

# Darwin versus Jesus

## Are Christianity and Evolution really that far apart?

For 150 years, Darwinists and Christians have locked horns ever since Charles Robert Darwin published 'On the Origin of Species' in 1859. The issue is how we human beings came to be.

For Christians there is only one way we came to be. We were miraculously and suddenly created by God. Many Christians also say that's when our world began as well, as a 6 day act of creation that happened just thousands of years ago. Darwinists, however, produce all kinds of scientific evidence to show the Earth is billions of years old, and human beings, like all creatures on our planet, evolved through a process of adaptation to environmental change and circumstance into what we are today.

So, what really happened? Did humans beings really begin with an act of God, as Christians say, or the reaction of chemicals in "some warm little pond," as Darwin wrote in 1871?

The only conclusive proof would be provable evidence. On that point, Christians and Darwinists would surely agree. So, what provable evidence is there for the Christian belief that humans came from God? The simple answer to that would be, "Because what God created humans for can be seen happening." It can be observed. It's not supposition or theory, it's provable evidence - the next obvious question being, "So what exactly *did* God create humans for?"

In the Bible version of the Origin of Species, the book of John, God created humans to become his children. We would be born of him (**John 1:12-13**). So, what would be the clear, observable symptoms of someone born of God? Well, any creature born resembles its parent. A human born of God, then, would resemble God. He'd be obviously and noticeably like him.

So, what's God like?

The Bible answers that, too. God's like Jesus. That's why Jesus came to this Earth, to show us what God is like (**verses 14, 18**). To be born of God, then, a person would have to be obviously and noticeably like Jesus.

So, what was Jesus like?

He was "full of grace and truth," **verse 14**. What people saw in Jesus was a man of immense kindness and wisdom. He deeply cared for people, often putting his own life at risk by cutting right across religious custom to help someone in need,

like healing a stone mason's crippled arm on the Jewish Sabbath. And his teachings made so much sense, too. Don't judge people, don't hate, don't seek revenge, don't make promises and don't ignore someone you've hurt, because they all have their nasty kickbacks. Everything he taught rang so true. They'd never met someone who understood relationships, religion and life like he did - who also lived what he taught, too.

Anyone born of God, then, would demonstrate the same characteristics as Jesus. It's the one great living proof that God created humans, because what God created humans for can actually be seen happening. But that applies equally to Evolution, because it too can be seen happening. The one great living proof that what Darwin says is true is that animals, plants and insects today are still demonstrating the characteristics of Evolution. They're still adapting and mutating according to environmental change and circumstance.

These evolving creatures today are the ultimate proof of the principles of Evolution. We can actually see them evolve, like the example of insects evolving noticeable differences after years of insecticide use. But if seeing is believing, then what does one say if a Christian can be seen evolving the characteristics of Jesus, too?!

Christians who clearly demonstrate the characteristics of Jesus are proof they are born of God, just as evolving insects prove the process of Evolution. Are Christianity and Evolution at odds, then? Not in the evidence that each is true, because both can be seen to be true. Evolution happens. Creatures change. But there are also creatures on this Earth who are evolving the radical characteristics of Jesus. They can be seen changing, too.

What Evolutionists use to prove Evolution, then, applies equally to Christians. The proof being, they can both be seen to be happening. So the evidence that proves creatures are evolving physically is the same evidence Christians can use to prove they're born of God, too. The same rules apply that prove them both true. Are Christianity and Evolution really that far apart, then?