

## UNIT 3

### MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM...

#### I/ The Biblical (Worldview) Origin of Life

A. Orthodox affirmations

i. The initial \_\_\_\_\_ of creation

ii. Male and female \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

“People travel to wonder at the height of the mountains, at the huge waves of the seas, at the long course of rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars, and yet they pass by themselves without wondering.” –St. Augustine

## iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Adam &amp; Eve

[12] Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—[13] for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. [14] Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

[15] But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. [16] And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. [17] For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

[18] Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. [19] For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (Romans, 5:12-19, ESV)

iv. The \_\_\_\_\_

## **II/ The Evolutionary (Worldview) Origin of Life**

A. What is “Evolution”?

B. The History of Evolutionary Thinking

i. From the Greeks to the Enlightenment

ii. Charles Darwin

iii. Neo-Darwinism and the New Atheists

“Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist.” –Richard Dawkins

C. Scientific Problems with Evolution

i. Micro vs macro evolution

“[Darwinism] is not merely flawed or incomplete, but its proposed mechanisms of natural selection as the ‘cause’ of the diversity of living things is contradicted at every turn by the empirical evidence of science itself.” –James Le Fanu, British physician, medical journalist, and author

ii. The fossil record

“Most people assume that fossils provide important evidence in favor of the Darwinian interpretation of the history of life. Unfortunately this is not strictly true. Rather than gradual unfolding of life...species appear in the sequence very suddenly, show little or no change during their existence in the record, then abruptly disappear.” –David Raup, National History Museum, Chicago

iii. Homology

“To say that homology provides evidence for common descent is a circular argument...Because some organisms have similar structures doesn’t mean that the organisms had a common ancestor...The facts of comparative anatomy provide no evidence for evolution in the way that Darwin described.” –Norman Nevin, Emeritus Professor of Medical Genetics, Queen’s University, Belfast

iv. DNA, chromosomes, and genetic mutations

“The wide variety of chromosomal variations that clearly exist between the human and chimpanzee dictate against the thesis that these species have common ancestry.” –Geoff Barnard, previously Senior Research Scientist, Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Cambridge

“To suggest...natural selection favored, over many generations, single random mutations, one by one, to finally bring together the full complement of necessary amino acids is, frankly, thermodynamically absurd...New machines are not made by simply adding energy to existing machines. Intelligence is needed.” –Andy McIntosh, Professor of Thermodynamics and Combustion Theory, University of Leeds

“There is not a single crystal-clear example of a known mutation which unambiguously created information.” –J.C. Sanford, Plant Geneticist

v. Vestigial structures

### III/ What about Theistic Evolution?

- A. Directed or undirected?
- B. “according to their kinds”
- C. Adam and Eve
- D. The fall and death

“Theistic evolution is intellectual pacifism that lulls people to sleep while the barbarians are at the gates. In my experience theistic evolutionists are trying to create a safe truce with science so Christians can be left alone to practice their privatized religion while retaining the respect of the dominant intellectual culture.” –J.P. Moreland, Professor of Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University

“Theistic evolution is really a child of embarrassment, which calls God in at periodic intervals to help nature over the chasms that yawn at her feet. It is neither the biblical doctrine of creation, nor a consistent theory of evolution.” –Louis Berkhof

## IV/ The Problem of Morality

"[The universe is]...blind physical forces and genetic replication, some people are going to get hurt, other people are going to get lucky, and you won't find any rhyme or reason in it, nor any justice. The universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, and no good, nothing but pitiless indifference. DNA neither knows nor cares. DNA just is. And we dance to its music." (Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden*, 133)