

REPLY TO AN ATHEIST

I have already considered what you have written because it has been presented to me by many others before you. Earth age is not even the most significant reason that I have rejected evolution. There are things like the so-called missing link, dna evidence, the complexities of creatures that cannot be explained away by evolution or any other scientific study, the vastness of the universe and what we have not discovered yet, the repulsive consideration of man as a mere animal when our intelligence far exceeds all the animals on earth by leaps and bounds, and so much more. But aside from all these is one consideration evolution cannot deal with because it stands on a plane totally above human intellect, rationale and meager understanding. That is the spiritual plane. If the only thing we have to hope for in this life is to die and be buried, it is a very miserable life to begin with. But, if there is life beyond the grave then our future can be bright and meaningful! It has to be one or the other. Prayer didn't change me, and I didn't change myself. God did the work. He took my spirit, which was dead in sin and brought it to life in a moment of time. I received directly from Him knowledge that transcends the material realm. I can see things that many people are not able to see because they are still dead in sin. That happened 34 years ago and is still as real today as it was then. There is no earthly experience to compare to it or even parallel it in any way.

I will try to explain it to you with a parable. Suppose a man was walking through this world and everything was dark as pitch. This man had a flashlight of sorts and believed that it was the only source of light available so he made sure he had plenty of batteries to keep that light shining for as long as needed until he found a better source. A great being he knew nothing about created a much better light, and was sending people by from time to time to let him know it was available. The man was unwilling to trust what the others were saying because he was certain that he had the only true source of light. He listened to the others, but it never really sank in. One day he ran into someone who knew the great being personally and had the better light and so he began to rethink his position and sought the great being on his own. The great being knew the man was seeking him and he revealed himself to him and gave him the light he was after. The light he was after was so much better than the one he had that he threw the old one away and in thanksgiving to the great being vowed to never use any other light but the one he had been given. Evolution is the light you have. Right now it seems bright to you. If you met God as I have and He revealed Himself to you, the light you now are using will seem shabby indeed and you will throw it away. Anything that would try to replace that light would be repulsive to you because you "know" your light is the best!

As a matter of fact you "knew beyond any doubt" that there was no light that would ever compare to the one you now possessed. Well that is where I am. I have experienced things that most mortal men have not, and they are supernatural in nature. Since you are still in the light of evolution you couldn't see light I have because the explanation is beyond your ability to comprehend. That is not an insult to you, but simple truth. The Bible says it this way: "The natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he

KNOW them because they are "Spiritually discerned." That is why it is an absolute essential that God reveals Himself to mankind. Apart from that revelation we all walk in spiritual ignorance and blindness. To prove you won't understand this apart from a personal revelation I will share some things that will be unbelievable to you. I have seen food multiply right in front of me. I have seen healings take place in myself and many others in answer to prayer. I have cast demons out of houses and people. I have had a demonic attack on my life that almost killed me. I have preached and ministered in such power that it defies explanation. All of these things came after God revealed Himself to me. Evolution has nothing to offer by comparison. I hope you understand what I am saying and can understand my rejection of anything that would rob me of eternal freedom in Christ. Creation and evolution are not compatible!

Above all it is my hope that you don't think for a moment that I am belittling you or thinking myself superior to you in any way. If God hadn't opened my eyes I would still be walking in darkness and thinking I had light. I was a terrible person as you read before - suicidal, drunk, and more. Evolution couldn't and didn't help me get past those hurdles in life. God did. I want more than anything in life for others to understand the tremendous love God has for them, and how wonderful it is to know Him (not just know about Him) but have a sweet strong assurance that He is who the Bible says He is. Unfortunately I cannot give that to anyone. Only God can and He only gives it to those who seek it. He never forces Himself on anyone. I appreciate your sincerity and your good manners. Others who have contacted me concerning this subject have been abrasive and crude, and it grieves me to read what they have written. Thank you very much for being open enough to speak plainly about what you believe and considering what I believe. Rick