

# In The Beginning - Creation or Evolution

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**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** For those of you watching by television, whatever you do, don't turn the dial right now. What's about to come forth, you may not need and you may need; but I'll guarantee you, your children will. I'm going to speak on an issue today that has plagued the Church for a long, long time. It is an issue that has caused much controversy between the Church and the world. And it is an issue that if you don't understand can completely set you off course to what the Word of God says.

Turn to the first book of the Bible, to the first verse in the first book. We're going to read that first verse: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." I'm speaking on this particular subject today and really not so much preaching today as teaching on this particular subject, because a few weeks ago a member of the congregation came to me after the service, and she said "I'm taking a class, working on my Masters, and in the class they are teaching us about evolution, and it is contrary to what the Word of God says in the Bible. And in the school, they are teaching my children about evolution, and it is contrary to what God says in His Word." She said, "Pastor, first of all, what do I need to know to deal with the professors and, second of all, what do I tell my children?"

This is an issue that is the foundation of the Christian religion. If you don't understand and if you allow the very first part of what God said to be invalidated, it can crumble the whole thing, because God says, "Not one jot nor tittle of my Word will pass away." None of it will be false. Therefore, if you allow the first part to be false, you cast a shadow over the entire thing. So I'm preaching or teaching today on the subject "In the Beginning - Creation or Evolution"; "In the Beginning - Creation or Evolution. As I'm saying even to those of you watching on television, you may have it made up in your mind and you may say, "Well, I know God created the heavens and the earth, and that settles it." You may have made up your mind; but I guarantee you, if you're a parent, sooner or later your child is going to come to you and ask you, "Daddy or Mama, what about what the professor told me about evolution? What about what the professor told me that I evolved from a monkey? What about this, Daddy? What about this, Mama?" You are going to need this message for your child, because you may not know how to combat the science that the teacher is going to give the child if you don't know how to answer the question. You see, sometimes children may not just accept, "Well, God said so." Sometimes a child is sitting in a classroom, looking at distinguished professors with all kinds of letters before and after their names, sitting in an institution that is supposedly housing nothing but truth and dealing with something that they say they can prove, and that child is going to need more from you than just "God said so."

I know that's true, because I needed more. When the teachers and when the books and when all of the sciences said that this is the way we came to be and all anybody

else from the pulpit could tell me was, "Well, God said so," that didn't cut it with me. I didn't have enough faith at that point because, first of all, I was and still am a scientist, and if they couldn't show me by some logical deduction how things were, I couldn't believe it. It wasn't until much later down the road when I really started looking at the science of it that God gave me the answers and the revelation on how to deal with it.

So like I said, if you're watching this on television, you may not need it; but I guarantee you, sooner or later you're going to need it for your children. So make a point to call and get this tape, because if you don't need it now, you're going to need it later. You are going to need "In the Beginning - Creation or Evolution".

You know, first of all, most of us don't even fully understand what they say about the theory of evolution. It's taught in schools as fact, when in reality it is a theory. It has never been proven as fact. It is a theory, and even as a theory, it has within it three or four different, sometimes conflicting theories. It is correctly termed -- and I'm speaking as a scientist, and I am going to talk to you today primarily as a scientist more so than as a preacher, because I want you to understand. The young lady that came to me with that question, I want them to understand the science behind "In the Beginning - Creation or Evolution".

First of all, it is a theory. Even when you take the word "theory" and dissect it, its root is the word "theos", which means "God". You see, even within the theory of evolution, that which science claims is independent, distinct and separate from anything having to do with God, even within what it is technically called, "the theory of evolution", in the midst of the word "theory" sits smack in the middle of it "God". And you can't get around it.

Now, first I want to go through an outline of what the theory of evolution says. First, the Bible says "In the beginning, the earth was without form and void," meaning nothing. God said it was nothing. The theory of evolution says in the beginning there were clouds of hydrogen gas in space; nothing else; nothing at all but hydrogen.

