

A Sermon Transcribed

THE DEMISE OF EVOLUTION

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Good morning brethren. Nice to see everyone again. Of course it's already starting to get hot in Concord. We could tell it was going to be a hot day when I left but once I came through the Orinda hills the fog was awaiting, so I was glad to see a cooler day on this side.

During the seven thousand years brethren of God's plan, the bible speaks of three (3) different worlds that will have existed on this earth. In 2Peter chapter 3 and verse 6, it refers to "The World That Then Was", which means of course the pre-flood world before Noah's Ark. In Galatians chapter 1 and verse 4, it talks about "This Present Evil World", and in Hebrews 2 and in verse 5, it speaks of "The World To Come", for which we use the term "The World Tomorrow". So the bible in these three Scriptures brethren speaks of three different ages, although it terms them three different worlds, that will have existed on this earth.

I'd like to turn to that first one that I mentioned in 2Peter chapter 3 and beginning in verse 3, and read the succeeding Scriptures to what we've just been talking about. 2Peter chapter 3, and beginning in verse 3, because in relation to the 1st world, the pre-flood world, Peter makes this statement 2000 years ago by way of prophecy, of the theory of evolution. He prophesied that in the last days the theory of evolution would be promulgated in this present evil world - the 2nd age of man... 2Peter chapter 3 and beginning in verse 3, "knowing this first: that there shall come in the last days (and that doesn't mean just the end time brethren, it can include the century or two centuries of the final part of the 6,000 years) "In the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? If Jesus Christ was supposed to have come back as He promised 2,000 years ago, why hasn't He? "For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." "For this they *willingly* are ignorant of (they *choose*, this particular ignorance, which is the way the bible describes the theory of evolution) "they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water, where by the world that then was, (that 1st world) being overflowed with water, perished. And so we have a prophecy here in the bible that relates brethren to the theory of evolution in our time. And Peter, living in the second world made mention of the fact that people will ignore that the first world perished with a great flood. *They are deliberately ignorant of that fact!!* And so over the last two centuries particularly the last days that he mentions in verse 3, the theory of evolution has been promulgated around the world.

Now in the world tomorrow brethren, the Third world, nobody will be able to reject the existence of God. Simply because God Himself will be here on earth. And people will be able to go and meet

Him at Jerusalem. No longer will people be able to make the statement: "There is no God", and say to you: "Show me God", because they will be able to meet God themselves in Jerusalem after Jesus Christ will have returned. And so during the third world, the third age of man, the millennium and the hundred year period, the world to come, the world tomorrow, the greatest witness against the theory of evolution will be God Himself. God's existence on this earth ruling from Jerusalem. But in these past two worlds brethren, the present evil world and the world before, God also had a witness for each of those ages. A witness that proclaimed His existence *even though* during those two worlds He was not living here on the earth as He will during the millennium to come.

Now there are two things that evolutionist most reject in the biblical record. First of all the Genesis account of the beginning, the story of Adam and Eve. And it's not just the evolutionist brethren. I was brought up in the Church of England and when I came in contact with the Worldwide Church of God and found out what they believed with regard to the creation of man I said to myself, 'why surely they don't believe the Adam and Eve stuff!' Because we were enlightened in the Church of England, you know. We knew that that was just some fairytale back there for poetic license by whoever wrote Genesis. It wasn't something to be taken seriously. So its not just evolutionist brethren, there are creationist or Christians who don't believe the story of Adam and Eve to be literal. And the second thing that evolutionist reject is what is mentioned here by intimation in 2Peter chapter 3; the story of the flood, particularly that of Noah's Ark. And yet out of these two stories brethren God created two witnesses to His existence that *lasted* during the entirety of those two periods of time - the first world and this present evil world.

Let's turn over to Matthew 19 and beginning in verse 4, Matthew 19 and beginning in verse 4, because in this sermon brethren were going to be studying some of the witnesses to God's existence that He has left for man. And when it says in 2Peter that: "of this they were deliberately ignorant of", they willingly chose to reject it; there are many other things that they have rejected too when it comes to *proofs* of God's existence. Matthew 19 and beginning in verse 4; I mentioned that there are many Christian's today that believe that the story of Adam and Eve is just a fairytale, they will accept the Bible in token, but they believe that's just a nice little legend or poetic story. Yet here in Matthew 19 brethren we find Jesus Christ, and remember they call themselves Christians; theoretically followers of Christ, we find Jesus Christ Himself testifying to the truth, of that story, of Adam and Eve.... Jesus Christ believed it to been a literal historical fact, not some allegory. Matthew 19 and verse 4: He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female. "and said, (and Jesus Christ now quotes the Old Testament account in Genesis) ""For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh"". So Christ was quoting right out of Genesis, *as though it were fact!* Clearly He believed the story of Adam and Eve to be *literal* .

Well let's turn over to that story brethren in Genesis chapter 2, and were going to find that *out of that story* arose a witness that God left to the world that then was, throughout the entirety of its existence, right up to the time of Noah. A witness to Himself!! A witness to God on this earth.

Genesis 2 and beginning in verse 8, "And the eternal God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed". Dropping down to verse 10 with regards to this garden, "A river went out of Eden to water it, and from there (from the garden) it was divided into four heads", and then different names are given to these four different rivers - ah, some speculate that the four of them belong in the area of Asia Minor itself, however Josephus believes that the "Pishom" refers to the Ganges, the "Gihon" in verse 13 to the Nile, the "Hiddekel" in verse 14 to the Tigris, and the "Euphrates" is the obvious one because that name still remains. Now clearly, if they were parted at the Garden of Eden, that is not the case geographically today. The topography and the geography of the earth has been greatly altered over the centuries and over the millennia and undoubtedly as a result of Noah's flood; if Josephus were correct in his assessment as to which of these four rivers were involved. But that's not the important thing here brethren, although the rivers do play a factor in the witness that we're about to deal with.

