

Creation vs (macro)Evolution Debate

David Halbrook

A debate between Ken Ham (Creation Museum) and Bill Nye (“The Science Guy”) took place last Tuesday. Here are a few thoughts on it. We also hope you’ll send us your thoughts.

Mr. Nye believes it is possible for life to come from non-life but mocks the possibility of Noah and the flood. Why is he open to one possibility but closed to the other? He is doing what Peter predicted scoffers would do (2 Peter 3:5-6).

Mr. Nye said that designs in nature do not require a designer and implied that laws do not require a lawgiver. He believes that all light and energy must have a source, but he is open to the possibility that the source of light and energy came from nothing. Is this the thinking of “a reasonable man”? The Bible is a book of *words of truth and reason* (Acts 26:25) and is consistent with all scientific facts (though not with all proposed scientific theories).

Fulfilled prophecy of past human events establishes the credibility of the Bible, which Mr. Nye tried to discredit. Knowledge of those prophecies leaves no doubt that God is and that He created all things in six, literal days (Genesis 1).

Editor’s Note: Find someone and some way to use our article in *Arkansas Weekly* (Tuesday). This debate was covered by almost all major news sources, so many people heard of it, even if they didn’t watch it, making it an easy topic of discussion and an easy way to introduce our articles to people who may benefit from future articles or current articles on our website.

Simple opportunities to teach the lost and assist each other.

Pray for: Janice White, The Ledgerwoods, Samuel Southall, and others with ongoing trials, our brethren who are travelling, and new Christians among us.

Please check the bulletin board in the back. There are several items that need volunteers (preparing Lord’s Supper, roadside signboard).

We assemble each Sunday at 10AM, 10:45AM, 5PM & Wednesday at 7PM

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The Exhorter

Acts 11:23 *Exhorted them all... cleave unto the Lord*

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Disney Channel Promotes LGBT Agenda

Joe Price

Parents, be advised that the Disney Channel is not friendly to families that honor God’s standard of morality. If your children watch this channel they are being exposed to the LGBT agenda. Last Sunday’s program, “Good Luck Charlie” (in its last season) included a lesbian couple as the “two moms” of Taylor, Charlie’s friend (“Disney Channel debuts its first openly gay characters: ‘Taylor has two moms’”).

This was first reported by TV Guide Magazine last June:

But Disney Channel understands the groundbreaking nature of featuring a same-sex couple on one of its sitcoms and took extra care in crafting the episode. “This particular storyline was developed under the consultancy of child development experts and community advisors,” a Disney Channel spokesperson says. “Like all Disney Channel programming, it was developed to be relevant to kids and families around the world and to reflect themes of diversity and inclusiveness.”

Disney Channel already tested the waters last year with its on-air social outreach campaign “Make Your Mark.” In one segment, a teen with two moms was featured, a move that was called a “big step forward” by GLAAD. (“Exclusive: Disney Channel Breaks New Ground with Good Luck Charlie Episode”, TV Guide)

There was a time when “Disney” was synonymous with wholesome, family entertainment. That time has long since past.

Christians cannot afford to wear blinders to avoid the real and present danger of immorality’s invasion into homes and hearts. The entertainment industry continues to lead the way in making sin commonplace and acceptable. Do not be fooled by claims of “diversity and inclusiveness”; God-fearing people are not included (nor do they wish to be!). God made families with a dad and a mom (Eph. 6:2). That remains relevant to families around the world and reflects God’s order for the home and morality.

[*The Spirit’s Sword*; 2-2-14; www.bibleanswer.com]

Followers of Jesus

James Hahn

Someone has said that the world is filled with two classes of people, leaders and followers. This may be true, however I am convinced that we are all both leaders and followers at some time in our lives. If by "leader" we mean someone who is followed or imitated by someone else then we are all "leaders." The only way we could never be a leader is to isolate ourselves from all other people. Then, and only then, could we be sure that we would have no influence, whether good or bad, upon others. Since we do have contact with others around us we should realize that others will be influenced by what we say and do.

Also, whether we wish to admit it or not, we all spend our lives as "followers." From the time we are born we follow the example of those around us. Little children soon seek to imitate the example of their parents. They will learn to say the things they hear their parents say. They will soon imitate the actions of their parents. That is why parents need to be so careful about the things they say and do.

The Bible teaches that we are to be followers of Jesus. Jesus said, "*If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me*" (Matthew 16:24). Peter said, "*For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed*" (1 Peter 2:21-24).

To be a follower of Christ we must do more than just verbally claim identity as a follower of Christ. The true follower will follow the example of Jesus. We will follow His example of obedience. Paul said he became "*obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross*" (Philippians 2:8). The person who will not obey the will of the Father can never be identified as a follower of Jesus.

A follower of Jesus must also deny himself. Jesus prayed to the Father, "*not as I will, but as thou wilt*" (Matthew 26:39). As long as a person is concerned about doing his own will or pleasing himself he can never be a follower of Jesus. Jesus gave Himself for us. He suffered for us. He died for us. Peter says that in doing this he left us an example that we should follow his steps.

Many today complain about their lot in life. "It just isn't fair, the way I'm treated" is the declaration of many. May I ask you a question? What was fair about the treatment received by Jesus? He did no sin. He was innocent, yet he suffered and died upon the cross. Again I ask, are you a follower of Jesus? Are you imitating His example?

The follower of Jesus will "*live unto righteousness*" (1 Peter 2:24). It isn't enough to say "I have been baptized into Christ." Surely, no one can be a follower of Christ without being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), but we must then "*walk in newness of life*" (Romans 6:4). There are many today who claim to be followers of Jesus but their lives say otherwise. They follow the deeds of the world rather than the example of Jesus. You can tell no difference between them and those of the world but they still will tell you they are followers of Jesus.

The follower of Jesus will follow the teaching of Jesus. How can one be a follower of Jesus and be a member of some religious organization unknown to the teaching of Jesus. There are those who are members of churches not found in the word of God and call themselves by names not found in the teaching of Jesus who still have the audacity to claim to be followers of Jesus. Jesus said, "*If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:31,32). Many want the freedom promised by Jesus but they don't want to meet the conditions He set forth. If we would be free; if we would be followers of Jesus; we must be willing to abide in His word. [*The Belleville (IN) Messenger*; 1-12-14]

Dedicated to Prayer

Derek Chambers

"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed" (Mark 1:35).

Jesus didn't just pray as suited his convenience- he went out of his way to pray, and to pray intently. It wasn't just the night before his crucifixion that he did so either. He prayed this way from the very beginning of the gospel record. What was produced by such praying of Jesus? Examine his life for the answer to that question. Then look at your own manner of prayer in your life. Do you only pray a few words here and there, as routine and convenience dictates, or do you ever go out of your way, to a solitary place to pray? Do you ever sacrifice time, activities, and even sleep for the sake of prayer? In other words, what is your level of dedication to prayer? May we all look to Jesus as the ultimate example for how we should pray.