

LESSON 11: November 26: Science & Religion, The seen and The unseen

A. Unfinished business: The Reliability of Scripture

- Why is it important to establish that a “spiritual” book like the Bible is also historically accurate?

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

- IN “A READY DEFENSE” p. 174; Josh McDowell

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- The Ultimate Source of Truth – the Bible.

1 Peter 1: 24 For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord stands for ever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

Colossians 2:2-3 “Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

2 Tim. 3:13 But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

B. Another look at SCIENCE and Genesis 1

1. The Steady State Theory
2. The Big Bang Theory.

“If the big bang theory is true, it tells us nothing about the One who caused it or why the universe has such an astonishing complexity and order or how life originated.” --James Montgomery Boice

C. Have you ever wondered?

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. 3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

D. Atheistic Evolution or Intelligent Design

1. In order for something to evolve there must be something there in the first place to evolve and that first something can not evolve but must be either eternally present or created.

2. Chance or intelligent design?

"Evolution is a fact amply demonstrated by the fossil record and contemporary molecular biology." --Carl Sagan

a. Molecular Biology.

Darwin wrote: "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organism existed which could not have possibly been formed by numerous, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

b. The Fossil Record:

Darwin wrote: "The number of intermediate varieties which have formerly existed on the earth (must) be truly enormous. Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graded organic chain; and this perhaps is the obvious and gravest objection which can be leveled against my theory."

BUT SAYS DARWIN WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOSSILS.

David Ruup, Director of the Field Museum of Natural History (which contains one of the largest collections in the world) writes: "We are now about 120 years after Darwin and the knowledge of the fossil record has been greatly expanded. We now have a quarter of a million fossil species but the situation hasn't changed much. The record of evolution is still surprisingly jerky, and ironically we have even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than we did in Darwin's time."

3. The emergence of life is a complex problem.

4. The emergence of soul, spirit, & God-consciousness.