Let's carry on to chapter 3 and beginning in verse 22, "God said, "Behold the man is become as one of us to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" - and therefore the Eternal God sent him forth, from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove the man out of the garden, and placed at the East of the garden, (now remember that the garden was already in the east of Eden, and on only one side did He place cherubim, which implies that the garden was only accessible from one particular direction. He did not place cherubim at the north, the south or the west, only at the East! So in some way it was in accessible on the other sides; there was one way in). "He drove out the man; and He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life". Now for God to do that, it meant that the garden of Eden continued to exist. God, having put man out of the garden didn't say, 'Well that's it, I'm not going to let him back in so I might as well demolish the garden". No, the garden continued to exist, and in order to prevent men entering it He set cherubim and a flaming sword at the entrance on the east side. Which meant throughout the centuries afterwards during the first world, the pre-flood world, human beings could go to that area and see the garden, not actually enter into it, but they could go where hills were and through sides that were inaccessible, walk around to the east and they could see the flaming sword and possibly the cherubim also; from which many of the myths and legends in Greek history have probably come. Jason and the Golden Fleece the Elixir of Eternal Life, ah, because of course the tree of life was still in the garden of Eden. Ah, you know that cherubims are strange looking creatures and ah, you have these legends of those that went to fight against many headed creatures, obviously there mythical but they may have had a certain basis in truth because the indications are that the garden continued right up to the time of the flood and then it was destroyed. Now the fact that four rivers, and most likely the four major rivers of the middle east area (the Nile the Euphrates the Tigris and the Ganges), originally had their source at the garden of Eden - meant that anybody living near those rivers, and the majority of civilization before the flood would have been living near the rivers because that's where the best farm land area would have been; as it is with the Nile today in Egypt.

All they had to do to find the garden of Eden was simply walk up stream. And eventually they would have come to where the garden was located. The garden was not hidden from pre-flood man, it was easy to find. These were the four major rivers, the bulk of population would have been in the vicinity of those rivers because of the fertility of the land as a result of the watering of the rivers. All they simply had to do to find the garden of Eden and to take a look at the flaming sword was walk up stream, depending which river they lived near, be it the Nile the Euphrates the Tigris or the Ganges. And certainly during the first thousand years, almost, Adam, their father, was able to tell them about the garden, tell them what happen, and tell them about the existence of God. And certainly during the final part of that first world, during the hundred and twenty years that Noah preached he could have told them himself and undoubtedly did, 'You want proof of the garden of Eden and where man began with your forefather Adam, just take a walk, take a hike, up the river and you'll come to the entrance of the garden and you'll be able to see the flaming sword, if you try to get in, *you won't be returning home!!* So God left a great witness to pre-flood man. Anybody could make that, you know, play the tourist, and go see at least the outskirts of the garden of Eden.

And that brings us to the second of these witnesses, this one of course for the Second world. Genesis 8 and verse 4, the story of Noah's Ark. In the first world God did not destroy the garden of Eden, He let it exist until the time of the flood, as a witness. And in the second world, likewise God did not destroy Noah's Ark, but has preserved it over the last 4,500 years it seems on Mt. Ararat, as a witness. And it was a witness during past generations when people in past time were able to go up and see the Ark of Noah; and I'll quote from certain sources in a few moments in that regard. Genesis 8 and verse 4, it tells us where the Ark rested, God did not destroy it, the Ark rested in the 7th month on the 17th day of the month upon the mountains of Ararat. Now around 475 B.C., nearly 500 years before Jesus Christ; Berrosius, a Caldean priest - and this was 2,000 years after the flood and after the Ark had arrived on the Mt. Ararat, stated that in his time; this is a Caldean priest OK, not one of your most converted individuals on the face of the earth, stated that in his time people still assended the mountain and scraped off some of the bitterminus coating from the wood of the Ark and used it as good luck charms and talisments.

Josephus makes the statement that the remains of the Ark were still there in his day and that inhabitants of the area would take people up to view the Ark, and of course Josephus wrote his works after Jesus Christ. Marco Polo who lived from 1254 to 1324, the late middle ages, mentioned the existence of the Ark and described mount Ararat as a huge mountain, around which you could not travel in less than two days, and who's summit could not be reached because of the everlasting snow. Thats a quote from Marco Polo, and it makes it clear that by this time then a climatic change had occurred; that snow had become so prevalent on that mountain that it restricted people being able to go up as easily as they had during the days of Berrosius and during the time of Josephus. And if you take a look at a map that is one high mountain, it's almost 17,000 feet high. Now the highest mountains in the United States, outside of Alaska, are only in the 14,000 foot range. To find yourself a 17,000 foot mountain you have to go all the way to Alaska. So this is no small mountain brethren, the Ark is about 5,000 feet down from the summit; but it is a huge mountain.

Now in 1840 there was an earthquake that caused 1/10 of the upper peak of Mt. Ararat to collapse, and after this explorers began to report sightings of the ark once again. Because of that, in 1856 (and I don't know the truth of this story brethren I'll just give it to you, you can take it with a pinch of salt, it may be true it may not). Because of this, three English atheist decided - since they heard of reported sightings of the Ark, that they would make a trip over there and prove that ah, this was a lot of froth coming out of Turkey and there really wasn't an Ark to be found. So they took an Armenian guide and his son and as it turned out they did find the Ark, but the atheists' bound themselves to a death oath rather than admit the discovery. Now the boy, the son of the Armenian guide, later migrated to America and told his story, that they had found the Ark. And years later one of the atheist admitted his part in the plot in a death bed confession. See he'd taken a death oath, now he was on his death bed - it didn't matter, he might as well confess at that point. Now his death oath was no problem in other words, as he was about to die. Now whether this story is true or not I really don't know brethren, but it has been quoted so I give it to you, take it with a grain of salt there may be truth may not in it.

