

Intelligent Design Theory and Its Implications

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On April 08, 2001 an article was run in the Sacramento Bee. It was originally published in the New York Times and authored by James Glanz. In the article, the discussion was made about a victory over Creationism because evolution was again allowed to be taught in the Kansas school system. It had been abolished for a few months prior to that. The article went on to explain that a new enemy was arising against evolution; called Intelligent Design. What is this "Intelligent Design," and what are its implications to the Creation Science community and to Gods Holy Word? Let's look below to see.

Evolutionists have never recognized Creation Science adherents because they claim that most of us don't have the education to be credible. In other words, if you don't have a paper hanging on the wall giving you accreditation from an evolution teaching college then you aren't smart. Well, if you're born in a bagel shop, does that make you a bagel? No, sure it doesn't and it is absurd to think so. In the same way, saying that just because you attended all of the classes that the evolutionary "status quo" demands do not make you a scientist. But the scientific "double standard club" doesn't see it that way.

What is nice to hear is that the evolutionists are actually saying that something concerns them and that they might be in for a fight. Actually, they have been fighting, and in many cases, they have been losing the fight, but like every war, there are many battles to wage and the enemy is entrenched in heavy fortifications. Actually, Christians have let them advance to where they are today. It seems like after the Scopes Monkey Trial, Christians just threw in the towel and gave up. We should have been fighting evolution all of the way, but because of inaction on our part, we have been outflanked.

The article read on the positive side, but it really has some warnings that can be seen if you look hard enough. The thing that most concerns me is that it is said that those who are proponents of "intelligent design," according to the article, don't take the Bible literally. If that is the case, and those people don't take the Bible literally, then we run into a whole bunch of

problems. Either you believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, or you don't. Anything in the middle is a lukewarm attitude that the Bible strictly warns about.

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. Revelation 3: 15-16

I like to equate a lukewarm attitude to a car that is started and is just kept idling for hours on end. It does nothing but waste gas and it is not very good for the engine either. Just like the car, a person who is lukewarm doesn't do very much for himself or society. It's like waking up and sitting at your kitchen table all day and doing nothing else. It's not very healthy and you accomplish nothing.

In the same way, those who want to pick and choose bits and pieces from the Bible get nothing accomplished. The "intelligent design" people, especially the ones who don't take the Bible literally are only wasting everyone's time. How do they do this? Let's see:

1. They don't believe that God created everything in a literal 6 days. The six-day creation is the foundation that the whole Bible stands on. God is a mighty God and the fact that he made all that we see in 6 days proves His majesty and might. If it took Him billions of years to build then it immensely lessens that majesty. To say that He took billions of years only makes Him look like the impotent god of evolution who took that long through many mistakes, dead ends and botched mutations to cause the rise of man from a single-celled ancestor or so they say.
2. If you can't take the first few chapters of Genesis literally, then what about the rest of the book. If you question the creation, then what's to stop you from questioning the fall of mankind and Noah's great flood. If mankind never fell, why is there a need for salvation through Jesus? If you don't believe in the Bible literally, then just shelve it because, without the foundation, the building falls.
3. If Genesis is not taken literally, then what about the other 4 books that Moses wrote? Then perhaps the Law of Moses shouldn't be taken literally and you can throw out the Ten Commandments. Those commandments are the foundation that all of our laws stand on. Then you will have to disregard the law and utter chaos will prevail.

4. Finally (and for sake of time I omit much) what about words of Jesus himself spoke several times of the book of Genesis, and even verified that God created everything in 6 literal days. Now, let me say that Jesus didn't mention it in those words, but he talked about the Sabbath (taken as a day of rest) that is to be taken every week. The Sabbath was commanded by God for the Jews to observe because as God said, “

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:8-11.

Again, just shelve your Bibles if you believe that Jesus' words are not correct. And you know what else, if we were to observe the Sabbath in the time frame that some of the “Intelligent Design” people figure it, then I declare tomorrow the Sabbath and I will take a billion years off from work. Sorry boss, but some guys with “scientific credentials” said that's the way it is, and we all know that science is always right, isn't it?

Many “intelligent design” people tend to lean toward the hypothesis that life on Earth has evolved with the help of God, let's look at how evolution and the Creation Story differ. The table below illustrates those differences.

| Contradictions in Order Between the Biblical View and Secular (Intelligent Design) View of Creation | |
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| Biblical View | Secular or Intelligent Design View |

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| Matter created by God in The Beginning | Matter existed in the beginning |
| Earth before sun and stars | Sun and stars before the earth |
| Oceans before the land | Land before the oceans |
| Light before the sun | Sun, earth's first light |
| The atmosphere between two layers of water | Atmosphere above a water layer |
| Land plants were first life forms created. | Marine organisms, first forms of life |
| Fruit trees before fish | Fish before fruit trees |
| Fish before insects | Insects before fish |
| Land vegetation before the sun | Sun before land plants |

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| Marine mammals before land animals | Land mammals before marine mammals |
| Birds before land reptiles | Reptiles before birds |
| Man, the cause of death | Death, necessary antecedent of man |

It is very clear to see from the table above that there is absolutely no similarity between the two series of events. I firmly believe that God, in His infinite wisdom deliberately created His creation the way He did to confound anyone who tries to turn His word around to suit their own needs. The Intelligent Design crowd has not one leg to stand on when they claim that God worked through evolution.

