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Secular Humanist – What they believe.

1) Summary Information

- a) Definition of Terms
 - i) Atheist – One that does not believe in the existence of God.
 - ii) Agnostic – One who believes that you can never know for sure if there is a God or not.
 - iii) Evolutionist – One that believes the theory, that the universe evolved naturally and life originally came from non-life and has evolved from the simple (bacteria) to the complex (man).
 - iv) Secular Humanist – Agnostics and atheists who believe in the central importance of the value of human happiness here and now. There is no supernatural.
 - v) Theist – One who believes in the existence of a personal God as creator and ruler of the world.
 - vi) Theistic Evolutionist – One who believes that God used evolution to create the world (progressive creationism).
- b) Since the 1960's, Secular Humanism has become our unofficial state religion because it is taught in the schools from kindergarten to graduate level.
 - i) The greatest threat to Secular Humanism in the public schools is not Biblical-Christianity but New Age pantheism. We are a country that has gone from believing there is no god to believing that everything is god.

2) Authority

- a) 19th / 20th Century Science – as things were, are, can be understood
 - i) Man can know and understand everything about his universe.
 - (1) Can be somewhat relative and arbitrary as theories change as man's knowledge grows (example – we used to believe the earth was flat).
 - (a) There is no such thing as absolute truth
 - ii) There is no need for a God or Bible to explain what man has not yet understood.

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- a) The conflict between Biblical-Christianity and Secular Humanism is not a conflict between Religion and Science; it is a conflict between two religious views.
- b) The way you answer the question of the origin of the universe will have a bearing on everything else in your life.
 - i) Are we created in God's image with an eternal divine purpose?
 - ii) Are we a higher order of animal with nothing beyond the grave?
- c) A 1993 Gallup poll showed 47% of Americans believe God created man less than 10,000 years ago (an increase from 44% in 1982). Another 35% were Theistic Evolutionists and only 11% believe that the universe has evolved naturally. This despite the Secular Humanist teachings on Evolution in our public schools.

2) Authority – the Bible and 20th Century Science

- a) 20th Century Science
 - i) Much of what we know today flies in the face of an Old Earth and especially Evolution.
 - (1) However, we remain as a society, a staunch supporter of Secular Humanism and Evolution because the alternative (a supreme authority) is totally unacceptable.
 - ii) Since man is trusting theories and beliefs that are ever changing as we learn more, this trust can more accurately be called faith.
 - (2) Science expressly tries to separate itself from Religion by requiring Religion to be a faith in the supernatural whereas

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- b) Evolution - Charles Darwin wrote “The Origin of the Species” in 1868.
- c) Humanist Manifesto I – 1933
 - i) The universe is self existing and not created
 - ii) Man is a result of a continuous natural process
 - iii) Mind is a projection of the body and nothing more
 - iv) Man is molded mostly by his culture
 - v) There is no supernatural, therefore not a “religion”.
 - vi) Man has outgrown religion and the idea of God
 - vii) Man’s goal is the development of his own personality which ceases to exist at the point of death
 - viii) Man will continue to develop to the point where he will look within himself for solutions to all his problems
 - ix) All institutions and/or religions that impede this development must be changed
 - x) Socialism is the ideal form of economics
 - xi) All of mankind deserves to share in the fruits from following the above tenants.
- d) Humanist Manifesto II – 1973
 - i) 17 Affirmations – presented a similar but more pessimistic view of the Manifesto above as a result of WW2 . Includes the concept of a one world religion and the importance of science.

- 3) **God** – Do not recognize the supernatural.
 - a) Atheist – there is no God and there is no devil.

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Science is a faith in man’s current natural theories and beliefs... Only an issue of semantics.

- b) Charles Darwin - would never have taken his theories this far.
 - i) In “Origin of the Species, Darwin himself said, “To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree possible.”
- c) An evolution teacher said, “ I know evolution is scientifically impossible but I’m still going to teach it because it is morally comfortable... As long as I believe I am nothing but an animal, I can live any way I choose. But as soon as I admit there is a Creator, then I become morally responsible to that Creator, and frankly, I don’t want to be morally responsible to anyone.”
- d) The Bible - the unchanging, inerrant word of God.
 - i) There is an underlying acceptance that man does not, and can not know everything about his world.
 - (1) 1 Cor. 13:12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
 - ii) There is a required acceptance in a moral and ethical standard from a source that has authority over man.
 - (1) Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.
 - (2) The Bible is absolute and unchanging truth.
 - (a) Romans 1:25 They have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

