

# GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## Every House Is Built By Someone

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This past Thursday marked the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin. Perhaps no man in the past quarter of a millennium has triggered more scientific and religious debate than Darwin himself. Darwin is famous for bringing about his theory of the origin of species. Darwin's theory claimed that through “organic evolution...new species arise and are perpetuated by natural selection.” This theory revolutionized the scientific community as well as posed serious challenges to the faith of Bible believers.

Darwin's theory of the origin of species was only observing the variation in animal species and hypothesizing that all animals had a single common ancestor. Darwin explained that the variation that is seen today could be accounted for by numerous successive random mutations that would be preserved and propagated through a process called natural selection. While Darwin's theory contained no direct affronts to the existence of God, it did immediately contradict the Bible's record of the creation account and explanation for the variety of species.

Ever since Darwin's ground breaking theory, several scientist and others have taken the application of Darwin's theory toward the origin of life. These people claim that God was never a part of creation, but that the universe is a product of a naturalistic phenomena, most notably “the Big Bang.”

While Darwinism has had far reaching impacts on society, most notable is a call to defend the existence of God in light of science. Concerning the origin of life most scientist will conclude there is no God, however, there are arguments that threaten their conclusions.

The Bible itself provides astounding argumentation for the existence of God. For example, in Hebrews 3:4 the Hebrew writer notes “For every house is built by someone...” This noted illustration carries with it the force of the argument of design or otherwise known as the teleological argument.

When we walk by a house or anything that has a design, we don't think “Wow, that just spontaneously was created by a combustion of materials!” We understand that every house is built and

designed by a contractor or designer. It is a scientific and logical truth that you can not create something from nothing. Yet Darwinist who argue their position on the origin of life cannot reconcile this truth.

The Hebrew writer illustrates this very point in the remainder of Heb. 3:4 “...but He who built all things is God.” We know that the universe did not originate from nothing, but that God's word formed it all (Heb. 11:3). Design implies a designer, not spontaneous generation. This is where the application of Darwinism fails to explain the origins of natural effects we see around us. For there to be an effect, ultimately there must be cause, and that cause is God.

Paul argues this same point in Rom. 1:20 “...His invisible attributes are clearly seen, *being understood by the things that were made.*” His creation's design that we see implies His existence and power. Despite approximately 150 years of attacks from Darwinism, the truth of God's power and existence remain undaunted!