Now, my major in college was chemistry. And for those of you who understand anything about chemistry, you know that hydrogen is the first element on the Periodic Chart of Elements. Its atomic number is one. It is the lightest and it is the simplest of all elements known to man. I say "known to man", because there's a whole lot about the Universe and even about matter that man doesn't know. But it is the first, the lightest and the simplest of elements known to man: hydrogen. The theory of evolution says that in the beginning there was nothing but hydrogen. Throughout all of the Universe and all of space was hydrogen dispersed. As time went on, the hydrogen gas started to kind of coalesce together in clouds. As millions and billions of years passed, the theory of evolution says that the hydrogen got

closer and closer together, and all of the hydrogen in the Universe eventually formed one big cloud. As it formed one big cloud, the gravitational field of the hydrogen increased and started drawing the hydrogen closer and closer and closer together until eventually all of the hydrogen compacted into one big, tight condensed ball. As this ball contracted and condensed, the gravitational field got even greater. It started creating heat, and it just pressed in and created more and more and more and more pressure until all of the matter in the Universe was compacted and compounded into one big ball. Eventually over billions of years, this ball exploded. And that is called the "Big Bang Theory".

From the explosion of this one ball where all of the matter in the Universe was compacted, it threw everything out over all of space. From this one ball formed all of the worlds and the planets and the stars that we see now. The Earth was formed as one of those planets, and the sun was formed as one of the offspring of the big ball that originally came from hydrogen gas.

The earth was originally just a big molten ball of lava, of rock, according to the theory of evolution. As time went on, the ball and the rock cooled. As it cooled, water formed. I'm condensing this for the sake of time; but as it cooled, water formed, and the oceans were formed. And in the ocean, there was nothing. And because of light from the sun and certain stars that had formed, in the ocean, certain life then came about from some of the gases that had formed to make the atmosphere, and it created basic building blocks of life, as the theory of evolution calls it. They are called amino acids, from which proteins are made. As these amino acids were in the ocean, they kind of got together; and eventually the amino acids turned into proteins. And eventually, the proteins developed into single-celled organisms. And eventually, these single-celled organisms changed and mutated and evolved into multi-celled organisms and then evolved into plants and plankton and algae and all of that.

It went on and on and on, and eventually they evolved into fish. The fish then evolved into reptiles. The reptiles evolved into mammals. The mammals went on and evolved into the monkeys and the apes. And eventually the apes evolved into man. This is what the theory of evolution says.

Now, let me boil it all down to one simple statement of what the theory of evolution says: the theory of evolution says everything that is in this world -- that you, I, the Bible, every famous and fantastic invention you see, the car you drive, the television you're watching this on -- the theory of evolution says all this stuff came out of thin air. You see, that's what hydrogen gas is. Hydrogen gas is not only thin air, it is the thinnest of air! It's thinner than any other gas known to man. That's why when they first made blimps, or dirigibles, they used to fill them with hydrogen gas, because hydrogen gas was the lightest of gases and would make the blimp float easier. Now they're using helium, because hydrogen gas also is a little flammable, and when the

dirigibles burned, they started using nonflammable gas. But the reason they began using hydrogen gas was because it was the lightest, because it was the thinnest of all the gases.

The theory of evolution says that everything came out of thin air. Sometimes I hear people saying, "Well, I have a hard time believing that a divine power created everything. I believe in the theory of evolution." You are going to sit here and tell me you have a hard time believing that a divine, supernatural intelligence created everything, but you have no problem believing all this came out of thin air?! You have no problem with that?

You see, what changed my opinion away from the theory of evolution was not religion. It was science, because I am at the core a scientist: I seek after that which is true, and all science is doing is seeking the truth. If science gives you something that's untrue, it's not true science. Science and religion should not diverge. It just means one of them is wrong.

So my changing away from the theory of evolution, frankly, had nothing to do with religion. I looked at the science! And the first thing I had to say was, "You mean to tell me that science wants me to believe that all of this came out of nothing but thin air?"