- 3) **God** - monotheistic trinity

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- b) Agnostic – the existence of a God cannot be proved.
 - c) Evolutionist / Secular Humanist – does not believe in the divine because it is either false (Atheist) or can non be proved (Agnostic).
 - i) The theory of evolution is essential to the Secular Humanist because it explains the existence of an orderly universe without the need to recognize a Creator and the supernatural.
 - d) Science has become god.
- 4) **Man / Creation** – a product of evolution
- a) The universe as we know it started with The Big Bang 15 billion years ago.
 - i) The light that we see from the closest stars has been traveling for millions of years before we see it.
 - b) The earth cooled and life started as bacteria over 3 billion years ago.
 - c) Based on ‘survival of the fittest’ life became more and more diversified and complex up to the most complex creature, man.

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- a) Atheist – since a person can not possibly know more than, say, 20% of the world’s knowledge at any given time; and the world’s knowledge continues to grow at a staggering pace, as a practical matter one can not be an atheist and logical at the same time.
 - i) There is no way an individual can philosophically state that there is no God unless he had infinite knowledge (thereby making him God).
 - b) Agnostic – If one was actively trying to confirm or deny that God exists, which is the philosophical definition of an agnostic, I believe he would eventually become a Biblical-Christian. However, as a practical matter most agnostics are not actively pursuing knowledge in an effort to determine the reality or falsity of God. Therefore I feel the term agnostic, for most people is actually an excuse to remain ignorant so as to continue in a sinful lifestyle without having to acknowledge their responsibility to a supernatural Creator.
 - c) Psalms 14:1a The fool says in his heart “There is no God.”
 - d) God is separate and distinct from His creation.
 - i) Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - ii) Psalm 33:13 From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind
 - iii) Acts 17:24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.
- 4) **Man / Creation** – created by a loving Creator in 6 literal days.
- a) Day 1 - God created the universe and light approximately 6 –10 thousand years ago.
 - i) Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - ii) God can just as easily make the stars as he can make starlight. It does not have to have traveled millions of light years.
 - iii) Another theory is that the speed of light has actually decreased in speed since God formed the earth. (see Setterfield below)
 - b) Day 2 – The waters of the earth and heaven were separated, creating the sky.

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- 5) **Sin** - Since there is no higher authority, man creates his own standards of right and wrong. Rules are based on the current morals or situational ethics at this point in history. The guiding principal is that anything is right for the individual as long as it does not harm someone else. Humanity is by nature good.
- a) Homosexuality – not a sin as long as it is two consenting adults.
 - b) Abortion – not a sin since the fetus has no legal rights because the Secular Humanist believes humanity begins at the point of birth not conception. Therefore the individual (mother) has the right to an abortion since it does not harm someone else.
 - i) Secular Humanist Declaration - “We have found no convincing evidence that there is a separable ‘soul’ or that it exists before birth or survives death.”
 - c) There is no moral accountability to a supreme being.
- 6) **Salvation** – since there is no God and no supernatural authority against sin there is nothing to be saved from.

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- c) Day 3 – The waters of the earth were separated from the dry land which produced vegetation.
 - d) Day 4 – Sun for the day and twilight (stars) for the night were created.
 - e) Day 5 – The fish and birds were created.
 - f) Day 6 – The animals and man were created.
 - g) Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.
- 5) **Sin** - Biblical-Christians believe that everyone sins and is in need of a Savior.
- a) Homosexuality is sin – Romans 1:26b Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.
 - b) Abortion is sin – Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
 - c) We have both original sin, inherited from Adam, as well as continuing sin such that...
 - i) Romans 3:10 As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;
 - ii) Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all have sinned—
 - iii) Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 6) **Salvation** – Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone.
- a) “It is only through accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior that one can receive eternal life in Heaven. Salvation and eternal life in Heaven is available to anyone who acknowledges in their heart that Jesus Christ died on the cross for their sins, rose bodily from the

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<p>7) <u>After Physical Death</u> - General agreement is that man ceases to exist upon death.</p>	<p>grave and then asks Him to forgive them of their sins and save their soul. Once a person has been saved they cannot lose their salvation.” GPBC Doctrine Statement.</p> <p>b) 2 Tim 4 :3-4 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.</p> <p>7) <u>After Physical Death</u>- two places a person can go</p> <p>a) Heaven – Mat. 25:34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’”</p> <p>a) Hell – Mat. 25:41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”</p>

