The Misconception of Evolutionary Creation

The 21st century in which we live is a period when people have the fastest access to information, but at the same time are also most intensely exposed to the impositions of materialist circles. Foremost among these impositions is the theory of evolution, which seeks to portray life as merely a product of blind chance and coincidences. Since the 19th century, materialist philosophy has been imposing Darwin's theory on societies in order to eliminate religious and spiritual values, construct its own human model and drag the masses along behind it.

The intense indoctrination and propaganda carried out to convince people that evolution is supposedly **"a scientific fact"** can also adversely affect some Muslim intellectuals, academics and religious scholars. It can impel them to seek a **"middle way"** with a defensive attitude. These people accept Darwinism's scenario concerning the origin of life exactly as it is; however, by maintaining that this scenario is allegedly under God's control, they seek to bring about a **"reconciliation"** between the theory of evolution and religion. Due to various concerns such as **"not being excluded from the scientific world"**, **"not appearing outdated"** or **"presenting an image of Islam at peace with the modern world"**, they endeavor to derive so-called "evidence" for the theory of evolution from verses of the Qur'an.

There is no doubt that people may think as they wish and believe in whatever theory they wish. They may also be making such an endeavor with sincere or good intentions. However, trying to make a theory put forward for the purpose of denying God and the fact of Creation **"compatible with religion"** is a serious misconception and a grave error.



Not a Scientific Necessity, but Psychological Pressure

First of all, there is no scientific necessity behind the search to reconcile Islam with Darwinism. Science points not to Darwinism, but to Creation. The most fundamental branches of modern science, such as paleontology, microbiology, biochemistry and genetics, openly declare that life contains such magnificent design, information and complexity that it cannot be explained by coincidences or evolutionary processes.

The astounding information in DNA, the flawless and extraordinarily complex mechanisms inside the cell, the fact of **"sudden appearance"** revealed by the fossil record, the mathematical impossibility of even a single protein coming into being as the result of coincidences and countless other scientific findings entirely invalidate the claim of evolution. Of the two so-called mechanisms of evolution, natural selection can never produce new genetic information, while mutations always damage genetic information. Darwinism cannot provide a scientific and logical explanation for such fundamental questions as the origin of life, the formation of the first cell, the source of information and the absence of transitional forms. The reason it is persistently being kept alive is entirely ideological.

What has indisputably defeated the greatest scientific fraud in history is science itself. It is therefore necessary to ask: Why, then, do some Muslim thinkers still feel the need to defend this theory?

The answer to this question lies in socio-psychological factors; it is related to the immense pressure of the social environment established by Darwinist-materialist centers that have controlled academic chairs, scientific journals and media organs throughout the world for many years. This pressure is based on an unjust imposition that declares everyone who rejects the theory of evolution to be **"bigoted"**, **"reactionary"** or **"dogmatic"**. Indeed, this intense pressure causes some religious scholars to fall into anxiety, helplessness, indecision or a sense of inferiority; in order not to be excluded from media and scientific circles, it inevitably impels them toward a passive and submissive path and to defend Darwinist nonsense.

The Misconception That the Idea of Evolution Originated With Muslim Scholars

There is a claim that has recently been repeated very frequently, particularly on social media: **“The idea of evolution was known in the Islamic world long before Darwin; in fact, it was first put forward by Muslim scholars.”** According to this thesis, certain well-known figures such as Al-Jahiz, Ibn Miskawayh and Ibrahim Hakki of Erzurum defended the idea of evolution.

This claim is the product of serious ignorance. Although attempts are made to attribute the origin of the theory to the Islamic world through forced interpretations, historical and scientific findings say precisely the opposite. The idea of evolution is not a scientific discovery, but a false and pagan belief whose origins go back to very ancient times, to the Sumerians, Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece. Throughout history, all materialists have claimed that living things formed spontaneously from stone and soil and that living things supposedly descended from one another.

Another fact ignored by those taken in by this claim is that the scientific means available during the periods in which the aforementioned scholars lived were extremely limited and primitive. In those ages, branches of science such as genetics and cell biology did not even have names. Therefore, the relevant statements in the works of these thinkers were not a claim of **"the evolution of species"** in the modern sense; they consisted entirely of the inadequate scientific understanding of their own periods and the concept of **“degrees of being”** in the Islamic world.

