



The Question of Evolution

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1. There are a number of implications of evolutionary theory. Here are some possible ones:

- (a) Removes any sense of ultimate meaning from life.
- (b) Turns people into little more than “Naked Apes”.
- (c) Encourages “survival of the fittest” (dog eat dog) mentality.
- (d) Erodes the basis for the value of human life.
- (e) Removes the objective basis for any morality.
- (f) Destroys any hope of life after death.

Which of these do you agree with, and which do you think is the most serious?

2. There are at least four scientific problems raised by the theory of evolution

- (a) Evidence of Complexity
 - How does life start in the first place ?
 - How does it maintain itself while 'evolving' more complexity ?.
- (b) Mathematical Probability.
 - The more complex a system the less chance of it happening by accident.
- (c) .Stability of species
 - Dogs don't change in to cats etc.
- (d) The second law of thermo-dynamics
 - 'Evolution' is going the wrong way... downwards !

Spend a few moments trying to clarify what is meant by these concepts. Which of these do you find convincing, and which obscure, and why?

3. How important is the question of the age of the earth? What difference would it make to you personally, if you discovered that the earth was only a few thousand years old? Why would it make a difference? Do you think this is important ?