

GOD IS SCIENTIFIC, EVOLUTION AND JEHOVAH ARE RELIGION!

The title of this article would certainly seem to be a strange statement, especially as the opposite is taught and presumed to be true. Before we start into this, we need to establish some definitions of related words. It is important to understand that the portion of the definition pertinent is copied, the full definitions are longer.

Definitions in Webster's dictionary:

God: "a spirit or being that has great power, strength, knowledge, etc., and that can affect nature and the lives of people"

Deity: "the rank or essential nature of a god".

Supernatural: "unable to be explained by science or the laws of nature: of, relating to, or seemingly to come from magic, a god, etc."

Science": "knowledge about or study of the natural world based on facts learned thru experiments and observation".

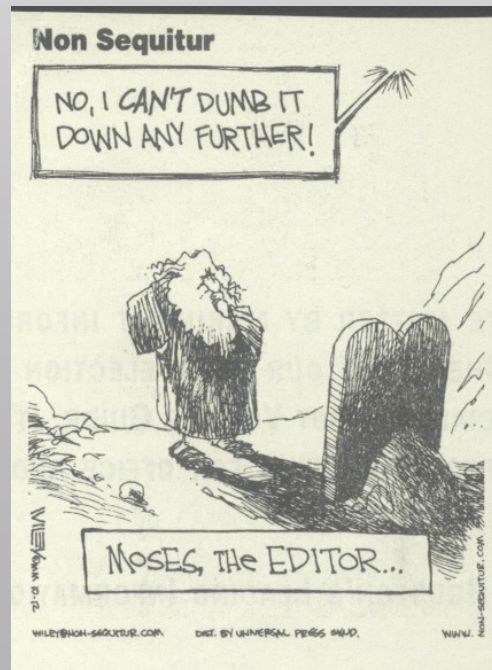
Scientific: "done in an organized way that agrees with principles of science".

Now for some basic logic:

1. To be scientific it must be observable and repeatable.
2. "God" is a reference to a deity - a supernatural being. The measure of being a "god" or a "deity" would be that it could do something supernatural.
3. Matter (A) must have always existed or (B) must have been created at some time in the past. There are no other options.

It is scientific law (Thermodynamics #1) that something cannot be created from nothing. I have a vacuum chamber and have personally observed in the vacuum chamber that nothing suddenly appeared. You can do the same. If something were to suddenly appear from nothing, it would violate the laws of nature - it would be a supernatural event.

It is scientific law (Thermodynamics #2) that all systems run down. I have observed this when I tried to spin a top hoping it would run forever. It stopped. You can observe this for yourself. The U.S. patent office has made this official - if you apply for a patent for a perpetual motion machine it is automatically rejected. If a system runs forever without running down it would violate the laws of nature - it would be a supernatural event.



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Either of the two possible options for the existence of matter (i.e. our universe) is therefore a supernatural event - the work of a deity - the work of a god. But matter exists. Therefore the existence of a god, a deity, is able to be demonstrated scientifically. If you look around yourself and see matter, it is scientific proof that supernatural, i.e. a “deity” or “god”, existed. This means that “god” is scientific.

Now if you believe that **Jehovah** is that god and that He created the heavens and the earth, that is faith and is therefore your religion (and ours). The Bible tells you that Jehovah created the heavens and the earth, but you did not see Him do it and you cannot ask that it be repeated. The Bible reveals scientific facts that contemporary men had no way of knowing (i.e. the weight of the winds in Job 28:25), but that does not make belief in Jehovah a fact. It just reinforces your belief. You must settle for the fact that Jehovah must be believed in.

Now, what is **evolution**? By this we mean creation of species evolution (macro-evolution) rather than change within a species (i.e. getting fat). Have you seen evolution take place - no you haven't and no one else has either. Can you repeat it - no you can't and no one else can, in spite of spending millions of your tax dollars trying. This means that if you choose to believe in evolution - you believe it as your religion as there are no facts to support it. There are observations, some of which are compatible with the evolutionary theory, but they can also be interpreted otherwise, i.e. being compatible with intelligent design. If you choose to accept the evolutionary explanation, it is your choice, and your religion.