The Misconception of Reducing Darwinism to the Thesis That “Living Species Emerged by Evolving From One Another”

Another critical error is to suppose that the theory consists merely of a simple biological claim that **“living species descended from one another over time.”** However, this is not the true and unchanging basis of Darwinism. In essence, the theory maintains that life supposedly came into being spontaneously from inanimate matter, without any Creator, entirely as a result of blind coincidences and unconscious mechanisms. Therefore, this claim absolutely rejects a divine will and the fact of Creation from the very outset. The fact that some Muslims see no harm in defending this theory by saying, **“Could God not have created living things by evolving them from one another?”** actually leads them to unwittingly accept a false ideology that fundamentally denies the Creator.



Evolutionist circles, on the other hand, gladly support this so-called current of **"Muslim evolutionism"** because they know that this situation makes it easier to have the theory insidiously accepted by believing societies. Yet when the subject is considered in the light of the verses of the Qur'an, there can be no point in common between Islam and a theory founded on belief in **"coincidence."**

Evolutionists persist in failing to see the evident proofs of Creation that surround man on all sides and seek to ascribe all these perfections to coincidences, time and unconscious processes. Yet even if some people do not wish to accept God’s infinite power and greatness, that changes nothing; His incomparable might, knowledge and artistry proclaim themselves in every atom He has created. The duty of a sincere Muslim is not to support false materialist dogmas, but to defend in the most powerful manner, through science and reason, the fact that God, the one Creator, created everything from nothing.

The Misconception That “God Created Living Things Through Evolution”

Advocates of the so-called evolutionary creation do not directly say, **"living things came into being as the result of coincidences and chance events"**; however, they maintain that God used evolutionary mechanisms such as mutation and natural selection when creating living species. Yet modern science has definitively proven that natural selection cannot produce new genetic information and that mutations only harm living organisms. Just as their claims have no scientific basis, they also have no basis in the Qur'an.

Some Muslims who are under the influence of naturalist dogma fall into the error of limiting God’s creation by the laws of nature, assuming that those laws are fixed and unchanging. Yet the rules we call the laws of nature consist solely of God maintaining matter within a specific order; they do not arise from matter itself. Therefore, God, Who established these laws, also has the power to alter them whenever He wills. Had God willed, He could also have created living things through evolution; however, there is not a single verse in the Qur'an supporting the idea that species gradually transformed into other species. On the contrary, the Qur'an reveals that the universe and life were brought into existence miraculously and instantaneously by God’s command **"Be"**:

"The Originator of the heavens and earth. When He decides on something, He just says to it, ‘Be!’ and it is.". (Surat al-Baqara, 117)

Those who limit our Lord’s infinite power and knowledge by their own narrow patterns of reason also ignore His modes of creation in different dimensions. Angels and jinn, for example, were brought into existence instantaneously and flawlessly in dimensions completely different from the physical laws to which we are subject. In the same way, the miracles revealed in the Qur'an completely refute naturalist logic. The bird made from clay by the Prophet Jesus (pbuh) coming to

life, or the staff of the Prophet Moses (pbuh) turning into a living serpent, are among the clearest proofs that God creates from nothing whenever He wills, without any need for a means, time or biological process.

Specific stages in living things, such as a seed becoming a plant or the development of an embryo in the mother’s womb, are not evolution, but flawless programs of growth and Creation, every stage of which proceeds under divine control. The Qur'an clearly explains that groups of living things did not descend from one another, but were instead created separately from a common material:

“God created every animal from water. Some of them go on their bellies, some of them on two legs, and some on four. God creates whatever He wills. God has power over all things.” (Surat an-Nur, 45)

The Misconception That “God Created Human Beings Through Evolution”

Just as there is not even an allusive expression in the verses of the Qur'an that living things descended biologically from one another, the claim that man is a product of evolution is also definitively rejected. Although some Muslim evolutionists seek to adapt to Islam the Darwinist scenarios that link man to supposed ape-like ancestors, the verses reveal that the first human being, the Prophet Adam (pbuh), was directly created from inanimate matter, namely clay, without passing through any evolutionary process:

“We created mankind out of dried clay formed from fetid black mud.” (Surat al-Hijr, 26)

“When I have formed him and breathed My Soul into him, fall down in prostration in front of him!” (Surat al-Hijr, 29)

As can clearly be seen in the verses, God miraculously fashioned inanimate clay (a kind of porcelain statue) and, by breathing His Own Spirit into this body, brought it into existence as a human being in a single instant. There is neither an adaptation lasting millions of years nor imaginary transitional forms here. The creation of man is not a biological coincidence or the transformation of primitive living things, but directly God’s miraculous artistry.

