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*Lovingly Proclaiming the Truth of God's Revealed Word*

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Dear Mr. Charles Darwin,

First of all, I would like to express my concern for you as I have heard of the loss of your ten year old daughter, Annie. Even though death is an enemy and the result of Adam's sin, I am so thankful death is swallowed up in the victory of Jesus Christ. I sincerely want to encourage you that real hope and peace is available in Him.

Following the death of your daughter I understand you have written a book entitled *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*. I am writing to discuss some of the theories which you have presented in your work including the theory of evolution. My prayer and steadfast hope is that God will use this letter to unveil for you His love and authority over all His creation.

I would humbly ask you to hear these basic truths concerning the creation of the earth and all life on it. First of all, the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1) Also, John 1:1-3 it says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that was made." I believe the Bible to be the inerrant, inspired, all-sufficient Word of God. True science and the Bible will never contradict. So if scientists find so called "evidence" that contradicts the Bible, they need to be quick to question their experiments or research not the Word of the only One Who was there in the beginning.

Second, God's Word teaches that He spoke His creation into existence. In Genesis chapter one the phrase, "God said ..." is used eight times in the context of speaking creation into existence during the six literal twenty-four hour days of creation.

Scientists who believe God used evolution in the creation of the universe come to the Bible with preconceived ideas and try to fit those ideas into the Bible instead of committing to the Bible as the authority and basis for their beliefs.

Third, God's Word teaches that He created living and non-living organisms separately, and that the living organisms produce after their own specific kind. Life did not begin as a single cell from non-living material. There is no "molecules to man" evolution. God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. (Genesis 1:25) Organisms do not evolve into higher more complex organisms, but rather they reproduce after their own specific kind according to God's good creative design.

Fourth, man is unique among all God's creation. In Genesis 1:26 God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ..." Man does not evolve from animals but rather was created specially and separately to have dominion over all creation which moves on the earth. (Genesis 1:28) In Genesis 2:7 the Bible says that the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Man is special because he is the only creation that can have a personal relationship with God, and because he is called to bear God's image.

Fifth, observational fossil evidence lacks transitional fossils or "missing links" in the fossil record. These transitional fossils are essential in the evolutionary theory of simple organisms evolving into more complex organisms over millions of years. If evolution were true, we would expect to find billions of these transition fossils all around the earth, but we do not. The fossil record reinforces that a person has always been a

person, a dinosaur has always been a dinosaur, and a finch has always been a finch just as God created them about six thousand years ago.

Sixth, God declares through Paul in Romans 1:20-21, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” God has also written His law on every heart, thus enabling our conscience to either excuse or accuse us. (Romans 2:14-15) Those who choose the evolutionary theory choose to ignore God and the observable scientific evidence He has given to declare His glory. (Psalm 19:1-6) Additionally, those who choose the evolutionary theory ignore their own fallibility and misinterpret God’s Word. (Romans 1:25)

Seventh, the first law of thermodynamics states that, “Energy can neither be created nor destroyed but rather changes from one form to another.” The evolutionary theory argues that God could not have created the world because this would contradict the first law of thermodynamics. Instead, God created everything which includes the first law of thermodynamics. (Colossians 1:6) God is not bound by His earthly laws but is outside of them and over them acting sovereignly as He wills.

Eighth, the second law of thermodynamics states, “Whenever energy is used, some of it is rendered unusable, though not lost or destroyed.” Two additional ideas that parallel with this law are the laws of degeneration and entropy. The evolutionary theory of organisms progressing and becoming more complex clearly contradicts this law. God

created every organism with extreme detail. He provided complex DNA information for each living creature enabling it to live and produce with great variety on earth. The world and everything in it was affected when Adam and Eve sinned. From that point on life began retrogressing, not progressing like evolutionists would say. Suffering and death entered God's perfect world. Creation now retrogresses because of sin and it groans waiting to be redeemed as God has promised. (Romans 8:18-22) Jesus came into the world to save us from the curse of sin and eternal separation from God in hell. Jesus Christ has provided the way to reconcile us to God so that death no longer has victory!

I hope that you understand my concern for you, Mr. Darwin. My purpose in writing has been to lovingly proclaim the truth of God's revealed Word. My desire is that God will use His Word to change your mind and heart just like He did mine. I pray that you will believe the irrefutable evidence that Jesus Christ is not only the Creator but the Savior of the world. Please bow before His authority and power and place your hope in Him and His finished work alone. (Ephesians 2:1-10)

By God's Grace,

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"To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see Who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing." (Isaiah 40:21-26)