The first step of any evolutionary theory is that

matter must exist to evolve. This means the first step is a supernatural step, so the very foundation of evolution is a belief in supernatural— a “deity” or a “god”.

In addition to the first step in evolution being a belief in supernatural, this publication publishes an article each month on something impossible for evolution to explain. To disprove evolution doesn't take an article every month - it only takes one. Atheistic evolution is not only a religion, but is clearly a false religion.

All physical observations fit Jehovah and Jehovah thru the Bible provides numerous scientific proofs that He is real (Psalm 8:8, Job 38:7, Job 26:7, Job 38:16). It may take faith to believe in Jehovah - but not nearly as much faith as it takes to believe in the religion of atheistic evolution.

A READY ANSWER: **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

The only actual New Testament instruction on singing is given in Eph. 5:19: “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;”.

Instruments of music existed before the church and when the church was established, but were not introduced into Christian worship until 600 years later. This is in spite of the fact that there was some limited use of instruments in Old Testament worship. Therefore, we will follow the New Testament teaching and example of acapella music. (91 words)

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, and I also want to be encouraged by yours.” (Rom. 1:12)

We need courage to face the challenges, dilemmas and stresses of our lives. Without encouragement we lose confidence. Courage comes when we are affirmed for who we are and what we do. When someone recognizes our efforts, notices our improvement or simply appreciates our presence it moves us forward. With courage we can persevere or even risk doing new things. There is not a single person among us who does not need encouragement. Not one!

No human encounter is without consequence. Like a lingering fragrance, let every encounter be a positive one that builds others up. The first requirement is a loving heart and practiced awareness. “Encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” (I Thes. 5:14) “Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.” (I Thes. 5:14)

Our goal is not only to love, accept and value each other – it includes sharing that word of encouragement with others! “Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” (Eph. 4:29) “Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be Joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Cor. 13:11)

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THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IS THAT:

- 1. ALL CHRISTIAN REVELATION WAS GIVEN IN THE FIRST CENTURY, &**
- 2. FIRST CENTURY REVELATION INCLUDES SOME INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE NOT OPTIONAL TO IGNORE.**

ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS “SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS, AND REMAIN SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT”.

ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS REV. 22: 18-19: I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The old law tells us of the seriousness of God’s judgment.

The new law tells of God’s expectations of us today.

The church of Christ attempts to follow God’s instructions rather than contemporary preferences to be sure you will be pleasing to God on judgment day.

Would you want to be anyplace else?

All we need to do is to effectively communicate that.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION: STEREOSCOPIC VISION!

Hold your arms out only slightly bent and point one index finger at the other about a foot apart. Close one eye and then move your fingers towards each other to touch. The average person's fingers will miss each other about a half an inch. Now, move your fingers back apart, open both eyes and move them forward to touch. Most people will easily touch their fingers together.

What is there about having two eyes open that makes it easy to touch your fingers together?

When you have one eye open your eye can determine direction and if you know how large your finger is, you can get a rough estimation of distance. It is good enough that given your fingers are the same size, you can bring them within about 1/2" of each other.

When you have two eyes open it appears your eyes can "triangulate" on your finger and do a resulting calculation as to distance. It does the same on both fingers at the same time. After the calculation of distance, your brain sends a signal to your arms to properly position your fingers at the same distance so they will contact.

It isn't just humans with this capability. Obviously a lot of other animals can judge distance.

If you believe in evolution, first you must obviously believe that the spectacular design of eyes was a chance happening. Then you had to get 2 eyes, which is not much of a challenge after you already have your first eye.

Then you have to figure out how to get both eyes looking at the same thing. If your eyes both look towards your nose you are cross eyed. If they look off in odd directions, you are

walleyed. Can you imagine the confusion when you magically got 2 eyes, but they were looking at different things in a walleyed fashion? Just think of how awkward you would be if you had different eyes looking in different directions. If you believed evolution was doing this, then your survival of the fittest would get this confused animal eaten quickly.

Presuming that "2 eyes" survived, it must recognize the need for both eyes to look at the same thing and develop a coordination to do this.