Now in 1916, well even in 1883 the Turks themselves were going up there and ah, were discovering the Ark. And it was reported in the Chicago Tribune about that time; that ah, they'd had sighting of the Ark. In 1916 some Russian fliers were flying their planes over Mt. Ararat and noticed this huge barge like form; ah, the Ark is split in two because of a glacier their at the top of the mountain and the bulk of the Ark is stuck in the glacier. This has been part of the problem over the last couple of centuries in reaching it. But the Russian pilots reported their find back to Moscow, and at this time Zar Nickholas was ruling Russia and so he sent down an expeditionary team to climb the mountain and to find the ark, and they did, and they took photographs and they made documentation as to regard to the size, ect. But then in 1917 came the Bolshevik revolution, and all the documentation disappeared, because of course the communist wanted to have nothing to do with God. And Noah's Ark would proved that there had been a worldwide flood and that the Bible was true. Since that time there has of course since the Bolshevik revolution been difficulty on the border between the Turks and the Russians, and Mt. Ararat lies within a military zone, and that it's very hard for tourist to get in. But in 1955 a French industrialist and explorer named Fernand Navarra, actually he made three trips up but this was the only successful one he had, found the ark on his third trip up in that year. As I mentioned, 5,000 feet below the summit stuck in a glacier. He cut a beam from the Ark, but to get it past the Turkish soldiers he then had to cut it into smaller pieces and they hid the pieces in the Backpacks of those on the expedition. When he got back to France, he had his wood examined and submitted to radio carbon dating, and sure enough, by radio carbon dating, the wood was 4,500 years old....

Now evolutionist will scoff at the story of Noah's Ark for two (2) major reasons, first of all because of the concept of a worldwide flood as we read in our initial scripture in 2Peter - they don't believe that a worldwide flood could have occurred; and secondly, they don't believe that Noah could have gotten the thousands of different types of animals into a ship the size of which they built back in that day. And evolutionist thereby make two errors, first of all they under estimate the size of the Ark

and secondly they *over estimate* the number of animals that he took on board. Genesis 6 and verse 15 tells us the size of the Ark, Genesis 6 and verse 15, "This is the fashion which you shall make of it: The length of the Ark shall be 300 cubits, the breadth of it fifty, and the height of it thirty." And there were three decks, I won't read the other Scriptures, ah, but as you study you find that there were three decks in that ah thirty cubit height. The question of the size of the cubit, there was an ancient Babylonian cubit of about 18 inches, another of about 21 inches, but there was an ancient Hebrew cubit of 25 inches, roughly two feet. Now if we go by the ancient Hebrew cubit brethren, roughly two feet, then you are talking about a boat, a barge, 600 ft. long and 100 feet wide. Which gives you a surface area on each deck of 60,000 sq. feet; three decks, giving you the approximate size for each deck of two football fields in area, now that's a lot of space on which to put animals. The volume of the ark based on that cubit would be 3,500,000 cubic feet, which would give it a carrying capacity of 25 freight trains each of them with 50 cars! Now you figure that out to one freight train, that's 1300 cars in the train, (freight cars), you can get an awful lot of stock in 1300 freight cars brethren. The weight, the displacement weight would have been about 66,000 tons, which would have made it one of the hugest ships of all time until we get down to the last century, in fact ah, getting up there with the Queen Mary, not quite that size, a little over 2/3rd's of the Queen Mary down in Los Angeles. She is parked there by the way so if you want to make a trip on the Queen Mary or Tour her you'll get a certain concept of the size of this Ark.

Now the other thing was that they *over estimated* how many animals were taken onboard. We find of course that the *kinds* (Genesis 7), God said to take kinds, ah, based on what were given earlier on in Genesis, He mentioned the pairs here in ah, Genesis 7 and verse 2. Now this does not mean every specie of animal brethren. The Genesis word "kind" used earlier on in the book, not here in Genesis 7, equates better with our word "geneous", which is the basic kind and then you have the verities, the species thereafter. And the basic "kinds" were not that extensive - because we know from chapter 2 verses 19-20, "that Adam was able to name them all in one day". He named all those animals, those "kinds" that God brought to him in one day. Which means the basic kinds (or geneous) were not that numerous. Now there are other factors that enter into this as well, and ah, much of this material in from the book 'The Harmony of Science and Scripture' (quote): Of all the animal life on this earth, 60% of it lives in water. And obviously Noah didn't have to worry about the marine life, where the flood was concerned, that leaves you 40% remaining. Of that 40% remaining (these are the dry land animals now) 70% of those are insects. Now how much room do they need? Now they can even climb the walls, some of them, the spiders or whatever and just roost on the ceiling. Which actually out of that 100% leaves you 12%, that Noah would have really had to concern himself with. And of that 12% the actual size is that of a cocker spaniel. So actually when you figure it out, based on this book "The Harmony of Science and Scripture", the ark had only 33,000 tons of cargo, only half its capacity was used for animals, the other half for food for seeds for grains, what ever. Although obviously he may have had more animals than just the 33,000 tons worth, but, because some of the animals may have hibernated and not needed food during the time, ah, of the flood itself.

