

## “Your Inner Fish”

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This is the title of a book I was assigned to read in one of my classes at Rose-Hulman. The purpose of this book was to explain how humans evolved from fish over hundreds of millions of years and furthermore that we share a common ancestor with fish. The general consensus of the scientific community is that, over billions of years, we evolved from a single cell.

As I read through this book, and as I sit through class each day, my thoughts continually drift back to Paul’s letter to the saints at Rome when he said, “Professing to be wise, they became fools...” (Romans 1:22). It seems that today science and Christianity are juxtaposed. This is only because society has, at some point along the way, failed to acknowledge that all we see, all we have comes from the Almighty God, the Creator of the universe. It’s been over a century since Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, “God is dead, and we have killed him.” His idea was that

we simply imagined God to help explain things we didn’t know, but as we gained knowledge of the world we no longer needed Him. The April 1966 edition of Time Magazine had the cover, “Is God Dead?” This was the decade when this school of thought began to be accepted and the push to remove creation from the classroom and introduce evolution really took shape.

Has this crept into the church today? Have we begun to doubt that God exists or that He created the world in six days as we read in Genesis one?

**Nature Points to God.** Psalm 19:1 reads, “The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament show his handiwork.” Every bit of science, every bit of nature points to God. Take a moment to stop and look out and see the expanse of God’s creation. From the beautiful sunsets, with more colors than we could ever paint on canvas, to the beautiful mountain ranges,

we see that there has to be a creator and why God said in Genesis that it was good! Why did God make it so wonderful? To remind us that He created it all.

This world did not happen by accident. From the second law of thermodynamics, we see that the world goes from order to disorder. And we can trace human beings all the way down to mitochondrial DNA to one single individual woman. Even this doesn’t convince some that God created it all. But the evidence doesn’t stop here.

**Foretold Knowledge Points to God.** When we examine the book of Job, one of the oldest books of the Bible, we see many instances where God reveals knowledge that was not known to man. “He stretches out the north over the empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing” (Job 26:1). This points to the fact that the earth is suspended in the gravitational force of the sun.

This wasn't even a school of thought until 1687! And we look at Sir Isaac Newton and say, "You are a genius for 'discovering' gravity." God told us this thousands of years before!

Again in Job 36:27, "For he draws up drops of water, which distill as rain from the mist..." This is the water cycle. The hydraulic cycle wasn't realized until the 16th century and we say look at what we discovered! No, God told us back in Job that this was so.

And again in Job 38:16 we read of the "springs of the sea" referring to ocean currents. There wasn't a functioning knowledge of the paths of the sea until 1664!

God was able to reveal these things because He created the world and everything in it! God is displaying His knowledge, His power over all His creation! There is yet more evidence to prove that God exists.

**Scripture Has Been Tested.** We read in Genesis

2:7, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." This is certainly not what I learned in various biology classes! Several years ago, the AMES research center, part of NASA, did a study and found that there isn't a single mineral in human beings that can't be found in soil. This prompted them to say, "...maybe the biblical creation account isn't so far off."

In Genesis 6, we read of Noah and the ark. Because most modern religions have a flood story, many look at this and try to say that Christianity is just like the others. What is different about each is the description of the ark. A team in South Korea set out to build every ark using only the specifications given in the religious texts. They found that over 50% of them couldn't even float, most of them would top size in a moment's notice. All but one: the ark we can read about in the Bible! They found that it would have been

able to withstand waves over 30 meters high. Their exact words were that it was "almost unsinkable". How did Noah know to make an ark that could withstand a great flood? Because God had given him divine instruction!

**Do You Believe?** We read in Romans 1:20, "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." God displayed His power through His creation. He bestowed upon us human wisdom that we can use to support His creation. We have seen it; we have the same evidence. We can choose to accept it or not. But we are without excuse when we deny God. Many will be surprised on the Day of Judgment to find out that what they worked to deny was really true, that God did in fact create this world and everything in it, including you and me.

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