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Without Excuse

Dear Mr. Charles Darwin,

Your name has echoed throughout time. Although hundreds of years have passed, your theories have created an explosion of controversy. As a scientist your goal was to study nature and discover truth. Your theory of evolution has become one of the most greatly debated and studied scientific proposals of all history. However, as a seventeen year old Christian in the year 2010, I write to address the holes and weaknesses of evolution that cannot stand against biblical creationism. You may wonder who I am and why I am writing you. I'm not famous or important. I am not a successful biologist or accomplished astrophysicist. I am simply a teenage girl who has been shown the truth and from my heart, I want to share it with you.

First, the topic of natural selection as one of the foundational points of your theory, says that the traits most advantageous to the species will survive while the others will not. In this basic definition, creationists agree. The difference arises with the idea that "all life on earth has come about through descent with modification from a single common ancestor (a hypothetical, primitive, single-celled organism)"(Patterson 60). The biblical model of creation fully agrees that changes within a species have occurred with the deletion of information; however, the evolutionary model requires new information be added. This is not possible due to the way genes behave. *Evolution Exposed* argues that "Mutations are not able to add new information to the genome. Not a single mutation

has been observed to cause an increase in the amount of information to the genome”(Patterson 63). You were quoted saying, “‘from use and disuse, from the direct and indirect actions of the environment’ to describe the origin of traits”(Patterson 84). However, this idea has been found untrue. For example, a man with an amputated leg will not have a child with only one leg. As a result, natural selection is limited to the removal of information but not the addition to create a completely new “kind”.

Second, geological discoveries have pointed toward the biblical model of a world-wide flood. Your theory calls for a “uniformitarianism” ideology or “the doctrine that present-day processes acting at similar rates as observed today account for the changes evident in the geological record”(110). However, this is based on an assumption that all things have continued as they always have, with no disruption or any kind of catastrophic event. However, there has been an astounding discovery. In 1976, an entire fossilized whale skeleton was found in Lampoc, California. It was perpendicular to the strata layers that were said to have spanned over “millions” of years! The only explanation for such evidence is a flood of incredible proportions, just like the one recorded in the third chapter of Genesis.

Lastly, the second law of thermodynamics states that the natural order of the universe always goes from order to disorder. This universally accepted truth essentially undermines the idea that out of one organism all the species of the world could be created. Such a process would involve the evolution of DNA and cells to become more complex and more orderly. Everything in the world observed and tested today supports

the second law of thermodynamics and gives no substantial evidence for a world in which order was established from disorder.

Mr. Darwin, you are an extremely intelligent man. I understand that these challenges may not leave you convinced of biblical creationism. Evolutionists and creationists have argued back and forth since your time. And it is true that I am biased. My eyes see the world through the lens of Scripture and I live by faith. I study science and interpret the facts presented through the filter of God's Word. You were recorded saying that you chose to think of yourself as an agnostic. In doing so, you agreed that you did not know the truth about God. Yet in every respect you tried to rid God from the picture of how our world began and that He is the Creator of the beautiful and complex world you studied so in depth.

The key to understanding truth is not found in the mind of the one studying, but the heart. The first chapter of Romans speaks directly to those who deny God's Word as it says in verses 20-21, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

The root issue of evolution versus creation is really how the world was made: by chance or by God. We cannot go back in time to the beginning of the universe. We cannot test or observe. As a result, both evolution and creation require faith- an assurance in things unseen. Many dismiss creationism as being a religion and evolution as being

scientifically-based. However, because evolution cannot be a model that is measured or observed, it must be believed. The model of biblical creationism calls for a belief that comes only from the work of the Holy Spirit. Then from the faith comes knowledge. As my pastor, Dr. Jack Hughes, puts it “knowledge is the caboose and faith is the engine.”

Genesis 1:1 says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” With a word He spoke the universe into being. He is holy and perfect, Creator and King. When sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, it required the punishment of eternal death. However, because of God’s great love, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to live a perfect life and die on the cross, taking upon Himself the sins of all the world. If we repent of our sin and put our trust in Him to save us, our sins will be washed away! We will be made new in Christ to live a life glorifying to Him. This is the faith which produces true knowledge. This is the truth! No amount of evidence can save a person. No proof is enough. Only faith. Only Jesus. Only one Way. All those who claim Christ as their Savior must believe God as their Maker.

Mr. Darwin, beyond merely convincing you that biblical creation is more plausible than evolution, it is my desire that you know God in light of who He has declared Himself to be. You tried to discover an alternative to how the world began, a world without a Maker and without God. One day all will know that God is the great and sovereign Lord who has declared the beginning from the end and spoken all things into existence. Praise be to God! Thank you for your time in reading this letter from someone who is more concerned about your heart than your scientific theories.

Sincerely,

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