So first of all, Evolutionist *under estimate* the size of this barge that was constructed by Noah, and ah, they *over estimate* the number of animals that would have had to be taken onboard. Now I mentioned earlier on brethren that the garden of Eden continued as a witness to God's existence right up to the time of the flood. And so it has been with Noah's Ark. As we saw with Berossis and Josephus, people were still able to go and view the Ark during past time. But if God had allowed them to do that over the last 2,000 years, probably by continuing collecting "Good Luck Charms" off of it there probably wouldn't be much of the Ark left at this point. So God evidently caused a climatic change, that has made the Ark *inaccessible* over many of the last centuries. And perhaps, it is God's intent, that He has preserved it (the ark) to change the climate once again and allow Noah's Ark to be fully discovered by the world *before* Jesus Christ returns. Maybe Noah's Ark has not finished its witness to mankind, maybe its greatest witness was during the time of Noah, but maybe its got a great one yet to come. It is a question mark brethren as to why God should have preserved it in that glacier over the last few centuries. Because, *if Noah's Ark* were rediscovered by the world in our time, it brings up four (4) very interesting questions that the evolutionist will have a hard time answering.

#1 - *How do you explain* a boat that sailed to the top of a mountain **if** there was no worldwide flood?;

#2 - *How do you explain* the wood of that boat being over 4,000 years old, the time the Bible says there was a flood?;

#3 - *How do you explain* that boat being the same dimensions as the one described in the Bible, Gods word?;

#4 - *How do you explain* that boat being in the exact same location the Bible says it was in Genesis 8 and verse 3?

Now I'm not saying that it will necessarily work out this way brethren, but you have to wonder why has God preserved this Ark for 4,500 years to our time? Because what Peter said was in the last centuries, in the last days, the thing they would most scoff at was the concept of Noah's Ark and as worldwide flood. There is no garden of Eden any more, but Noah's Ark has remained as a witness. Now satan has worked things out that it's in a military zone because of the Russian / Turkish border and hard to get at, and Fernand Navarra had to smuggle out the wood that he had. But perhaps that situation can change before the end, and perhaps; I'm not saying that it will necessarily be this way brethren, ah, God may just preserve it as a tourist attraction for the millennium, it may not be ah, rediscovered today by mankind as a whole. But that is a distinct possibility. So in each of the ages of man, or these three worlds rather referred to in the Bible, God has left a witness; the 1st was the garden of Eden, the 2nd was Noah's Ark and obviously the third will be Jesus Christ Himself ruling the world from Jerusalem in the world tomorrow.

Now there are other witnesses, besides these three, that have been throughout each of the ages of man and, ah, consistent to all three of the worlds spoken of in the Bible. These are three other witnesses that are universal to this earth. The 1st might surprise you brethren, it's found in Acts chapter 14 and beginning in verse 15, Acts chapter 14 and beginning in verse 15. At this point Paul and Barnabus were about to be worshiped as gods because of a miracle they had performed of healing, and Paul and Barnabus ran in among them to stop the people from worshiping them as gods, as the god Jupiter and Mercury. And verse 15, "saying, Sirs why do you these things? We be men of like passions with you and preach to you that you should turn from these vanities to the living God, to the one God who made heaven and earth and sea and things that are herein, who in times past suffered nations to walk in there own ways. Nevertheless, (while they were walking in there own ways, worshiping many gods; and even back then on occasion there were those of course who believed there was no God and believed in evolution on occasion) "Nevertheless, (verse 17, throughout all ages) He left Himself not without witness." Now were dealing with another kind of witness now other than the three already mentioned brethren, not some physical entity like a garden of Eden or Noah's Ark or Jesus Christ residing at Jerusalem. "He left Himself not without witness (to all ages of man) in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and (what does rain do? It provides us with) fruitful seasons." If you don't have rain you have a drought. If you have a drought you have dead seasons, not fruitful ones. And as a result of those fruitful seasons, "filling our hearts with food and gladness."

So the first of these three other witnesses brethren, Paul speaks of food. Now if you were going to chose a witness for Gods existence, would you automatically think of food? Ah, highly unlikely brethren. We might better term it the "Plant Kingdom." And the plant kingdom does provide a witness of Gods existence. Now it says that God did good, it is a witness to good, the part of His good works to man, specifically His providing for man's needs. Because even if man did evolve, he could not survive without food, *and man did not invent the food that he eats*, neither did man provide the rain that makes for the fruitful seasons that allows that food to grow to keep him going along. So we have the miracle brethren of plant life that provides sustenance for us. Mark chapter 4 and verse 26. Now we might think it strange that God would chose food as a proof of His existence, as a witness, to His being the God that rules the earth. But you stop and thing about it brethren, it's not really that strange. Because how does God tell us to draw close to Him, what's one of the ways. We fast, and we go without food, and when we go without food we become very weak don't we? And we don't feel so smug about ourselves and our own capacity to survive. We begin to realize how frail we are and how much we need God to provide for us. And therefore food, which comes from the plant kingdom, is very much a witness to God's existence; because *man* could not exist except God had provided him with food. Even if man had been able to evolve his body, he could not have survived without food to feed it. And man, as I said, did not invent food - it was provided for him! It's not one of his creations, his inventions.

Mark chapter 4 and verse 26, Jesus said: "So is the kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed into the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up; he knows not how." Man doesn't make the seed germinate and grow! *He* doesn't give it that capacity; he

finds the seed, he puts it into the ground. But what makes it grow up out of the ground to the point that it can provide him with grain and food? Is that something man causes it to do? No, it does it of itself because God caused it to be that way. "Should rise night and day, the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how, for the earth brings forth fruit of herself", man did not create the earth or the food. "First the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear." And then when the fruit is brought forth for him; this all goes on with out him doing anything once he's planted the seed, then he can come along and say: 'Thank you very much; put a little sickle to it, and then he's got some corn to eat. So he just takes the seed, puts it in the ground, lets it get started, go's off a ways, the rain takes care of the rest, he comes along - it's already grown for him after a few weeks or months - and he gets the end result, he gets provided for. You see, the food grows for him, he does not cause it to grow. And if that food had not been there for him from the beginning - he could not have survived! And even today if there was a permanent universal famine, he would perish from the earth.