Another fact that completely invalidates the claims of Muslim evolutionists is the truth of the **"Spiritual Realm."** Before the material universe and the biological world had yet been created, God created the entire human race in the Spiritual Realm as complete and flawless human beings

and took a covenant from them. The existence of complete human beings who could hear, speak and give their word when the material world did not yet exist is a decisive blow dealt to the Darwinist logic that seeks to link the origin of man to primates and animal ancestors.

God did not create man by evolving him from imaginary ape-like, flawed, disabled and ugly transitional forms, but created him in the most perfect and beautiful form from the very first moment. This fact is revealed in the verses as follows:

“We created man in the finest mold.” (Surat at-Tin, 4)

“He created the heavens and Earth with truth and formed you, giving you the best of forms. And He is your final destination.” (Surat at-Taghabun, 3)

Those half-ape, half-human transitional forms claimed by Darwinism are fabricated and unaesthetic structures that completely contradict the fact of **"the best of forms"** *(Ahsan al-Taqwim)* described in the verses.

The Error of Citing Verses of the Qur'an as Evidence for the Theory of Evolution

Despite all the facts, it can be seen that some Muslims influenced by the insidious propaganda of Darwinism misinterpret verses whose meanings are exceedingly clear. In order to supposedly find evidence for the theory of evolution in the Qur'an, these people distort the explicit meanings of the verses and draw conclusions in accordance with their own wishes through forced interpretations, conjectures and assumptions. Trying to derive support for evolution from the verses by twisting the dictionary meanings of words is an exceedingly dangerous attitude.

Interpreting the verses differently from their original meanings and distorting their meanings are described in the Qur'an as **“telling a lie against God.”** (Surah Ali `Imran, 78) Of course, it would not be right to make a general accusation by treating everyone who falls into this error in the same way, since some of these people make this mistake without being aware of the materialist-atheist danger behind the theory of evolution or without thinking deeply about where their words will lead. Yet whatever the intention may be, the responsibility of speaking in the name of God and misguiding people is very great.

The fundamental root of the problem stems from some Muslims who advocate evolution imagining this theory to be an absolute **"scientific fact."** Since they have submitted to this preconception,

they also approach the Qur'an with the distorted logic that **"since science says this, the Qur'an must therefore confirm evolution."** However, when the Qur'an is considered as a whole, it will be clearly seen that none of these forced explanations have any validity.

The Qur'an must be read and explained with a completely sincere heart, free from prejudices and pressures, and without being influenced by any philosophy or materialist ideology. Moreover, the person providing the explanation must act with fear of God and seek refuge in God from changing the meaning of the verses or interpreting them incorrectly. When read with this understanding, it will be seen that the Qur'an contains no information in the sense of **"creation through evolution,"** but, on the contrary, that God created living things with a single command, **"Be."**

Conclusion

Darwinism is not an innocent biological theory. This superstition is the most fundamental ideological foundation of perverse ideologies such as communism and fascism, which drenched the world in blood in recent history and institutionalized irreligion, ruthlessness and conflict, and is the so-called scientific lifeline of materialism and atheism. Therefore, even with good intentions, trying to legitimize these claims under the name of **“evolutionary creation”** means unwittingly contributing to the ideological foundation of destructive philosophies.

What Muslim academics, intellectuals and religious scholars must do is certainly not to submit to the global social pressure established by materialist circles and seek a passive and submissive **"middle way."** On the contrary, in this age when every branch of modern science, from microbiology to paleontology, manifestly proclaims the fact of creation, refuting the fallacy of evolution, which opposes religion and denies the existence of God, through an intellectual struggle and destroying falsehood by means of the truth is an important responsibility. It would be a very grave error to evade this responsibility and supposedly "come to an agreement" with the idea of denial on some common ground, to make concessions to the other side or to submit to their ideas.

For example, in a society in which communism is spreading, a Muslim's duty is **not to** **"try to make communism Islamic."** This is a dead end that will produce no result in favor of religion and, on the contrary, will benefit communism. A Muslim's duty is to refute communism as an entire philosophy, demolish it intellectually and set forth the truth of Islam against it. In the same way, a Muslim's duty against Darwinism is **not to** **"try to make Darwinism Islamic,"** but to refute and demolish this great lie intellectually and set forth the fact of creation against it.

It must not be forgotten that God has issued an important warning in the Qur'an:

“Do not mix up truth with falsehood and knowingly hide the truth.” (Surat al-Baqara, 42)
