

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Impact of Evolution on Bible Interpretation (Part 1)

To champion that evolution doesn't have an impact on the religious world would be tomfoolery and irresponsible at the very least. Furthermore, those who espouse such teaching(s) have nothing to mount their feet upon spiritually. Unfortunately, many tend to embrace "Evolution" and shun "The Bible" and this has become an affront to God and the beautiful church which His Son established.

Evolution's impact upon biblical interpretation is seen in the denial of the creation of man; even to the labeling of those called "creationist" or "evolutionist" who spawn great divisions even among those in Christendom, and rightfully so, since creationism and evolutionism begin from two radically different points. For it is obvious one began with God (created being) and the other (mutation) by random chance. For instance, man was formed from the dust of the ground, and the bible gives multiple scriptures from different writers illustration this (Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:7). ***Life was not accidental.*** However, the evolutionists maintain that man originated in some ancient slime pool somewhere on earth some three billion years ago from a cell molecule (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:16; Jeremiah 1:5; 2 Samuel 7:12). When mutation is considered, it must be noted that it doesn't produce new raw material. New species cannot be mutated by existing species. This is a common thought by those who believe that evolution is due to random mutation. Mutation is not the cause of evolutionary change and it has not been proven thus far.

The word evolution has the root word "evolve" in it. This implies constant change, however, when keenly interpreting the text in Genesis 2:1, the word "kalah" is used some 200 times in the Hebrew scriptures, all of them referring to a completion or fulfilling of a thing, time and/or matter. This is contrary to what many evolutionists are championing, for the evolutionist chimes loudly in the public sector with their conclusions but their inner circle is full of confusion and utter doubt. Again this is contrary to the teachings found in the Corinthian letter of God not being the progenitor of perplexity (14:40).

There is no hint of evolution in the Bible. While this is an argument from silence and thus does not necessarily preclude evolution, such an important concept as to origins would surely have been suggested in the Bible due to its theological implications. On the other hand, creation is a consistent theme throughout the Bible. It is mentioned some 64 times in 18 books of the Bible. As it relates to the naturalist idea and their view upon the scriptures, they fail to see the beauty of man (Adam) being created and the second man (Jesus) coming to save man. Hence an important reason to interpret from the Bible that Adam was a real person. Sin coming through Adam is true, thus making the coming of Christ necessary. Christians believe that Christ's atoning sacrifice for our sins was necessary because of man's fall from God in the Garden of Eden. The Bible teaches that Jesus was the "second Adam." So if

Adam was not real, thus did not bring sin into the world, Christ's redemptive sacrifice was not necessary (Genesis 3:15-19; Romans 4:22ff; 5:12-21).

—Mike Bonner  
“Conclusion next week”

### **Prayer Requests**

Please keep **Winford Hambright** in your prayers. He was taken to the hospital on April 30th for weakness and feeling sick. Due to his own health Winford has to limit the time he spends with Jean at the Madison Health Resort. Both Jean and Winford welcome visitors.

**Lana Howard's** knee replacement surgery was set up for Thursday, May 14th. Lana and Lon are former members of Eisenhower who now live in Wimberley, TX.

**Toya Zambelli**, Mark Basaldua's sister, will undergo a twelve hour cancer surgery in Corpus Christi Wednesday, May 27th. The doctors will be doing a complete hysterectomy and the removal of a large portion of her bowels. Mark is Devida's son-in-law.

### **Concerns Update**

**Paxton Basaldua's** tonsillectomy surgery on Friday, May 8th at Midland Memorial Hospital went well. He was able to go home that day. Paxton is Devida's grandson.

**Glenna McCarty's** knee replacement surgery at Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday, May 6th was a success and she is doing fine. Glenna is in room #314.

**Hattie Mae Gilmore's** ear surgery also went well and she was able to go home after spending a few days with the May's.

**Connie Lowe** went back to MD Anderson Hospital in Houston last Monday, May 11th for a follow up concerning her cancer.

**Andrea Berry**, Bill and Vickie Ryan's daughter, was diagnosed with a virus instead of an infection in her intestines. She was allergic to the antibiotics given to her for the infection, but is on the amends now and feeling good.

### **Prayer List**

Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Petra Baca; Andrea Berry; Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Charles Browning; Jane Burroughs; Neva Carrigan; LaDonna Chism; Amber Couch; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettess-Dennard; Doug Dowell; Brian Drake; James Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Susan Lee; Connie Lowe; Juli Marshall; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Loy Mitchell; Patsy Montgomery; Yamile Moreno; Juan & Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Timmy Joe Wright; Toya Zambelli

### **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Winford and Jean Hambright; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Elder and Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

## Youth

### Bible Quiz Question...

Which book was the Ethiopian traveler reading when he met Philip?

### Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

When Jesus was dying he asked John to look after his mother.

## FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Christian Take Aim**" at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

### Upcoming Wednesday Night

#### Devotional Speakers

#### Song Leaders

May 20th—Jacob Carson      Trinidad Wood

May 27th— Congregational "Night of Praise"

## Benevolence

Remember the **New Mexico Christian Children's Home** truck will pick up on Tuesday, June 2nd. The two items requested are **Cinnamon** and **Cream of Wheat**. Also there are several collect "Coin Cans" on the table. They will also accept monetary donations.

## Office News

"**Strengthening the Family**" **Group #3** will meet in the annex for a luncheon following the service this morning, Sunday, May 17th. All our visitors are welcome.

Our "**2015 Summer Series**" is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd – August 26th – Time is 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year is entitled "Abundance in Christ". Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

## Thought to Remember...

It isn't what I would do  
If a million should fall my lot,  
But what I am doing today  
With the dollar and quarter I've got!

### **May 17th, 2015**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### **A.M.**

Allen Weakland  
John Carroll  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Jack Wright  
George Warren  
Tom Sorenson

### **P.M.**

Allen Weakland  
Doug Guynn  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Cody Wesson  
Jeff Wesson  
John Carroll

## Lord's Supper

West...	Jacob Carson Don Easlon Ed Fisher	Richard Siler Communion (In Library)
East...	Jr. Munoz Cody Wesson Isaiah Armendarez	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Richard Siler 362-1392 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Josh Wells 770-6753 *Contributions:* Josh Wells 770-6753

### **Sunday AM”**

“*True Comfort*”  
(II Corinthians 1:3-5)

### **Sunday PM**

“*The Savior’s Sigh*”  
(Mark 8:11-13)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class...*83  
*Morning Worship...*135  
*Evening Worship...*55  
*Wednesday...*75  
*Contribution...*\$4,089.73