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<p>1) <u>Summary Information</u></p> <p>a) The theory of Evolution can be broken down into three basic components.</p> <p>i) The Big Bang theory for the creation of the universe.</p> <p>ii) Life developed from non-life.</p> <p>iii) The Darwinian theory for the progression of life from the simple to the complex.</p> <p>b) Science – defined as what is observable, repeatable and falsifiable.</p>	<p>1) <u>Summary Information</u></p> <p>a) All aspects of Evolution have their own contradictions and incompatibilities.</p> <p>i) The Big Bang</p> <p>(1) Where did the original matter come from?</p> <p>(a) Outside of God, man has no answer to this question.</p> <p>ii) It is virtually impossible for life to come from non-life.</p> <p>(1) The probabilities are staggering regardless of the time.</p> <p>iii) Once life is formed, there is little or no evidence of transitional forms that would authenticate a process of increasingly complex development.</p> <p>b) Science – neither Macroevolution nor Creationism fits the definition of Science. Both require faith.</p>

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- 2) **The Big Bang** – Old Earth Theory - 15 billion years ago a small, extremely dense amount of matter exploded outward. This matter formed the universe.
 a) No answer to the question of where the dot came from.

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- i) Evolution, or more specifically Macroevolution is a Worldview not supported by Science, Scripture, popular opinion or common sense.
 ii) Macroevolution can not be observable (in the fossil records), repeatable or falsifiable.
- 2) **Creation** – Young Earth Theory – less than 10,000 years ago....
- a) Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - b) Planetary Magnetic Fields – steady decay of the earth’s magnetic field suggesting an earth that cooled less than 10,000 years ago.
 - c) Space Dust – The moon has only a few inches of dust, expected by Creationists rather than the 50 feet of compacted dust expected by Evolutionists.
 - d) Granite Spherical Discolorations – Identified the element, polonium in granite, which has a very short half-life. Its presence indicated that rock purported to be formed during the creation of earth must have hardened in a matter of a few minutes rather than the thousands of years the Evolutionists’, gradual-cooling of the earth, would have predicted.
 - e) Atmospheric Helium – Decay of radioactive heavy metals results in the formation of helium atoms. Tracing backwards, we currently have enough helium to predict a 50,000 year old earth.
 - f) Grand Canyon – used as an example of geologic rock strata. There are hundreds of millions of years missing as would be predicted from the “geologic column” and several so-called ‘ages’ alternate as if evolution “went back and forth”.
 - g) Polystrate Fossils – Fossils such as trees that are buried and preserved vertically, passing through multiple strata that were previously assumed to represent thousands / millions of years of rock formations.
 - h) Fossil Meteorites – If the “geologic column” represents billions of years there should be a predictable number of meteorite rock within the strata. In fact there has been very little meteoric activity raising serious questions on the validity of the geologic column and supporting a young earth hypothesis.

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- i) Short Period Comets – As comets go past the sun they burn off portions of their mass (leaving a visible tail). It is presently believed that comets are not created so they act as a type of clock on the age of the solar system. The high number of comets in our solar system supports a young earth hypothesis. If the universe were billions of years old these comets would have burned up long ago.
- j) Io, one of Jupiter’s moons was predicted to be cold yet when the Voyager space probe passed by it Io was geologically active (spewing molten gasses 100 miles into space). Since it was previously thought that Io was formed 4.5 billion years ago it should have long since cooled down due to its small size.
- k) Rings of Saturn – Made of very small particles which can only remain in a stable orbit for a few ten-thousand years before they are pulled apart by the sun. Yet 4.5 billion years later they are around Saturn.
- l) Rock Flow – Rock (like glass) flows at a very slow pace based on the effects of gravity. The moon’s craters are assumed by Evolutionists (and Creationists)to have been created when the moon was first formed by meteorites. However, if the moon is 4.5 billion years old the craters would have long since lost there sharp edges and at the perimeter of the rock would have “flowed” flat .
- m) Sirius B – Based on current Evolutionist understanding of star deterioration it should take approximately 100,000 years for a red giant star to collapse into a white dwarf. Yet throughout ancient history, astronomers (2000BC, 50BC, 150AD) all listed Sirius as a red star. It is now listed as a white dwarf, doing in a matter of a couple of thousand years what should have taken much longer.
- n) Did God put down “light trails” from distant stars at the point of creation. Some would say that this would be a deception by God to create the false impression that the universe was older than it is.
 - i) An alternative hypothesis first proposed by Setterfield is that the speed of light has actually been slowing down over time. He reviewed the research dating from the 1800’s to

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- 3) **Life was created from non-life.**
- a) Over 3 billion years ago (from the point where the earth cooled sufficiently), the chemicals present on the earth bound together in such a way that life was created from non-living matter.
- 4) Darwin’s Theory of Evolution - Once life started, it became more and more complex, creating new Kingdoms, Phyla, Classes, Orders, Families, Genus and Species.
- a) Over the next 11 billion years, life became more and more complex through a process of mutation and natural selection (survival of the fittest).
- i) Mutation – defined as a sudden structural change within a gene or chromosome of an organism resulting in the creation of a new character or trait not found in the parental type.

