living organisms.

Phillip E. Johnson was the first credible person to challenge evolution. His book, *Darwin on Trial*, was published in 1991. Another serious challenge was provided by Michael J. Behe in his book, *Darwin's Black Box*. Stephen C. Meyer pointed out that DNA directs cellular function and is written in a code. Codes never develop spontaneously. His book is, *Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design*.

A mathematician, David Berlinski, in his books *The Deniable Darwin*, and *The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and its Scientific Pretensions*, shows the mathematical impossibility of evolution. William Dembski wrote a brilliant rebuttal to evolutionists who challenge the concept of intelligent design in his book *The Design Revolution: Answering the Toughest Questions About Intelligent Design*.

Beyond evolution on earth, Brian Green tackles the design of the entire universe in *Elegant Universe*. This is complemented by *The Improbable Planet* by Hugh Ross.

Seventh-day Adventists have made a significant contribution to the discussion of creation in *Origin by Design* by Harold G. Coffin, Robert H. Brown, and L. James Gibson, and *Faith, Reason, & Earth History* (a free download) by Leonard Brand and Arthur Chadwick.

And now over 1000 PhD scientists from around the world have signed a statement publicly expressing their skepticism about evolution. They state, "We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful



examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged.”¹

The list of those who have signed this statement includes 15 scientists from the National Academies of Science in countries including Russia, Czech Republic, Brazil, and the United States as well as from the Royal Society. Many of the signers are professors or researchers at major universities and international research institutions such as the University of Cambridge, Moscow State University, Ben-Gurion University in Israel, MIT, The Smithsonian, Yale, and Princeton.

Honest scientists are beginning to be true to the reality they have discovered in their research. Hold-out evolutionists are described by Paul in Romans 1:20-23 (NKJV) “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

¹ David Klinghoffer, “2019 Summer Seminars in Seattle: Study with Michael Behe and Other ID Superstars”<https://evolutionnews.org/2019/02/2019-summer-seminars-in-seattle-study-with-michael-behe-and-other-id-superstars/> accessed 6/21/2020