Psalm 104 brethren and beginning in verse 5, Psalm 104 and beginning in verse 5, speaking of God who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever, "You cover the deep as with a garment; and the waters stood above the mountains." As they did with the pre-Adamic flood and also with the Noahation flood. And then verse 7, "At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hasted away." And verse 9, "You have set a bound that they may not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth. And of course God gave the sign of the rainbow after Noah's flood - that there would never be a flood again. But having spoken of the flood; first of all the creation of the earth (verse 5) and the fact that it became covered with water, both during satans time and during Noah's time - now it goes on to speak of the rain. And remember what we read in Acts 14 and verse 15, that God sends rain from heaven to provide for fruitful seasons that produce for us food. "He sends the springs (verse 10) in to the valleys which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst." Verse 13, "He waters the hills from His chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works. He GOD, not man, causes the grass to grow for the cattle and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth fruit out of the earth, or food out of it. Wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face to shine, bread which strengthens man's heart."

Even if man had been able to evolve his body he could not have survived with out these things to sustain him - and we all know, as I said earlier, man did not invent food. Even today he does not cause it to grow, it grows of itself for him. He may plant it, he may add fertilizer, he may reap it once it's full grown, but the process in between, as Jesus Christ said, it comes up out of the earth of itself as a result of the rain that God sends from heaven! And again verse 19, remember the fruitful seasons that we read of? "He appoints the moon for seasons; and the sun knows his going down." Because you need the sun as well as the rain to allow that food to come to maturity. And so verse 24, "O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your riches." So as it is brethren then, the 1st of these perpetual witnesses to God's existence is the Plant Kingdom. The second is found in Job chapter 12, Job chapter 12 and beginning in verse 7, "But ask now the beasts (the animals), and they shall teach you", you know we can receive instruction from lesser creatures

than ourselves - what will they teach us brethren? "And ask the fowls of the air, they shall tell you". Now obviously they can't speak, they can't give a lecture, but when you look at them, they will teach you something *by their very existence*. They will teach you that there had to be a God!! Verse 8, "Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you; and the fishes of the sea shall declare it to you."

Everywhere you look, in the Animal Kingdom, every last creature on this earth *testifies* to the existence of a creator God!! Notice the words in verse 7 - To Teach & To Tell, and again verse 8 - To Teach & To Declare, every last one of these creatures is a proof of God's existence (verse 9), "Who knows not in all these that the hand of God wrought this and brought it to pass." Chapter 39 brethren and verse 19, chapter 39 verse 19, One of the questions that God asked of Job, "Have *you* given the horse strength? Have *you* clothed his neck with thunder?" Verse 26, "Does the hawk fly by *your* wisdom, and stretch her wings towards the south?" "Does the eagle (verse 27) mount up at *your* command, and make her nest on high?" And the point for us brethren where evolution is concerned; just as we don't make the earth bring forth food for us neither did we create these creatures that serve us! We did not invent them or create them!! Neither did they mount up and fly at *our* command. And we did not give the horse or the ox its strength - they were able to use the horses to ride upon or the ox to pull a plow. Those animals were provided to *help us* in our life on this earth. We did not invent them, we did not create them for ourselves.

And how did the birds with their brain so tiny in comparison to man, come to execute with breath taking ease, their flight through the air? When it's taken man nearly 6,000 years to get to the point where he can fly, and even when he does fly it takes him a tremendous amount of effort, time and expenditure to create a machine, that will take him up into the air. Where as a bird doesn't have to make any expense whatsoever, they can just take right off from the branch and away it goes. We did not create the animals brethren, we know this. And neither did we create ourselves - it had to be a superior intelligence that created us both. Chapter 40 and verse 15, God says, "Behold now behemoth, which I made with you." We didn't create the animal, we didn't create ourselves, God created us both! It's not just a question of: "Behold now behemoth", we can behold any animal as we say from chapter 12, and we can behold a fantastic marvel of design. Now if we can behold a fantastic marvel of design in any animal, any fish, any bird, any creature that God has made, how much more can we behold a marvel of design when we look at ourselves brethren....

Psalms 139, Psalm 139 and verse 14, "I will praise You, (David says) for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I can look at my body and know that I am an absolute marvel of design, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, *and that my soul knows right well!!!*" David was not willingly ignorant of the facts before his eyes! He knew he did not make himself, and he knew that he was such a marvel of design that he could not have evolved from nothing. You know the grand question for ourselves if we're of an evolutionary bent, did I climb from slime or did I come from scum? Either way, it seems pretty ridiculous doesn't it brethren... Verse 13, "For You have possessed my reins; You have covered me in my mother's womb." I didn't create myself, I was created by somebody before me, and she by somebody before her. And man himself, Adam and Eve,

created by God. And how a woman can bear a child in her womb for nine months, feel it growing within her, and bring it to the birth and say, "well all this came about by evolution." A Neanderthal invented the process not God - it's absolutely beyond me! A marvel of life growing within her. The individual does not create himself he is created by the mother, but where does she get the creative capacity? She didn't invent that process and put it into her own body! It had to be a Superior Being that made it possible. Did you create your eyes that see me now, or your ears that hear me? (short blank due to turning of tape) or at least hopefully understands what I'm saying. Every so often you get people falling asleep, so you know, there not understanding you at that point.

