

## **EVOLUTION IN THE BIBLE**

### **The rise of the Theory of Evolution predicted by the Apostle Peter**

There is a Bible passage that clearly foretells the rise of the theory of Evolution just before Jesus the Messiah returns to this earth. It was written about 65-68 AD by the apostle Peter who, strangely enough, was considered in his generation to be an 'uneducated fisherman' (Acts 4v13). How did Peter obtain such knowledge, 1800 years in advance? It is obvious that his information must have come directly from God, because only God knows the future (Isaiah 46v9-10).

### **The Apostle Peter's prophetic words**

#### **2 Peter 3v3-7:**

***"Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they deliberately forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded by water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men."***

The above verses are prophecy. Peter foretells something that will happen in the future just before Jesus the Messiah returns (*the promise of His coming*) and hopefully it will become clear as you read on that he is talking about the rise of 'the Theory of Evolution'. Peter states that people who believe in Evolution will hold the following beliefs:

- 1 They will ridicule the Bible
- 2 Deny the second coming of Jesus the Messiah
- 3 Believe in 'the Principle of Uniformitarianism'
- 4 Deny the Genesis account of how God created the heavens
- 5 Deny the Genesis account of how God created the Earth (dry land) and the Seas
- 6 Deny the worldwide Flood in the days of Noah

Let us now examine these 6 distinct beliefs in more detail:

#### ***Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts***

Peter tells us that there will be people in the last days who will ridicule the Bible and replace it with their own ideas (*according to their own lusts*). Of course in every age there have been those who have scoffed at God's Word. However, the rest of Peter's prophetic words should leave us in no doubt that he is specifically talking about people who believe in 'the Theory of Evolution'.

**saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”**

These scoffers deny that Jesus is coming back to this earth—this time to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords! There is no room in the theory of Evolution for the fact that Jesus is the Creator (Colossians 1v16; John 1v3) and is returning to this earth.

**“For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”**

This is Peter’s way of describing what geologists and others call ‘*the Principle of Uniformitarianism*’. *The Principle of Uniformitarianism* is the belief that natural laws and processes function in the same way today as they have done in the past (*all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation*). *The Principle of Uniformitarianism* thus denies the possibility of any divine intervention either at the beginning of creation or subsequently since creation during the singular catastrophic event of Noah’s Flood which totally destroyed the original world in which the ‘*fathers*’ (original ancestors of the human race) lived. Many other Biblical events contradict *the Principle of Uniformitarianism* including God’s delaying the sun setting for a whole day so that Joshua could win an important battle (Joshua 10v13) and the turning of water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John Chapter 2). In the latter miracle, Jesus transformed water (H<sub>2</sub>O) into alcohol (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH) plus changed the colour and flavour instantaneously. *The Principle of Uniformitarianism* believes that everything in the universe has evolved gradually over billions of years whereas the Bible clearly states that God created the universe and everything in it in six literal 24 hour days as mentioned in Genesis Chapter 1, Exodus 20v11 and Exodus 31v17. In addition, the whole creation was already ‘fit for purpose’ and ‘ready to function’. Therefore, even though only 1 second old, Adam would have appeared as an adult man of perhaps 30 years of age and not just a few cells because God wanted him to take care of the garden of Eden, marry Eve and produce children which a few cells could not do! Such would be the case of everything else in the Universe i.e. everything had an appearance of age right from the beginning. Even light flooded the Universe instantaneously (Genesis 1v3) and did not take billions of light years to move from one side to the other! This is not a deception as some would falsely accuse God of, because God wanted a fully functioning creation right from the start just as many things that we make have to be ‘ready to use’. Therefore, there was no gradual development from the simple to the more complex.

