"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else." (Isa. 45:18)

The Anvil wears out the Hammers

While men manipulate their facts to desperately search for convincing reasons that will support the theories that deny the Creator of heaven and earth, the Bible record stands firm and true, in support of the Creation.

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." (Isa. 40:8)

Because they have been unable to effectively build a strong case for their own theories, men have made every conceivable effort to destroy the accuracy of the Bible record. For centuries, they have beat down the Word of God, burned the Bibles, kept people from reading it through superstition and fear. They have persecuted and killed those who lived by and taught the Truth of God's Word. But the Word of God, as an anvil, has stood against all of the hammers and it will endure for ever. You can resist the Truth, but you can not change it, you can fight against it but you will not destroy it.

The Anvil of God's Word - (John Clifford)
Last eve I paused beside the blacksmith's door,
And I heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
How many anvils have you had, said I,
To wear and batter all these hammers so?
Just one, said he and then with twinkling eye,
The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.
And so, I thought, The Anvil of God's Word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
Yet, through the noise of falling blows was heard
The Anvil is unchanged, the hammers gone."

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The Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ

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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:1)

Creation or Chance?

There can be no question that the earth is a beautiful and marvelous place. The really wonderful thing for all of us is that it has an environment that will support life for plants, fish, animals and man.

The question for most people, if they even bother to ask, is how did these wonderful conditions come about? Are we the product of a very special creation or did this all happen by a chance beginning, followed by a process of evolution?



Science and Religion

There are several variations of these two basic concepts, (creation and evolution) but for the most part all people believe one or the other to be true. Some say that there is only one logical choice. They say that religion involves a faith that can't be proven, - whereas evolution is the product of scientific knowledge and discovery.

This sounds plausible and many people are taken in by the rhetoric. The fact is however, that the concept of evolution is still only a theory and after much effort by its supporters for over a hundred years, they have been unable to support this theory with scientific facts.

Science and religion are not mutually exclusive ideas. Albert Einstein once made the astute observation that *science without religion is lame..* religion without science is blind. The fact is, many good scientists believe in a special creation, and they have done a better job using scientific knowledge to support the creation concept, than evolutionists have been able to do for their theory.

Paul, in writing to the Romans made this observation. "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed 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:" (Romans 1:19-20) He acknowledges therefore that we are surrounded by the creation itself; the things that God has made provide an abundance of scientific proof that we were created.

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"Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" (1 Cor. 1:20)

The Wisdom of the World

When men support the concept of evolution they do so placing their confidence in the wisdom of this world. They listen to the theories as if they were fact, wanting to believe that there is no God. If they can effectively ignore the evidence of a creation, then they think they will control their own destiny. They much prefer to eliminate any responsibility to follow the commandments and laws of the Creator, who has called on all men everywhere to repent. (See Acts 17:30-31)

The amazing thing is that if we read all of the news accounts of the latest discoveries by the evolution supporters, we would soon find an incredible amount of inconsistency and confusion in their ideas. We find headlines like these:

- <u>It is believed</u> that the stars were formed from gaseous spinning matter.
- <u>Scientists think</u> that billions of years ago another star came close to the sun, and...
- No scientist can say for certain how life began, but...
- Recent discoveries <u>challenge the validity of long-cherished theories</u> concerning the origin and evolution of the human race.
- <u>Darwin's theory is the best we have to date</u>, this could change tomorrow.
- Life was not the consequence of a highly improbable chemical accident.
- The big-bang theory is challenged...
- I have never seen a textbook which contends that the theory of evolution in inconvertible fact.
- <u>Baffling new questions</u> have arisen...Is the universe expanding, oscillating or at a steady state?
- Archaeologists guestion the solar theory of the ice ages...

Why all of the guesswork? Why all of the confusion and variation in ideas? Why are they unable to pin down any one concept for the origins of life? Why is it that men of science are unable to agree on how it all began? They are looking in the wrong places and denying the simple truth—"in the beginning God..."

The Apostle Paul provides us with these words on the wisdom of this world:

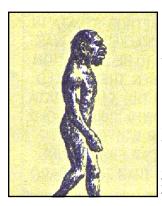
"For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent...hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe....Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty. And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things

"Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you."

(1 Tim. 6:20-21 NIV)

Knowledge, falsely called

The wisdom of this world can be very useful and there are many wonderful inventions that have greatly improved our living standards. The application of true scientific knowledge is a good thing. But when men stretch the truth to find support for theories such as evolution, they actually deny the principles of scientific research, pushing *ideas of what is falsely called knowledge.*



We have all seen these pictures (The one shown is called **The Neanderthal Man**). There is a whole series of these funny looking men who appear to show a progression from apelike, stooped-over creatures, to characters walking upright as modern man. (Our ancestors?)

It is interesting to note the descriptions associated with these pictures and then to compare the descriptions to the actual facts of each case. The skeleton of the NEANDERTHAL MAN, for example, was further examined and determined to be that of a modern old man who suffered with arthritis.

Other classic examples of weakness with these prehistoric discoveries are:

- **HEIDELBERG MAN** Built up from a <u>jaw bone</u> that was conceded by many as being no different from a modern human bone.
- NEBRASKA MAN- Scientifically built up from one tooth, which was later found to be the tooth of an extinct pig.
- PILTDOWN MAN- Made from a <u>jawbone</u> that turned out to be a modern ape.
- PEKING MAN- All evidence supporting this 500,000 year old creature has conveniently disappeared.

The list goes on. Pictures and models of complete creatures are constructed from a single bone. 99% imagination and 1% questionable substance. Life size models of what are said to be our prehistoric ancestors are placed in museums, their pictures are placed in the school text books and in magazine like the National Geographic. These are all presented as factual representations of the evolution of man.

What is most incredible is that these fabrications are universally accepted as scientific reality. The myths are promoted and widely believed by a population that is anxious to replace God and His commandments, leaving them free to establish their own corrupt moral standards.