Where did you get your own intelligence brethren? How did intelligence evolve? It could not have evolved... it had to be created. Now of course evolutionist would like to think that intelligence did evolve, and the human body evolved. Well, there's a story then that we have for the evolutionist. Remember basically the evolutionist always start of with something already there, ah, where it came from is a mute question because in reality there has to be *nothing*. If everything evolved from something else, somewhere along the line there had to be nothing, but they start off with something - they cheat OK. So we'll cheat too for the benefit of the evolutionist. One day there was a head lying on a bed. Now where the bed came from don't ask and where the head came from; we've got to start of with something OK. There's just this head lying on a bed, and it's a skull with a brain in it, an intelligence - but it can't see anything. So the brain is lying there in the darkness of the head and it thinks to itself, I'd like to see out of this skull, I'd like to see what's out there, so what I'll do is I'll evolve two eyes in my head. So the brain thought about it and strained at it, spent a long long time working at it and finally two eyes appeared! And the head rejoiced, now I can see the ceiling, this is just tremendous, this is wonderful. The head was over joyed, I just love this. But after a while the head got board looking at the ceiling, with it's new eyes, so it said, 'you know I'd like to see what's at the sides', because the head couldn't move itself - just being a head. What I need is a torso, and that way I can at least roll over and look at the sides of this room. So the head thought and thought and strained and strained and finally it evolved a torso, and said, boy terrific! And rolled over on it's side - took a look at one wall, rolled over on the other - took a look at the other wall. It spent a lot of time rolling back and forth now, taking a look at the walls. But finally it got board looking at the walls, it said: I'd like to see what's under the bed; and my torso isn't sufficient to get me that I can get my head over the edge of the bed and look underneath - what I need are two arms! So I'll evolve two arms now. So the head thought and thought and strained and strained and finally two arms appeared, and the head was so happy. And it got to the edge of the bed and looked underneath and he, you know, examined everything that underneath the bed, but even that got boring after a while. He said, what I need now are two legs to evolve to this torso, and that way I can get out of this room and I can go out and see the entire outside world. So I've got to evolve two legs, so he thought and he thought and he thought and he strained and strained and finally two legs appeared. And he leaped out of the bed, he was so happy, it was just wonderful - finally I can leave this place, I can go out of this room I can see the entire world now! So he flung wide the door, he ran down the stairs and into the street - he was hit by a passing truck and killed. Now you may say that's a sad story for evolution, but there's a moral to the story brethren: Quit while your *ahead* .

OK, the third universal witness brethren that God has. Psalm 19, Psalm 19 and verse 1, and perhaps the word universal is apropos because the third great witness to God's existence, that has always existed for man, is the universe itself. Psalm 19 and verse 1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech", now the animals can't give you a lecture per say that God exists, but their very existence, their marvel of design, tells you there had to be a designer. That they could not have invested themselves; how did the peacock, the male peacock ladies - its the male one that does all the strutting and the showing off, how did he cause those beautiful feathers to evolve and why did he bother in the first place? You know, how did the eyes in all those feathers know, you know, all those cells say: We'll form an eye now, when cells don't have that intelligence of their own. It's "The heavens that declare the glory of God; And day unto day utters speech, night unto night shows knowledge." It teaches us that there had to be a God out there to make all this possible! And what's more (verse 3) "There's no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." Every generation of history and every corner of this globe has been exposed to the great witness of God's heavens!! "Their line has gone through all the earth, their words to the end of the world." "And in them (in those heavens) He set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, rejoices a strong man to run his race. Its going forth is from the end of the heaven, the circuit to the ends of it; there's nothing hid from the heat thereof."

God provided us not just with the rain, He also provided us with the sun. The heat that we need, both to sustain us because we would freeze to death without it; and also to help the food grow along with the moisture that's given by the rain. A quote here from a book relating to this particular aspect of the heat that we need: The earth rotates at just the right speed, making a complete revolution every 24 hours in its trip around the sun. The result is that the earth's crust is evenly heated; as we saw here (verse 6), like a chicken on a turning spit. Were our day a year long as it is on Mercury, there would be scorching heat on one side and bitter cold on the other. If our day of 24 hours were longer or shorter all present balanced adjustments would be upset and life on earth would become intolerable if not utterly impossible! Hebrews 3 brethren and verse 4, Hebrews 3 and verse 4, "For every house is built by some man, but He that built all things is God." Now this simple scripture brethren is a perfect argument for God. It's as simple as this, we all know if you see a house somebody had to build it, and we all *should* know by the same reasoning that the someone is the Almighty that had to build this *Greater* house around us, the universe. Remember how it was described in Psalm 19, as a tabernacle, a tent above us. We are housed within this universe brethren. If I were to tell you, that long before you came into this room that this building, for your benefit, erected itself. And all the chairs your sitting on marched in here and placed themselves neatly in order, just by themselves, you know, that all of this that your sitting in here just evolved brethren, just happened by itself, this house evolved itself without any help from any human being - you'd call me a liar!! And that's why God says that man is being utterly stupid and *willingly* ignorant. When he says this house all around him, that provides him with sustenance, with food, with light, with heat, with moisture, and everything else that he needs to survive; to say all of this just happened of itself - he is *choosing* to be ignorant, of the God that made him... And that's what God says of evolution, it is a chosen ignorance!!

Now how did God create this universe around us brethren? Chapter 11 (Hebrews) and verse 3, because of course when God originally existed, there was no matter, there was no universe, there were no planets, no suns - nothing of *matter* existed. So how did God cause it to exist? How did matter come into being when it never was there? Chapter 11 and verse 3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." God took something invisible to make something visible. How did He do it brethren, there was nothing material at the beginning? God took of His Spirit essence and converted that Spirit essence into material substance. And the proof that God can do that, is simply in God Himself - Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ, who was composed totally of spirit at one point when He was part of the God head, utterly divested Himself of His spirithood and became a speck of material dust in the womb of a woman. That miracle involved the conversion of spirit into matter... And that's how God brought this entire universe into being, because the only thing God had at the beginning, the two Gods, the only thing They had that existed was Their spirit. So They took of Their Spirit essence and converted it, a part of it, into material substance.