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- contemporary times, found a deterioration in the measurements, plotted the decay and estimated that at some point beyond 4000BC the curve approaches infinite light speed and thus the ultimate origin. A quick search of the Internet will show that Setterfield’s research is very active and under both positive and negative peer review.
- (1) Light speed as a variable rather than a constant has significant implications for the accuracy of radioactive dating methods (example Carbon 14) since the rate of decay is considered by physicists to be directly proportional to the speed of light.
- 3) **Life was created from non-life.**
- a) Law of Probability – Life from non-life is practically impossible.
- (1) Sir Fred Hoyle – one of the world’s leading astronomers and mathematicians said “ The probability of life arising by chance is the same probability as throwing a six on a dice five million times in a row.
- (2) Denton (Molecular Biologist) “No living system can be thought of as being primitive or ancestral with respect to any other system, for there is not the slightest empirical hint of an evolutionary sequence among all the incredibly diverse cells on earth.”
- (3) Coppedge – “As you can see the science of statistical probability demonstrates conclusively that forming a protein molecule by random processes is not merely improbably but impossible. And forming a living cell is beyond illustration.”
- 4) Once life started, it became more and more complex - is not compatible with science and common sense.
- a) Second Law of Thermodynamics – everything in the universe is moving from a state of organization and complexity to a state of chaos or disorganization, referred to as Entropy.
- i) Under this law, time will actually serve to reduce complexity rather than increase it.

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- ii) Natural Selection – defined as the process in nature by which only the organisms best adapted to their environment tend to survive and transmit their genetic characters in increasing numbers to succeeding generations while those less adapted tend to be eliminated.
 - (1) Survival of the Fittest –Can be defined as “a struggle for life in which only those organisms best adapted to existing conditions are able to survive and reproduce.” MSBookshelf2000.

- b) Transitional (intermediate) Forms – Darwin’s theory requires a continuous process of transition from lower level species to more and more complex species, all the way up the “evolutionary ladder” to man. For this to be true one would expect many fossils that demonstrate this transition. It is important to note two very different types of evolution that must take place.
 - i) Macroevolution – evolutionary development between Kingdoms, Phyla, Classes, Orders, Families, Genus and Species.

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- ii) This law prohibits any sort of gradual evolutionary improvement in living things that would involve an increase in complexity.
 - (1) An example is dropping a deck of cards out of an airplane at 25kft. If you take the plane up to 200kft it will only server to increase Entropy (disorganization) when the cards land.

- iii) Mutations are almost always bad and often result in the death of the organism. In most cases natural selection only serves to eliminate the sick and the deformed.
 - (1) Fruit Flies are used extensively for mutation research. Mutations never result in improved fruit flies.

- b) Transitional Forms –
 - i) There have been few if any evidence of what would have to be millions and millions of transitional forma to justify evolution.

 - ii) Biblical-Christianity does not accept Macroevolution.
 - (1) There have been practically no confirmed transitional forms discovered in the fossil record above the “Family” level. For example:
 - (a) Neanderthal Man – now accepted as genuine human
 - (b) Cro-Magnon Man – now accepted as genuine human
 - (c) Piltdown Man – now proven to be a deliberate hoax
 - (d) Java Man – now proven to be a deliberate hoax
 - (e) Nebraska Man – now proven to be an over-optimistic mistake (based on a tooth from a pig)
 - (f) Peking Man – probably a hoax. Bones have been lost.
 - (g) Zinjanthropus – only a primitive ape.
 - (h) “Lucy” strongly suspected as having been fully ape.
 - (i) Archaeopteryx – probably a hoax and modern birds were found in earlier strata.
 - (j) Coelacanth – Used as an index fossil for dating other fossils until one was found alive.
 - (k) Horse Series – now proven to be a collection of unrelated fossils put together to look like a series.