**For this they wilfully forget that by the word of God were the heavens of old**

Peter tells us that these scoffers will deny (*deliberately forget*) that *the heavens* (the universe) were spoken into existence by *the word of God* exactly as Genesis chapter one describes and which is confirmed in many other places in the Bible e.g. Psalm 33v6; Psalm 148v5-6 and Hebrews 11v3. In addition, the term ‘*deliberately forget*’ implies a deliberate, conscious decision to refuse to believe God’s account of how He created the universe and everything in it. Peter clearly states that it is not that Evolutionists can’t believe in God but that they do not want to believe (*deliberately forget*). Isn’t it strange that so many people would rather believe in the speculations of fallible men who were not present when the universe was created and yet reject the account of the only eyewitness present at the time--God. As Peter tells us they have made a deliberate (*wilfull*) decision to reject the Bible’s teaching. On the contrary, the Apostle Peter took the Genesis account of Creation ‘literally’.

**and the earth standing out of water and in the water**

Here Peter again authenticates the account of how God created the earth as described in Genesis 1v9-10 as follows:

*Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas.*

Peter confirms that as God spoke the words 'let the dry land appear', immediately '*the earth stood out of water*' but remained '*in the same water*' which God called '*Seas*' exactly as the Genesis account declares. As a result, Peter again affirms that Genesis is meant to be taken 'literally' not 'poetically' or 'metaphorically'. The theory of Evolution again denies this account of earth's creation.

### **By which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water**

Not only does Peter affirm a literal interpretation of Genesis chapter 1 but also chapters 6-9 which describe the event popularly known as 'Noah's Flood'. He tells us that the world we live in today is completely different to the pre-Flood world. This is because the original pre-Flood '*world that then existed*' was totally destroyed by '*being flooded with water*'. As a result, untold millions of animals and plants were buried very rapidly under sediments before they could rot or be scavenged. The Fossil Record gives us a glimpse into that world in which many people lived to almost 1000 years of age (Genesis chapter 5). The fact of Noah's world-wide Flood totally negates 'the principle of uniformitarianism' which believes that the geological layers were laid down over millions of years. Present day proof for the rapid deposition of the geological layers can be seen by a visit to Mt. St. Helens in Washington State, USA where 25 feet of sediments were deposited in a few hours on June 12, 1980 (see [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org)).

Furthermore, 1 Peter 3v20 and 2 Peter 2v5 both affirm the Genesis account that *Noah's family of eight persons* were the only survivors of the world-wide Flood.

The Lord Jesus, Himself, also testified to a literal interpretation of the Genesis account of the Flood in Matthew 24v37-39 (and Luke 17v27-28):

*"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the Flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

Jesus confirms that Noah was a real person who built an ark to escape the world-wide Flood that killed every person apart from Noah's family of eight who were in the ark as it '*took them all away*'. Isn't it interesting that Jesus mentions Noah's Flood and His second coming in the same passage. He surely must have known that Evolutionists would one day deny them both!

### **Summary**

Peter foretells the rise of the theory of Evolution 1800 years in advance. He describes exactly what Evolutionists would believe, namely:

- 1 They would ridicule the Bible
- 2 Deny the second coming of Jesus the Messiah
- 3 Believe in 'the Principle of Uniformitarianism'
- 4 Deny the literal Genesis account of how God created the heavens
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### **Warning**

Immediately after Peter finished his prophecy about the theory of Evolution he issued a prophetic warning to those who hold to this theory.

*"But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgement and perdition (destruction) of ungodly men."*

Here Peter tells us that God upholds the present heavens and earth by the same omnipotent word that created them and that one day at *the day of judgement* He will completely destroy them together with all the ungodly, including Evolutionists who will receive the sentence of eternal torment (*perdition*) in the Lake of Fire. However, the day of judgement is not a day to be feared for anyone who has put his trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour for in 2 Peter 3v13 Peter goes on to encourage those who are believers:

*"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."*

The present heavens and earth will be replaced by new and perfect ones.

Whose side are you on—God's or the Evolutionists? Your eternal destiny rests on your decision!

Just as God's patience delayed His judgement in the days of Noah( 1 Peter 3v20), so at this present time He is delaying His final judgement because He wants as many people as possible to be saved :

***The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3v9***

True repentance involves believing and acting upon the following verse of scripture:

***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3v16***

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