Now, let me go on and just break this down for you a little further in terms of science. And like I say, for those of you watching this on television, you're going to need this message one day for your children; I guarantee you that. If you haven't yet, you will, because they're going to come to you and they're going to ask you "Mama or Daddy, what about evolution?" You're not going to be able to remember all this, so you better call and get "In the Beginning - Creation or Evolution". I won't have enough time to even finish all of the message on television. You're going to need the complete message, because one day you'll have to deal with your children on this issue.

First of all, dealing with the theory of evolution, science has a fundamental law upon which it is supposedly based. Three of the most solid, the most well-respected, the supposedly immutable laws of science are the first three laws of thermodynamics. If you've taken physics, you may be familiar with them. If you haven't taken physics, maybe you're not familiar with them; but I'm going to tell you.

The first law of thermodynamics, which is what physics is based upon, says matter can neither be created nor destroyed. That's the first law of thermodynamics. Science tells you that matter can neither be created nor destroyed. They had to go back and make an amendment to the law once we got nuclear power saying matter can neither be created nor destroyed, but it can be converted from matter to energy

and from energy to matter via nuclear mechanisms. But what science says in a nutshell is that you can't create anything, and you can't get rid of anything.

That's in direct contradiction to what the Word of God says, because the Word of God says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." I say to science and those that preach the theory of evolution, something had to create the thin air that you say this stuff come out of. By the first law of thermodynamics -- science says it can't be created and it can't be destroyed -- something even had to create the thin air that you claim all this stuff came out of! That's the first law of thermodynamics.

Now, the theory of evolution says that we began in what's called primordial soup. There were oceans where nothing but the basic building blocks of life, the amino acids, were and that we changed throughout countless millions and billions of years to become what we are. Follow this very carefully, because this is crucial to your point of understanding the theory of evolution. Evolution states that we slowly changed: that we went from one cell to two cells to four cells and such like that; that when the first creature crawled out of the ocean, it was a fish that was able to walk on its fins. And eventually over millions and millions and billions of years, the fish gradually changed through genetic mutation, and the fins became legs, and the fish became a reptile. And then the reptile, walking on its legs, over millions and millions and billions of years gradually changed from being a cold-blooded creature to a warm-blooded creature. And from all of this came all of the creatures that we see. The theory of evolution states that there is a gradual change throughout all of history where one thing changed from one to another.

Now, this is where the whole theory falls apart. All of the archeologists have made all the digs all over the world. You can go to museums and you can see skeletons of dinosaurs, you can see skeletons of saber-toothed tigers, you can see skeletons of all types of ancient prehistoric creatures that are now no longer in existence, that are now extinct. Man has very good fossilized records of the creatures that lived long ago. But through all of those records, through all the fossils and all the museums and all the books everywhere in the world, there are no critters in between.

Now, listen. Let me repeat that again, so you understand that real clear: Evolution says that one creature slowly changed from one creature into another creature over a long period of time. Therefore, if you had fossil records of all of these creatures from millions of years ago and if you had a situation where a lizard changed into a horse, somewhere down the road there has to be fossils of that lizard slowly turning into that horse. But throughout all the museums and throughout all the books everywhere on the face of this planet, there are no critters in between ... none!

As a scientist, I had to look at this. I said, "Wait a minute. This whole theory of evolution that science and the educational system is trying to push on us is telling

me about all of this slow transition, and there's not a single fossil of any transitory species." Just like they say we came from a monkey, there are no skeletons between a man and a monkey! None. They have been trying for the longest to find the missing link. With all of the so-called "gradual changes" that would be coming forth, don't you know there would be a ton of missing links, not just between man and monkey, but between the monkey and whatever was before the monkey, and then whatever was before that, and whatever was before that? There would be a ton of fossilized evidence! There is not one critter ... not one critter in the earth to support a transitory species.

Now, let me read something that came straight out of an encyclopedia about evolution. This is what it says: "One of the issues that is currently being debated among theorists," evolutionary theorists, "derives from a notable fact observed in the fossil records" -- it didn't say this is a theory; this is a fact from the fossil records of everything science has been able to find -- "That is, when a new species appears" in the fossil record "it usually does so abruptly and then apparently remains stable for as long as the record of that species lasts. The fossils do not seem to exhibit the slow and gradual changes that might be expected," according to the modern theory.