What is proposed in the article isn't a prophecy of a battle against evolution. Having read between the lines one can see that it's an attempt to water down further, the authority of the Bible as the infallible word of God. The article tells the common man that there are some scientists "with credentials" who believe that the Earth was created, but that God was impotent and couldn't do it in 6 literal days. Once the newspaper tells you that there are "credible" men out there finding fault in the Bible you have trouble. Another thing is that the article seems to suggest that those who believe in a literal 6-day creation are not credible. Yes, folks, they're saying that if you take the Bible literally, you are a moron. Oh, and they also say that since "Intelligent Design" is "sophisticated," we are lacking sophistication too.

In addition, I don't want the readers to be ignorant as to the real intent of the evolutionists where Intelligent Design is concerned. The article makes them out to be frightened of the new theory. In all actuality, they are very pleased to see it emerge. Intelligent design will only

accomplish good things for evolution. By the changing of the meaning of scripture (strictly warned against in the Word) they will attempt to bring more believers into the evolution camp.

This is not a new tactic and has been tried (many times with success) in the attempt to water down the gospel and the intentions of a loving and caring Heavenly Father. Examples can be found in many places of our society. Easter is really a disguised name for the goddess Ishtar, a Sumero-Babylonian goddess of fertility. Her festival was held around the same time that the Christians celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The people of that time could have called it Resurrection Day or something of the like, but to make the holiday more attractive to the unbelievers (probably in an earnest attempt at conversion) the church called the holiday Easter. Did you ever wonder what rabbits and eggs have to do with Jesus' rising from the dead? The answer is nothing. They are symbols of fertility, associated with Ishtar. Ask any kid around Easter about its meaning and they will tell you about Easter eggs and rabbits. See what happens when the Christianity melds with the world, the true religious meaning always loses out. The same thing can be said for Christmas and trees, Yule logs, mistletoe and Santa Claus. Intelligent design does the same thing to the Creation event, watering it down and making it less glorious. And what about the latest trend of calling Halloween a holiday. There is nothing HOLY about Halloween, it's purely satanic, just like Intelligent Design.

One of the favorite analogies that I like to use about the watering down of Christianity or our core beliefs, is one that deals with rat poison. But before we move on to that, let's look at strategies. While it's fine to see something for what it is, it is even more advantageous to know why something is the way it is. For the most part, Bible-believing Spirit Filled Christians have their acts together when it comes to knowing what they believe. We study our Bibles and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can discern Biblical truth from harmful heresy. Satan knows that we know our scripture too, so he knows that it's foolish to make a frontal attack because we will fight him and run to Jesus every time. So, what does he do? He mixes in a little lie with a lot of truth. The same thing is done with rat poison. Rats are pretty intelligent rodents and cannot be easily fooled. That's why we get the phrase, "looking for a better mouse (rat) trap." They seem to have a sixth sense about danger. So, the makers of rat poison formulate their bait to be 99 percent good food, and 1 percent poison. The rat fills up on the bait and he is full before he notices that something is wrong. But the rat doesn't equate the problem with the food and makes return trips back to the bait. The rat doesn't die right away either. His death is slow and agonizing as the poison thins his blood so much that he starts to bleed internally and dies of massive hemorrhages.

Now I've been writing articles on the internet for quite some time now, and I know that someone is going to read this text and think that I'm comparing my fellow Christians to rats. That's not the case at all. I'm merely trying to point out; what better analogy could be used for the way that some are trying to water down a literal creation in the Bible, with one where God supposedly used eons of time and countless mutations (mistakes) to get His creation to a perfect condition. Genesis is the foundation of the Bible, where the first couple sinned, and where God promised a redeemer for mankind. If the foundation is brought into doubt, then the whole house is in peril of falling to the ground. Since evolution hasn't worked to dissuade the informed believer from doubting the Creation event, the next thing to do is to mix in the poison of Intelligent Design. This is especially effectual when you get some people who purport to be Scientists who believe the Bible to press the issue. When this happens, those scientists (possibly believers) fall into the same camp as the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and others who interpret the Bible to fit their own needs.

Now, what they fail to understand, because they are perishing, is that the Bible really can't be understood unless God gives a person the ability to understand it. That ability comes when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, who teaches us the ways of God. For people who are unregenerate, the Bible is like a code that is sent but is not decoded. There are words there for them to see, and sentences for them to read, but the real meaning cannot be deduced by them because they are spiritually blind. That is why so many people say that the Bible contradicts itself because they can't decode it.

And even if our gospel (read that, Bible) is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. II Corinthians 4:3

There we have it, folks, according to the press and the scientific community, we who believe in God, and in the literal meaning of His Word are unsophisticated morons. But I'll tell you what. I would rather be a fool for Jesus and know the truth about many things that matter, then to have to convince myself (if I was I a scientist) through lies and deceit that I (a person with scientific credentials) might be right. Also, when those people finally come to their end of days here on earth, they should know that "earthly credentials" aren't accepted and that the only lambskin that you need is to have your name inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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