Now of course man believes that there was a Big Bang that got this universe started, and he may be right, we know that we are part of an expanding universe. This is a quote from the book "Universe" by Calpman, ah, one of my wife's text books from San Francisco State; I study on the slide - see I'm not going to the university my wife is, but then I can study the books and get a free education.... Why should both of us have to pay... Of course I don't have that amount of time that my wife does. At the moment of the Big Bang, OK, which is really better a cosmic singularity but that's another term that ah, more scientific term I guess that's used. At the moment of the Big Bang, OK, when this thing all got started a state of infinite density existed in the universe. Space and time were completely jumbled up together in a condition of infinite curvature, like that at the center of a black hole. Thus we can not use the laws of physics to tell us exactly what happened at the moment of the Big Bang, and, I love this sentence, OK, we certainly can't use science to tell us what existed *before* the Big Bang..... these things are fundamentally unknowable. The phrases before the Big Bang and at the moment of the Big Bang are meaningless because time did not really exist until after that moment.

See man can only go back so far and then he's got to say, well, you know we've got to forget whatever there was before that time because ah, there *fundamentally unknowable*. Least he has the honesty to admit that science can not give the answer, that's right it can't, only God can! Now if the Big Bang theory is correct, if there really was a Big Bang that got this universe created. And fifteen or twenty billion years ago God took of His Spirit and created a condition of infinite density, infinite curvature, a cosmic singularity, an awesome demonstration of His power to all the angles, created the greatest explosion of all time to cause an expanding universe that we are a part of today? Now, in the last part of this sermon I'd like to deal with two fundamental questions that come up. The first from evolutionist to creationist and the second from creationist to evolutionist. And I don't suggest arguing with evolutionists because your dealing with closed minds, and I did that, you know, when I first came into the church I had a friend who was an evolutionists and we got absolutely no where, you just waste

your time. Just wait a few years and they'll be able to meet God Himself and they'll be no more argument.

But one question that the evolutionists do have, and it's a valid question, 'If God made everything, who made God? Now if they put that question to you there's no way brethren you can give a convincing answer to an evolutionists because his minds already closed anyway. What he doesn't want to believe he won't believe! And it's too much of a jump for a human mind without God, for human logic, a person determined not to accept God, to believe that God eternally existed. It's hard for man to conceive of someone who has no beginning and no end. How can God have eternally existed? Well part of the answer has already been given, thankfully, by Mr. Calpman in his book 'The Universe'. Time as we know it did not exist before the Big Bang. God is outside of time as we know it brethren cause we tell time by the way, you know, the planets rotation, and ah, you know, the solar system and the movement around the sun. So time as we have seen did not exist before the creation of the universe, because God is outside of time as we know; it; he is not limited by the constraints of time in a material universe as we are! God is Eternal because He exists outside of time as we know it; He lives on an entirely different dimension of life. But this still does not explain where God came from or who made Him? And the answer is, unconformable as it is to human logic, that God did not come from anywhere and nobody made Him, He has always existed.... Who made God - now this won't satisfy any evolutionists, but for our own understanding brethren, who made God is a question that's known nowhere. Because even if he had the answer, even if you could say well I know someone who made God - who made the someone, all right? And if someone else made that someone who made the someone else? You've got to have a point where there was an eternally existing being that caused this universe to get started. And we in our turn could say to the evolutionists, though this is not the question that I have in mind I'll come to that in a moment, where did the Big Bang come from, what made the Big Bang - Bang? What were the forces, you know, where did they come from? Where was that material, how did it get there? No brethren, it's a valid question in one sense, we ask it ourselves; how come God has eternally existed? But it's an element of faith, just as evolution is an element of faith - a blind faith - because it denies the facts.

If you were to sum up the theory of evolution in a simple a sentence as possible, lets say you made an equation out of it. And it is possible by the way to make an equation out of evolution, thank you, I did it this past week. I don't think I'll give it any accolades from the evolutionists for doing it but; they say a picture is worth a thousand words sometimes an equation is to OK. This is the theory of evolution in a nut shell, OK: "Nobody + nothing = everything. Now there's nobody because there's no God to get things started. And true, evolutionists quit (I think he meant 'cheat') they do start out with something, but where did the something come from they have no explanation. And, if there is nobody and even if he had something how did the something generate itself to produce living things, bodies? Because of the law by Genesis as Mr. Armstrong use to say - 'life can only come from life', it's one of the basic laws of science. And the same thing with this universe, it has not eternally existed because there is, as Mr. Armstrong used to tell us, no past eternity of matter. And if this universe were to continue expanding on into infinity, eventually all the stars would burn themselves out and you'd

have nothing but blackness once again brethren... Now, the, cosmic people are hoping that the universe is going to fall back in on itself, create another Big Bang and get things started all over again. Well that's great, doesn't do much for you and me though does it. You know, when we all go back into one big Black Hole, ah, you know that's doesn't - not very hopeful thought. I kind of like God's idea better, you know, for this universe to implode and we go back through another Big Bang and we cease to exist - that's not very exciting. I think God has a better idea, OK, that we step out of this dimension into a different one and start living eternally as God does. Oh, which brings me of course to creation, which for us but not for the evolutionists makes a lot better sense, this is the equation for creation: Somebody + something made everything. The somebody was God, the something was the Holy Spirit, God took of His Spirit essence and created material substance.