Now, this is the science. This is not a preacher talking about this; this is the encyclopedia, pulled from evolution! This is what the scientists say of the theory of evolution. The fact is that when they look at the fossil records, every species just suddenly appears ... not like it evolved, but like it was created. It had no predecessors. There's nothing in the fossilized record to back up that it slowly transformed; it just suddenly showed up! And that's what science says, not the pulpit here. That's what science says.

Now, listen to the second part of this. It says, "For this reason, in part, a number of evolutionists - most notably Stephen Jay Gould of Harvard University and Niles Eldredge of the American Museum of Natural History" -- these are the folks with the museums that know the fossils are not there -- "have proposed a variant concept called 'punctuated equilibria' for species evolution. According to this concept, species do in fact tend to remain stable for long periods of time and then to change relatively abruptly - or rather, to be replaced suddenly by newer and more successful forms. These sudden changes are the 'punctuations' in the state of equilibrium that give this concept its name."

That's what the evolutionary theorists had to do. Since they couldn't find a fossil that supported what they were talking about and they didn't want to go back and say, "Well, it looks like evolution couldn't be," they said, "Well, let us propose a new theory. Since there's no evidence to back up that man slowly transformed, let us propose a new theory and say, well no, they didn't all just suddenly transform. We went through what's called punctuated equilibria," meaning that all of a sudden something could walk around as a monkey one day and give birth to a man the next

day. That's what punctuated equilibria wants you to believe, because they could not support it scientifically. And that's the biggest scientific flaw that you can find in evolution is that there is no evidence when you look in the earth to back it up, because the animals that they say transformed, you can't find a single one of them of any species! That's why I believe in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Another thing that science will often use because they can't back it up in what's called the macroscopic sense in the big picture to try to confuse folks and look at the macroscopic evidence.

For those of you that are watching this by television, I'm almost out of time. You need this message for your children -- I can't emphasize that enough -- because one day you're going to have to explain this to them, and you better know how! Call and get this message, because your children are going to need it.

They couldn't make people understand using the macroscopic sense, because it had too many holes in it. So science then went to the microscopic to try to confuse and twist your mind. They went to what's called DNA sequencing. Science has gotten to the point where they can now unravel the DNA sequence of all things in nature. And they can see within DNA. And for those of you that may not be familiar with what it is, DNA is the molecule that carries your genetic codes. It's what makes you who you are and what you are on a physical basis. Not on a spiritual, but on a physical basis, it carries the genetic coding of your body and of all creatures, all animals, as well as plants. What science did was, it went in and unraveled the DNA coding of varying animals. You see, DNA consists of chains and links of what are called peptides, and they break down into amino acids. What science found was that the higher a creature was on the so-called evolutionary chain -- and the chain that they propose does correspond with the way God said He created it -- what they find is that the higher the creature is on the evolutionary chain, the more stuff it has added to its DNA sequence. They find that a creature that's supposed to be right below that has the same DNA sequence with just that piece missing. So each animal as it progresses up the so-called evolutionary chain has an additional sequence tacked onto its DNA structure. So science was able to take this and say, "See? This proves evolution, because in the DNA structure we find that, just as evolution predicts, if a creature comes after this creature, you can see how it evolved through the DNA structure."

I thought about that, and I said, "God made us in His Image." And when you look at the way man creates things, he doesn't destroy the prior when he creates the new. You see, when we come out with a new model car, the engineers don't go back to the plant and scrap the design of the old car. If you buy a brand-new car right now, your brand-new car is going to have a few things added to it; but the bulk of what it is will be the same as in your old car. Whatever car you buy that man creates and that

man manufactures is going to have four tires, four wheels; going to have an alternator; going to have an engine that operates on fundamentally the same principle; going to have some headlights; going to have a steering wheel; going to have a gas pedal; going to have a brake pedal. Man does not go in when he goes in to create something and redesign the whole thing from the beginning. Neither did God! And that's why the DNA structure is continuous the more advanced the animal gets! God didn't say, "Well, now I'm getting ready to make this creature. Therefore, I'll start all new." No, it's all built on the same structure! There's nothing unusual about that at all. But science will try to take microscopic evidence and confuse the macroscopic issue.