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- ii) Microevolution – evolutionary development within a Species

- c) Punctuated Equilibrium – evolution occurred in sudden jumps followed by long periods of stability.
 - i) This new explanation was offered due to lack of support in the fossil record (transitional forms) for gradual evolution.

- d) The basic premise is that, given enough time, anything is possible.

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- (2) In other words new Kingdoms, Phyla, Classes, and Orders, of living things cannot evolve from existing ones.
- (3) This is based on the discovery, excavation and analysis of billions of fossils, and the identification of over 250,000 different species almost all of which fit into the 1.5 million species classifications now living on the earth or the remaining small group into known extinct types.
- iii) Biblical-Christianity does accept Microevolution.
 - (1) There is no conflict with the premise that within a species there can be changes that occur over time.
 - (a) Examples include the moth which, due to predatory influences was selectively bred to become darker
 - (2) What is unacceptable is the premise that algae, over time became man (i.e. Macroevolution).
- c) Punctuated Equilibrium demonstrates clearly the approach taken by Evolutionists.
 - i) There is a basic bias against Biblical Creationism. Rather than reexamine Evolution in light of the fossil (and other) evidence, an unsupportable theory is put forth that is not in direct conflict with Evolution or the fossil record.
 - ii) Said another way, if the fossil record does not prove Evolution (as we expected it to do for the last 100 yrs.) then lets modify Evolution to a theory of sprits and jumps in species development to explain why there are not billions of transactional fossils on exhibition at our museums. The only other alternative is the supernatural, which is totally unacceptable.
- d) Other examples that fly in the face of Darwin’s theory.
 - i) The complexity of structures that could not possibly come about over time. Below are three small examples. Look around at the world we live in for millions upon millions of other examples?
 - (1) Bats – Evolutionists propose they evolved from a mouse-like shrew as the skin behind the forelegs enlarged and formed “wings”.

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- (a) But how could the transitional form (so far undiscovered from the fossil records) have survived when it could neither fly nor run well?
- (2) Bombardier Beetle – Has two chemicals and an inhibitor. When the inhibitor is removed the chemicals explode out the back of the beetle, scaring away predators.
 - (a) The point is, how could the complex structure for protection, develop through natural selection?
- (3) The Eye – Extremely complex structure with highly specialized cells.
 - (a) How can all these specialties come together over time through a process of selection based on “survival of the fittest” when the value of the whole eye is the synergistic function of each specialty (optic nerve, lens, muscles, iris, pupil, cornea, photoreceptors, etc.) operating in unison in order to create vision?
 - (i) The Evolutionist responds to this argument by saying that selective breeding of cells can be demonstrated to produce photoreceptive qualities based partly on computer models. However this misses the entire point. What advantage is are photosensitive cells unless all the other structures are in place to use them and how could this mutation be reinforced through natural selection when there is no advantage in it until it is coupled with all the other structures that make a functional eye?
 - ii) Why would some species evolve from simple bacteria to man while others remain the same for billions of years?
 - (1) The earliest bacteria thus far discovered, estimated to be 2 billion years old closely resembles the micro-colonies of certain modern soil bacteria.
 - iii) If life evolves so dramatically over billions of years why have the simplest of problems not been overcome by certain species?
 - (1) Bacteria go back to the supposed earliest forms of life and are prolific. Yet they remain contained by the fact

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that their own waste products eventually limit their growth. Why has a simple mutation (say development of a protective membrane) solved this relatively simple problem.

- (2) Yeast cells begin to die from their own waste products (alcohol) once it reaches about 14% (reference wine).
- (3) The answer is that God keeps everything in balance.
- iv) Research in DNA suggests that all human life can be traced back to a single women (Eve).
- v) There are numerous examples of complex mechanisms in nature that do not have any effect on survival (therefore contrary to natural selection as a basis for evolution) but instead provide an improvement to the quality of life.
 - (1) The ears and eyes of many insects and animals are more simple and effective than man's. Yet we are the superior species. "The function of life, growth survival, and reproduction are all carried out as effectively if not more so in bacteria, insects and worms as in humans. The major difference is that humans travel through life with more luxuries. This concept, called "over-design," supports the creation world view."(Bergman and Howe)
 - (2) The concept of art and music appreciation is difficult to explain within the context of "survival of the fittest."
- vi) Based on the "survival of the fittest" paradigm those species that have the greatest ability to reproduce and populate (largest surviving progeny) should be the highest order of development.
 - (1) This should place insects (among most other animals), above man in development. Are they 'more evolved'. Obviously not true.
 - (a) God explains in Genesis 1:28b that we are the highest creation and are to "Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
- vii) It has been discovered that when intentional inbreeding for specific traits (such as speed for horses) is removed, the general population falls back to original levels. (It should be