Now we come to our question for the evolutionists. It would not be considered the grandest and brightest question to ask an evolutionists, in fact he would laugh in your face and say it's a stupid question - says it doesn't deserve an answer. And the reason he will take that reaction is because in reality it's a very good question, because they can't answer it. I'm sure you've heard it before - Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Now they will ridicule it and the reason is because they can't answer it, OK. Maybe we have a question; we can't tell them where God came from to there satisfaction. But if they try to follow this through, it's not a dumb question brethren it's a perceptive one, because if the chicken did evolve one or the other, the chicken or the egg, had to come first. Now let's say half of you believe the egg came first, OK, we'll have an argument for the egg. OK, we've got ourselves an egg, now remember it's got to be a fertilized egg, it can't be any old egg, we've got to have an egg here that's got a bona fide chicken already in it, all right. Now this egg is off by itself, no chickens, no roosters anywhere on the globe, we've just got ourselves an egg; but there's a chicken inside, thankfully. Now somehow this egg cracks and the chicken comes out and then; where did it find chicken feed, you know, how did it incubate even? Well lets say the climate was warm enough for it to incubate and it manages to hatch, how did it survive in a hostile environment, you know, going back to dinosaur age if you want, if the chicken evolved? How did it find food? I mean, there are so many questions that come up to the survival of that chicken, but let's grant that the thing grew to full chickenhood, all right, full maturity. We've got ourselves a mature chicken. The egg worked, and now we have a chicken! But it's one lonesome chicken and it's going to die a lonely death. Because we've got no rooster to make more chickens, there are no more eggs coming brethren... So I'm sorry, you lost the argument, it had to be the chicken side.

This side believed that the chicken was how things got started, so we've got ourselves a ready made chicken OK. Now we have to assume that if we've got a ready made chicken to get things started it has to be a pregnant chicken, all right. Because there's got to be a egg coming somewhere alone the line. Now if it's a pregnant chicken, there had to also be a rooster... Now this is basic biology now, I hope you, you know, your understanding this, ah, cause if you didn't know that's the only way your going to get an egg. You've got to have a rooster and a chicken. Now the land surface on this planet brethren is 58 million square miles, and we've had I don't know how many billions of years, I guess 4 billion years of Earth's history. So during that time there had to be a chicken and a

rooster on the exact same location on this earth, and it's 58 million square miles for either of them to get lost in, but they had to meet at the exact same geographical location in the same year of the same decade of the same century of 4⁰ billion years of Earth's history. Not that boggles the mind.... And then when they met.... the rooster had to know what to do!!! Now that brings us to another question... Who told him? And if it were by instinct, where did he get the instinct?

You see brethren, it's quite clear, that it could not have been by evolution. That all these things that we have on this earth came to be. Psalm 10 and verse 4, Psalm 10 and verse 4, *you see man is determined, by what ever means he can, to deny the existence of God ...* Some human beings on this earth. And so as it says Psalm 10 and verse 4, "The wicked through the pride of his countenance", he wants to be a God unto himself, "will not seek after God; God is not in all of His thoughts", or as it can be translated, "All his thoughts are, there is no God!!!" Man wants to be God himself... and one day he will be..... but not the way he thinks to accomplish it. Psalm 14 and verse 1, "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." Perhaps I'll just read these to you brethren quickly, Chapter 28 and verse 5, "Because they regard not the works of the LORD nor the operation of His hands, He will destroy them and not build them up." They deliberately disregard the work of God, they won't look at the operation of *His* hands; they would rather believe it all evolved.... Psalm 97 and verse 6, once again you don't need to turn there brethren I'll just quote them to you, "The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory", they may blind their *minds* to it.... but their eyes see it nevertheless - and therefore they are without excuse.... As it says in Romans chapter 1, Romans chapter 1 and verse 19, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has *showed it* to them", by everything we see around us brethren, "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are *clearly seen* (clearly seen), being understood by the things that are made even His eternal power and God head. So that they are without excuse." No evolutionists when he comes up in the second resurrection will be able to say, 'God I had a good argument going there.' God will show him what his real human nature is and has been, and he will see (the man) that he deliberately blinded himself to the facts of life... they are without excuse!

I'd like to quote to you brethren from an article in the Readers Digest of last year by Jim Bishop after he died. He was an author of 21 books including the Day Christ Died and The Day Kennedy Was Shot.

"There is no God, all of the wonders around us are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand billion stars... they just made themselves. There is no power keeps them on there steady course, and the earth spins its self to keep the oceans from falling off towards the sun. The earth gave its self day and night, and tilted its self so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and ways, but they just grew there.

Why does snow sit on a mountain top waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops the farms below to drink? (A very lovely accident). The human heart will beat for seventy or eighty years without faltering, how does it get sufficient rest between beats? A

human kidney will filter poison from the blood and yet leave good things alone?, how does it know one from the other? Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them? Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum over and over again until in time a baby would have the proper number of fingers, toes, eyes and ears; and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life? No... they would tell us there is no God, all of the wonders around us are just accidental'...

In conclusion brethren Isaiah 28, sorry, Isaiah 29. We live in perhaps the last coming decade of the theory of evolution, because the days of that theory are numbered. When Jesus Christ returns these people will be able to meet the God, they say, does not exist. The very God who created them... Isaiah 29 verse 14, it's a scripture that a lot of times we use in regards to God's work, but I use it also today with regards to the theory of evolution: "Therefore behold I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder. For the wisdom of the vain (intellectuals of this world and the evolutionists) shall perish, and the understanding of these smart individuals shall be hid." Verse 16, With your theory of evolution, "Surely your turning of things upside down," which is what evolution does; it says man created himself, instead of God creating him. "Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay." If you see a clay vessel and that clay vessel speaks to you and says, "Nobody made me, I made myself - you reply, 'You're a liar. "Shall the work say of him that made it He made me not?" Which is exactly what man is doing; as the clay to God the potter! "Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, 'He had no understanding"?

Well that day is coming..... when even the evolutionists will acknowledge the God that made them..... Verse 18, "In that day shall the deaf of this world (deliberately deaf) shall finally hear (listen) to the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind (there are none so blind as those that will not see) the eyes of the blind shall finally see out of obscurity and out of darkness." Verse 24, "They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding. And they that murmured shall learn doctrine"... Jesus said in John 8 and verse 32, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." You have already been freed brethren, but very soon the rest of humanity will be also... Not just from false, pagan religion, but also from the theory of evolution.

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