Oftentimes, science will use phenotypic adaptation in the place of evolution. and they are two different things. You see, it is true that we go through phenotypic adaptation, and that's why we get different races. Some are light-skinned, some are dark-skinned; some have wooly hair, some have straight hair; but all that stuff is from environmental changes. If you take two people and you begin where they say civilization began over in the Nile Basin in Mesopotamia, over in that area where it's hot, where the sun beams down, everybody is going to have dark skin and wooly hair; and they're going to have a broad nose, because you need dark skin with the melanin in it to absorb the UV rays from the sunlight. You need a broad nose, so you can get some heat in there and all that. You need wooly hair to dissipate the heat.

You take that same man and move him to an ice-cold climate, then you've got to have a change in skin complexion, because now no longer do you need the melanin to absorb the UV rays; you need lighter skin to get the vitamin D out of the sun; you need straighter hair to keep the heat in the head; you need a longer nose, so the cold air coming in the nose will have a chance to warm. That's why people change, and that's why you have different races! But whether you have black, whether you have white, whether you have Oriental, whether you have Indian, they're all men! And even scientists will tell you, if they strip off the skin, they can't tell you what race they are. So the only thing that changed was just a little bit on the outer surface, and that was due to environmental conditions. That's phenotypic adaptation! That is not evolution!

That's how science tries to confuse us. They tell us about how we mutated and changed from one species to another. Go ask a cancer-research agent about mutation. Ask any scientist that deals strictly in genetics, "Has there ever been a positive major mutation?" They will tell you that every time something goes through a mutation, it's always destructive and it always leads to that creature's demise, not to their proliferation. Even mutation is a fallacy in the so-called theory of evolution.

Flip over in the book of Romans. I just want to show you this very quickly. Just flip in the New Testament over to the book of Romans, the first chapter. I want to just

read for you starting with the 19th verse: "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." God tells you that His power and His presence and His glory and His evidence are there in creation! As a scientist, you can go out and pick anything in creation that's living and take a look at it, and you know it didn't come out of thin air! If you take any animal and just look at the complexity of the animal, look at how the eyes function, how the ears function, how the whiskers function, you know that it didn't come out of thin air. If you go and take a look at a flower and look at it, and especially if you look at it under a microscope and see how well ordered and structured the cellular structure is, how each part in perfection performs, you understand there's no way it could have come out of thin air. God is telling you that His glory even, the evidence of Him, all you have to do is look in creation to see that it is. And you want to listen to man, who said all this stuff came out of thin air.

And the final theories dealing with those three theories of thermodynamics, the second theory says that when you have two energy gradients, the energy always moves from the higher source to the lower source. To break this down in a very simplistic example, if you've got two people where one of them has hands that are hot and one of them has hands that are cold and they clasp their hands together, the heat will always go from the person with the hot hands to the person with the cold hands. It simply says that energy always travels from that which has more energy to that which has less energy. And that's how even when God created the heavens and the earth, He spoke His Word, and His energy went from that which was all powerful to that which was nothing.

Now, the third theory -- and this is, again, a critical theory of what even science says -- the third theory in the law of thermodynamics says that the entropy in a closed system always increases. Now, let me again break that down to you so you understand what that means, because when your children come to you and want to know about evolution, you need to be able to know how to explain this to them. The third theory of the law of thermodynamics says that in a closed system entropy always increases. Now, "entropy" is a scientific word that represents the amount of disorder or chaos in something. Entropy simply is a measure of how random or how disorganized something is. If you drive your car off the lot when it's brand-new and you let it sit out in the weather for 20 years, it increases in entropy, because it gets more and more disorganized. Entropy is just a big scientific word that says something is falling apart; it's becoming more chaotic. And science says that in a closed system, the amount of disorder, the amount of randomness, the amount of decay, will always increase. There are other corollaries that even science states, and that third law simply says the entropy of the Universe is increasing.

