

As I approach the end of life and reflect back on a lifetime of experience, I have concluded that no question deserves more attention than, “What is the purpose for my life?”

One thing I have learned is that the answer to such a question cannot be found within my experience or my reasoning. Only an oversized ego would expect to uncover the correct answer by self-analysis or personal meditation. Who in all of humanity is qualified to answer? Some say there is God who created humanity. If so, He would be qualified. Perhaps He is the only One who could answer with certainty. But, how can I find the answer? If I call out to Him and hear nothing, does it mean He doesn't want to answer, doesn't care, or does it mean there is no God? If I hear an answer, is it my own conscience giving voice to what I want to hear?

Some say the answer is in the Bible, others the Islamic Qur'an or Buddha's Dhamma or one of the holy texts of Hinduism, or some other so called “holy” writings. Apart from their claims, can any of these be proven to be from a Divine Mind, that is, not by human invention? The Bible claims to be from a Divine Being, not from man. The Bible proclaims in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” Is that true? All Scripture written by God? All we need to make us complete before God? Why should we believe what the Bible says about itself? Is it really the Word of a God who does not speak directly to individuals, but has recorded His message to all humanity through the pens of Divinely inspired writers of long ago? That's what the Bible claims.

If there is God, the man Jesus Christ boldly proclaimed about Him in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (God) except through Me.” If there is God who has a purpose for my life, who is this Jesus, a mere man, to make the claim that He is the only way to the One who knows my life's purpose?

“What is the purpose of my life?” Where can I find the answer to this most important question? I believe the answer cannot be known without first answering these three foundational questions:

1. Is there a Personal God who created me for His purpose?
2. If so, did He communicate His Will to me in the Bible?
3. Was Jesus just a man or who He claimed to be, God resurrected on the third day?

Is there a Personal God, Creator of all? Many say no, life began with self-replicating molecules and the assembly of simple cells, and all we see today evolved from that simple beginning. Today, more than 150 years after Charles Darwin devised his theory and published *Origin of Species*, a proliferation of theories about evolution have sprung up. Yet, in all of those years spontaneous generation of something from nothing and creation of a new species by natural selection have never been observed. Still, The National Academy of Sciences says: “Biological evolution is the best scientific explanation we have for the enormous range of observations about the living world.”¹ Of course, biological evolution is believed to be a process guided by chance and the

process of natural selection. The only other possibility is intelligent design and construction by a Creator, that is, God.

The conclusion of evolutionists about this is that efforts to explain origins without design are scientific, but efforts to explain origins as the result of design are unscientific.² While this might sound good to some, what complex mechanism such as a watch, for example, ever came into existence without a designer? Is the human body less complex?

While 150 years should be sufficient to prove the evolutionary theory, these are a few of facts known today:

- Evolutionists claim that Nothing + Time + Chance = Everything while universal experience demonstrates that design and purposeful structure do not occur by chance.
- In every field of study - astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, etc. - intelligent design is evident; it is unreasonable to conclude that the order of the universe happened by chance.
- There is no scientific evidence of spontaneous generation.
- There is no scientific evidence in support of macro evolution, that is, the creation of a new species from a lower form.
- All scientific evidence to date supports only micro evolution, that is, the adaptation of a single species to its environment.
- Mathematicians say life could not evolve randomly from inorganic matter.
 - * Harold Morowitz, Yale University physicist, calculated the odds of life evolving spontaneously from inorganic matter as 1 chance in $10^{100,000,000,000}$.³
 - * Atheistic astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle concluded the odds of only proteins of an ameba required for life arising by chance are 1 in $10^{40,000}$.⁴
- There are a number of widely accepted scientific facts that disprove the theory of evolution, which claims to require billions of years to create new species. For example:
 - * The Laws of Thermodynamics
 - * Burn rate of the sun
 - * Rate of change in the rotational speed of the earth
 - * And many more
- Francis Crick, Winner of a Nobel Prize in biology for his work with DNA molecules, stated in 1982: "An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears at the moment to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to have been satisfied to get it going."⁵ Still, Crick hoped that new information would uncover the origin of life.
- Sir Arthur Keith, British evolutionary anthropologist and anatomist said, "Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it only because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable."⁶

How our world came into existence and how life began cannot be proven in a laboratory. Neither the truthfulness of evolution nor the existence of God can be proven by science, but known evidence weighs more heavily in favor of the existence of an intelligent, all-knowing, creative God. In fact, widely accepted science actually disproves the possibility of evolution.

Endnotes

¹ <http://www.notjustatheory.com/references.html>, quotation from National Academy Press, The National Academy of Sciences, copyright 2007-2008

² National Academy of Sciences, 1999 publication of *Science and Creationism*

³ Staub, Dick, *About You: Fully Human, Fully Alive*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, New York, <http://books.google.com/books?id=tj4Hbn050RYC&pg=PT32&lpg=PT32&ots=hpmeoPi3HF&dq=Sir+Fred+Hoyle+said+the+odds+of+only+proteins+of+an+ameba>

⁴ Hoyle and Wickramasinghe, 1981, p. 130

⁵ Crick, Francis, *Life Itself*, p. 88, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1981

⁶ Sir Arthur Keith as quoted in Criswell, W.A. (1972), *Did Man Just Happen?*, Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, p. 73