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### **EVOLUTION: DOES IT *REALLY* EXPLAIN EVERYTHING?**

Evolution is set forth as the great cause of the development of life on earth and, by extension, is denoted as the mechanism by which the inanimate universe also came into existence – that is, by a series of happy accidents. The old debate over human origins and the value of religion in society has been further stimulated by the best-seller by Prof. Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion*. In fact, this debate has been underway for generations, but the explosive growth of knowledge in biology and genetics has given new confidence to those on the atheistic side of the discussion. This, coupled with the rapid decline in public Christian worship in Britain, has forced the advocates of Christianity onto the back foot. Not a bad thing entirely, considering that Christian apologetics at its best has usually emerged under pressure. [\[More\]](#)

Evolution vs. Creation on the Web and in the news

<http://www.truthinscience.org.uk/site/content/view/284/63/>

<http://www.darwinismandid.com/>

<http://www.thematrix.co.uk/texttopic.asp?ID=22>

### **THY KINGDOM COME**

*“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one’.”*

[\(Matthew 6: 9-13\)](#)

In this model prayer which He taught to His disciples, Jesus directs their attention first to the Kingdom of God, ‘Your kingdom come’. And, as if by way of explanation as to what He means, follows it with ‘Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’. This is a clue sufficient to inform us that this longed-for kingdom will be *global*. This is supported by direct Scriptural assertion, such as [Jeremiah 31: 33-34](#), [Isaiah 45: 22-25](#), and [Habakkuk 2: 14](#).

Jesus said that His death on the cross would be the means whereby the attention of all mankind would be directed toward Him and eventually come to accept Him as Saviour ([John 12: 32-33](#)). This is supported also by the words of the Apostle Paul in [Philippians 2: 8-11](#).

For more on the Kingdom of God, see the Q&A. at <http://www.ukbiblestudents.co.uk/Question%20Box/qb1.htm>

<http://www.ukbiblestudents.co.uk/faq/q11.htm>

<http://www.ukbiblestudents.co.uk/faq/q9.htm>

### **QUICK, OR SLOW?**

While many Christians agree on the inspiration and veracity of the Book of Genesis, they differ in their interpretation of the length of the six creative days outlined in [Chapter 1](#). This can be a very touchy point and can lead to heated argument. Some maintain that each day is a period of twenty-four hours and that planet earth is geologically young, not the four-thousand million years often assigned to it.

Weighing against this view is the statement in [Genesis 1: 14-19](#) that the moon and the sun (‘two great lights’) – the clock which determines the length of a day on earth – did not come into existence until the fourth day. This suggests that the ‘light’ mentioned in verse 3 was a different phenomenon.

Man was made in the image and likeness of his Creator – a diminutive god on earth. And as God created, so man created, over the generations rearranging his environment, building on it, shaping it to suit his political, social, and economic needs, from rural agriculture to the modern, bustling cityscape.

Most far-reaching plans require time to think out and mature, and most jobs worth doing take time to do well. Man is a rational, creative being and studies and analyses methods, procedures, and alternatives prior to executing his plans. We might reasonably infer from this that God has framed His creation not in human scale, but on an epochal scale. So, each day of Genesis may have been thousands or millions of years long.

Does this mean that God could *not* have created the earth in six literal days? No. Does He need to? Our Creator has been carrying out His Plan of salvation for several thousand years already, a period evidently necessary for the human race to learn the lessons He wishes to teach it.

### **CHRISTIANS MAKE GOOD CITIZENS**

Obedying the injunctions of [Romans 13: 1-10](#), the true followers of Christ ought to demonstrate the virtues of civic responsibility. In short, Christians are obliged to be the kind of citizens that any sensible government would prize. This is why it's hard to fathom the zeal of the present Labour government in their rush to dump the long-held Christian values of our country. As an antidote to the binge culture, vandalism, sexual misbehaviour, and increasing rudeness in our society, Christianity fits the bill.

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