Now, what this means in relation to the theory of evolution is, evolution states that all this stuff came about, all of this evolved, on its own power in a closed system. Evolution states that we went from total chaos of where the Universe was nothing but random clouds of the simplest element known to man to me and you, all on its own power. The third law of thermodynamics absolutely says that cannot be. It says that if you leave anything by itself without an input of energy or intelligence, it always gets worse. Evolution is telling you that in the beginning was thin air, and it was left by itself and it got better. It's a total violation of the third law of thermodynamics.

That's why I said as a scientist when I started looking at the theory of evolution, I saw that it was one of the biggest hoaxes that has ever been perpetrated on man. It's being taught in every school system by law, and by law they cannot teach creation. But they teach a theory that when you start examining the theory with science doesn't even hold water.

It's important for you to know this, because this is a trick of the devil. If they can get you to discount in the beginning, they can get you to discount in the end. If they can get you to say that the first part of it is a lie, then they can get you to say that the last part of it is a lie. If they can get you to say that the start of it is false, they can get you to say that the end of it is false. And that's why it is important that you understand clearly and concisely not just from the Word of God, but even from science itself, that there is no evidence anywhere on the face of this earth that supports evolution and, by the very laws of thermodynamics, it totally contradicts evolution. Even the scientists say they have to come up with a new theory, because they can't find the stuff to back up what they've been talking about. In the Beginning - Creation or Evolution.

It is important to understand that you didn't come from a monkey. You see, when they can reduce you to that level where they can make you feel and make you think that your ancestor was an ape and was an orangutan, then they have reduced and eliminated your spirit. And they have taken away all the moral responsibility, see, because once you recognize that God created the heavens and the earth, the next thing you have to acknowledge is that He created you, too. But if you can say, "Well, God didn't create it; it just came out of thin air," that means you can say, "I just came out of thin air." And if I just came out of thin air, then I'm only responsible to thin air. But when you recognize you were created and you were fashioned in the image of a divine God, when you understand that, you have responsibility. That's why the world wants to take that understanding away from you. And that's why the world wants you to think that in the beginning was thin air, and from thin air came forth I. That's a lie. And that's one of the biggest ones that has ever been perpetrated upon the world. Your children are being exposed to it. But how do you combat it if you don't have the knowledge? That's why I knew this message had to go forth. How do you deal with it if you don't know the scientific laws, because

children these days want solid stuff. And you may accept just "God said so." But it's hard to deal with a child who comes looking at a teacher, and the next teacher has been placed in a position of authority, in a position of responsibility and a position that the teacher is supposed to know what they're talking about. When you send your child off to that environment to be taught all that stuff, you have to have some solid facts on how to deal with it or, if not, you may lose your child. See, once your child understands that he didn't come out of thin air or she didn't come out of thin air, once they understand that, they understand that there is a God. And once you understand there's a God, then you become responsible.

Bow your heads. Oh, God, not only the Creator of all that is good, but the Creator of all that is, I hope today that Your message has gone forth to let the people know that none of this that came forth in the earth is by chance, accident or coincidence; that it is by Your divine orchestration and power that this is; that in the beginning You spoke the Word, and in one day You created the heavens and the earth. We don't know how long Your day is. Your day may have been 24 hours, your day may have been a thousand years, your day may have been a million years. You don't tell us exactly how long Your day is. The psalmist said one day in the life of God is a thousand years. We don't know how long, but we do know that You did it! Help us to understand this. Help our children to understand this. Don't let them buy into the lies that man is trying to put forth that we evolved out of a primordial mess. We didn't come out of a mess; we came from the Mind and the Word of You, our Almighty Father. May Your Word find fertile soil today, and may it go forth and create a change in the hearts and in the minds of Your people. Amen.