After each of these spectacular steps are taken, "2 eyes" must conceive that if it can judge the angle between its eyes when looking at the object (your finger) it can estimate the distance. It doesn't do any good if he conceives the need and dies, in one generation. He must conceive of it, implement it, and change his DNA to pass this new capability on to his offspring.



The graphic above was on a restroom door at a local college.

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Passing this along to your offspring is further complicated by the fact that having dual eyes is associated with sexual reproduction. This means at the very least that this change in DNA must be dominant in the reproductive process.

What makes stereoscopic vision different from a lot of the other "impossibles" previously discussed is that it cannot be considered a chance mutation of some DNA, but is solely an intellectual invention. The same physical components are involved in stereoscopic vision as would be in non-stereoscopic vision. It is only how the information is processed in the brain and how the information is stored in your DNA.

This means the concept, invention, implementation, and storage to the reproducible DNA not only had to be done in one generation, but it had to be done by an animal with zero I.Q. It is for sure that the first animals with stereoscopic vision were animals with zero I.Q. animals.

This is just one more thing we take for granted around us which display the wisdom and intelligence of a designer. That designer is God.



RECENT E-MAIL: A LITTLE SOMETHING TO SLEEP ON MARRIAGE / MARIJUANA

For those who haven't heard, Washington State just passed both laws - gay marriage and legalized marijuana.

The fact that gay marriage and marijuana were legalized on the same day makes perfect biblical sense because Leviticus 20:13 says, "If a man lies with another man they should be stoned."

We obviously just hadn't interpreted it correctly before!



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FAILING A TEST WITH DIGNITY

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

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DO
YOU
BELIEVE
THE
BIBLE?

The first century church taught that following the Old Law would cause you to fall from grace. (Gal. 5:4)

If your religious group teaches something else, you might like to visit your local Church of Christ.

The Churches of Christ attempt to speak where the Bible Speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent. (Rev. 22:18-19)

Quotable Quotes

We count who shows up when we should be counting who doesn't show up.

WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT

A local group of Christians who believe that the Bible can be updated by contemporary council decisions.

A church which receives the permission from an earthly headquarters to plant a new congregation.

A church which attempts to duplicate a 19th or 20th century pattern for a church.

A church which believes you can pick and choose what part of the Bible you want to believe and follow only those parts.

A church which believes that we should judge that we are all in a community of believers as long as we say we believe in Jesus, irrespective of what we do and preach. A church which should assure all others that they are saved.

A group who makes decisions based on popularity rather than scriptural basis.

A group which simply skips over Acts 2:38.

A group which finds more convenient ways to simulate baptism.

A group which votes on what it suits them to believe and preach or a group which believes that they are still getting direct revelations from God.

A group who believes we are here to entertain ourselves.

For those bound & determined to change the church of Christ to be the Christian Church, wouldn't it be easier to simply join the Christian Church.? Is the problem that your conscience won't allow you to join the Christian Church, but if you can reduce the church of Christ to being the Christian Church you will not offend your conscience?

WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS

The church of Christ is a local group of Christians which try to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the first century pattern and teaching of the New Testament era at each location.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the scriptural organization of the church at each location.

The church of Christ has members who believe they are following the scriptural teachings as best they can.

Church of Christ members believe that we should not judge others' eternal reward, but that it is not reasonable to give comfort to others who follow their own preferences rather than teachings of the Bible.

A non-instrumental body as instruments were available in the first century and not used, and not used for several centuries.

A group who teaches Acts 2:38.

A group which teaches baptism by immersion for the remission of sins as that is what is taught in the Bible.

A group which believes all revelation was given in the first century.

A group which believes we are responsible to take the Gospel to the world.

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AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

2nd Tues. Preacher's Luncheon, confirm with Dale Foster at dalefost@gmail.com for address.

5/22/14 Foster's Home For Children Golf Tournament, Blackhorse

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YAHOO GROUP

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E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A goal of this newsletter is to develop a mailing list of as many members of the church as possible and to communicate church related information to as many members as possible. In that light, we would appreciate it if you would:

1. forward the church member e-mail addresses which you have,
2. send the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have, and
3. give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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