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Acts 26:25

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## Who Do You Believe?

*Does life come from non-life?  
Who will you go to for the answer?*

A recent survey concluded that 1 of 3 Americans reject the theory of (macro)evolution while 6 of 10 Americans believe it. Whatever you believe is based on faith. The important question is, upon what is your faith based?

The word of a scientist? Many people believe the theory of (macro)evolution is proven fact though it is not seen or repeatable today. They believe what they cannot see (faith) because a scientist says so though the theory contradicts facts that can be seen, such as “life does not come from non-life.” Do you need a degree to know life never comes from non-life?

The word of God? Some people believe that God exists even though they cannot see Him (faith). They study the Bible and see it’s proven facts (fulfilled prophecy; 2 Pet. 1:19). So, when it says that all physical life came from God who made man in His image (Gen. 1:27), they believe.

Tuesday, February 4, Ken Ham (The Creation Museum) debated Bill Nye (“The Science Guy”) regarding whether creation is a useful explanation for the existence of physical things. Read our other articles, and contact us, for discussion of this topic and debate.

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## Creation vs (macro)Evolution

A debate between Ken Ham (Creation Museum) and Bill Nye (“The Science Guy”) took place on Tuesday, February 4. 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).

# The Forgotten Practice of Debating

## *Did you know that Jesus was a debater?*

What do you think about debates? A debate lets different ideas be examined side-by-side. It is not sinful fighting but a God-given way of showing that truth is superior to lies.

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah debated the prophets of a false god. In the end, the truth was clear and lies were exposed.

Some people today imagine that Jesus said only positive things to make people feel better. Actually, Jesus often debated and as a result, it was obvious that He taught the truth (John 6, 8; Matthew 22:15-46). People who say “I don’t debate religion” are not like Jesus. Paul debated religion and said “Imitate me just as I also imitate Christ” (read these verses: Acts 15:2; 17:2; 18:4; 19:8; 1 Cor. 11:1).

Religious groups once debated Bible topics. Did you know that Baptists used to challenge Methodists to publicly debate baptism? That was useful. Today in Kentucky two men are debating the topic of God versus evolution. We invite you to write us if you disagree with an article. We can even discuss publicly debating a useful topic (is your preacher willing?). Elijah, Jesus, and Paul prove that honorable debate is God’s tool to spread truth and defeat error.

*Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing...”*

*Matthew 21:24*

You are invited to:  
Sunday AM Bible classes:  
**10:00AM**

Sunday AM Worship:  
**10:45AM**

Sunday PM Worship:  
**5:00 PM**

Wednesday Bible Classes  
& Worship: **7:00 PM**

## What Is the Gospel?

In 1 Corinthians 15:1 Paul reminds the Corinthians that he preached the gospel to them. In verse 3 he says that he first preached the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Some people believe that is the entire gospel, but that is only the first part. Paul also said that *they have not all obeyed the gospel* (Rom. 10:16) and that man can be *partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel* (Eph. 3:6). So the gospel includes teachings we must obey and promises we must believe and is not limited to the facts of Jesus’ life.

March 2-5, the church of Christ in Quail Valley will assemble to learn and spread the knowledge of the gospel. We invite you to come and learn with us. We will learn to “Lay Aside Every Weight” on Sunday (Heb. 12:1), about “Moses and the Rock of Stumbling” on Monday, about “Calling on the Name of the Lord” on Tuesday, and to “Live Like You Were Dying” on Wednesday. If you need transportation in order to attend, please contact us. For more information visit our website or call us.

### Questions from this issue’s articles:

1. Do scientists believe things they cannot observe? Is that faith?
2. What did Peter say that scoffers would claim?
3. Name one subject that Jesus willingly debated.
4. What does the gospel teach us?

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