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- 5) **Theistic Evolution** – a belief that God used evolution to create the world.
- a) Otherwise know as “Progressive Creationism” and similar to the “Gap Theory”, states that God started the “Big Bang” and occasionally stepped in to supersede natural processes. This includes the concept that the days in Genesis are not literal but overlapping periods of millions of years each. The “Gap Theory” itself states that there were millions / billions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
 - i) It is assumed that each of the days of Genesis 1 lasted thousands / millions of years.
 - b) This group (along with Evolutionists in general) holds to a view of uniformitarian geology, i.e. the earth changed slowly over millions of years.
 - i) There is no acceptance of the Great Flood.
 - c) This group accepts (along with Evolutionists in general) the “geological column” and the use of this construct to date the earth.
 - i) Circular reasoning...
 - (1) In geology, index fossils are used to determine the age of the strata (rocks).
 - (2) In paleontology, fossils are dated based on the strata they are found in.

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- noted that selective breeding of this type is well within the definition of microevolution and therefore, even if this was not the case, would remain consistent with Creationist views.)
- viii) It has also been show that inbreeding of specific traits causes other bad mutations to occur with increasing regularity. Further, there seems to be a limit to the effect of inbreeding for a specific trait (such as speed for horses). At a certain point, inbreeding for a specific trait no longer has an effect.
- 5) **Theistic Evolution** –
- a) Setting aside all the reasons why Evolution is not correct and the clear teaching in the Bible on Creationism, the following adds support to the error of attempting to combine the Bible and Evolution into a unified theory.
 - b) The Uniformitarian view of geology is not supported in the Bible.
 - i) Great Flood – Genesis 7:24 The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.
 - (1) It was the cataclysmic worldwide flood that deposited the sedimentary fossil-bearing rocks over the earth which were quickly covered by sediment as the flood receded.
 - (2) Jesus believed in the Great Flood as well.
 - (a) Matt. 24:38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marring and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark.
 - c) Why would a perfect God use an imperfect means to create a perfect world?
 - i) Theistic Evolution requires that billions of life forms had to live and die in order to reach the level of man.
 - (1) Sin, disease, famines, volcanic destruction, and death would have to have been present for millions of years

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	<p>before Adam & Eve disobeyed God. This does not sound like the Garden of Eden.</p> <p>(a) Romans 5:12 Therefore just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—</p> <p>d) Genesis 1 clearly states that each day was a literal day. Every day ends with the statement, “And there was evening and morning—the [] day”.</p> <p>e) The Genesis order of Creation is not the order of Evolution.</p> <p>i) Vegetation created on day 3 before fish on day 5.</p> <p>ii) Birds created on day 5 before animals on day 6.</p> <p>f) Adam was said to have lived only 930 years yet he lived through at least part of the sixth day and all of the seventh. This is added support against the proposition that each day was thousands or millions of years.</p> <p>g) There is a clear lineage and ages of those from the birth of Adam to Abraham from Genesis 5 and 11. The time frame from creation to Abraham is biblically documented to be on the order of a few thousand years. Continuing, there is further documentation on the lineage and ages of the line from Abraham to Jesus Christ, again in the range of a few thousand years. Thousands of years between creation and Jesus Christ can not support any form of Evolution, including Theistic Evolution.</p>

Witnessing to a Secular Humanist, Agnostic, Atheist, Evolutionist — from love not from theology.

- (a) God said in his word that no one has an excuse for not recognizing the divine quality of our world.
 - (i) Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.
- (b) All the facts and all the theories and all the rhetoric needs to play a secondary part to the realization that man, nature and the universe have a design and order that cannot come from a big bang or organic soup. There is more to man than an extension from the apes, an extension from algae. Deep in the heart of all who are not totally hardened is the realization that our world demands the acknowledgement of a

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Creator. A companionate and patient approach of sharing the gospel to the agnostic, atheist, secular humanist or evolutionist under the direction of the Holy Spirit is probably the best approach.

- (c) Though truth is on our side, from a practical sense, few people are drawn to Christ through apologetics. If, in fact, that is the direction that things seem to be taking, I would suggest one of the Josh McDowell books on apologetics (Evidence Demands a Verdict, Don't Check Your Brains at the Door, A Ready Defense, etc.).