

Answering Eight Questions

- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) Who was it written to? – Roman Believers
- 3) Where was it written from? – Corinth
- 4) When was it written? – A.D. 57
- 5) Why was it written? – Doctrinal Foundation
- 6) What is inside? – 7 Part Outline
- 7) What is it about? – Righteousness
- 8) What makes the book different? – Theological formality



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- 1) Salutation (1:1-17)
- 2) Sin (1:18–3:20)
- 3) Salvation (3:21–5:21)
- 4) Sanctification (6–8)
- 5) Sovereignty (9–11)
- 6) Service (12:1–15:13)
- 7) Summation (15:14–16:27)



Introduction (Rom 1:1-7)

- Writer (Rom 1:1)
- Subject (Rom 1:2-6)
- Recipients (Rom 1:7)



Preview (Rom 1:8-15)

- Paul's Desire to Visit Rome (1:8-15)
 - ◆ Proof (1:8-10)
 - ◆ Reasons (1:11-15)



Preview: 8 Gospel Descriptions (Rom 1:16-17)

1. Not ashamed (16a)
2. Power of God (16b)
3. Unto salvation (16c)
4. For everyone (16d)
5. Believes (16e)
6. To the Jew first (16f)
7. Revelation of God's righteousness (17a)
8. Justifies and sanctifies (17b-c)



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II. Sin (1:18–3:20)

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B. Condemnation of the moralist (2:1-16)

C. Condemnation of the Jew (2:17–3:8)

D. Condemnation of the world (3:9-20)



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■ Revelation of God's wrath (18a)

- ◆ *Apokalypsis*
- ◆ *Orgē*

■ Reason for God's wrath (18b)

- ◆ Ungodliness; unrighteousness
- ◆ Suppressing truth



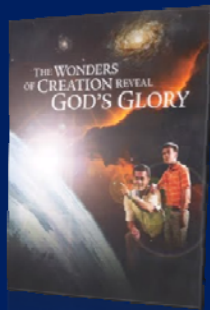
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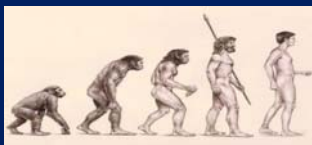
Evolution

Definition-A gradual process in which something changes into a different and usually more complex or better form. Change in the genetic composition of a population during successive generations, as a result of natural selection acting on the genetic variation among individuals, and resulting in the development of new species. – Wikipedia



Intelligent Design Resources

- Michael Behe – *Darwin's Black Box*
- Michael Denton – *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*
- Philip Johnson – *Darwin on Trial*
- William Dembski – *Intelligent Design*
- Marvin Lubenow – *Bones of Contention*



Missing Links

“Links are missing just where we most fervently desire them and its all too probable that many ‘links’ will continue to be missing.”

Alfred S. Romer, *Genetics, Evolution, and Paleontology*, p. 114





Gradualism is a concept I believe in...Yet Gould and the American museum people are hard to contradict when they say that there are no transitional fossils..You say that I should show a photo of the fossil from which each type of organism was derived. I will lay it on the line – there is not one such fossil from which one could make an airtight argument...It is easy enough to make up stories of how one form gave rise to another, and to find reasons why the stages should be favoured by natural selection. **But such stories are not part of science, for there is no way of putting them to the test.**

Colin Patterson of the British Museum of Natural History, *Bible-Science Newsletter* (Aug, 1981), p. 8.

Why Evolution's Popularity?

“The evolutionary origin of man relieves man of responsibility to a personal Creator outside of himself.”



Ryrie, *Survey of Bible Doctrine*, 101

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3) Results of mankind's rejection of God (21-23)

- Mankind rejects knowledge of God (21a)
 - ◆ Knew God
 - ◆ Yet they did not honor nor thank Him
- Two results (21b-23)
 - ◆ Darkened thinking (21-22)
 - ◆ Idolater (23)



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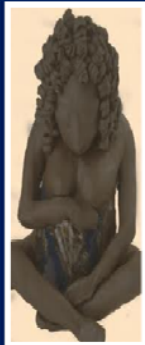


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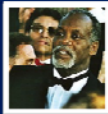


"Gaia is Mother Earth. Gaia is immortal. She is the eternal source of life. She does not need to reproduce herself as she is immortal. She is certainly the mother of us all, **including Jesus...**

Gaia is not a tolerant mother. She is rigid and inflexible, ruthless in the destruction of whoever transgresses. Her unconscious objective is that of maintaining a world adapted to life. If we men hinder this objective we will be eliminated without pity."

James Lovelock, *Orion Nature Quart* 8, no. 1 (1989): 58; quoted in Coffman, *Saviors of the Earth*, 145. 26

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"What happened in **Haiti** could happen to anywhere in the Caribbean because all these island nations are in peril because of global warming," **Glover** said. "When we see what we did at the climate summit in Copenhagen, this is the response, this is what happens, you know what I'm sayin'?"



www.huffingtonpost.com/.../danny-glover-haiti-earthq_n_425160.html

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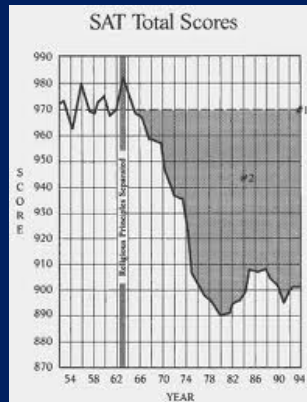
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Barton, *Original Intent*, 245

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