Chapter 30 ———

PROBLEMS WITH BIG BANG CREATIONISM

When opposites are combined

Introduction—Unfortunately, some very earnest Christians are accepting a theory of origins which was devised by atheists in the 1940s, in a desperate attempt to deny the existence of God as the Creator. These folk may be very sincere; but they are supporting the Darwinist concept, that everything slowly evolved, by naturalist causes, from one transitional form to another, through long ages of time. Without realizing it, they are denying God the glory of the stunning, rapid creation, described in Scripture. Not grasping the full significance of the situation, they are essentially repudiating the first eleven chapters of Genesis. The basis for the plan of redemption, as explained in those chapters, is set aside.

They are overlooking scientific facts pointing to the recent age of the earth, facts which disprove the long ages of strata, facts which prove erroneous the theory of a gradual evolution of ancient animals through eons of time, and facts which testify to the reality of the Genesis Flood.

What it teaches—According to this strange theory, God created everything, not in a direct way as described in Inspired Scripture, but instead used the intricately tortuous Big Bang and the theorized, slow evolutionary changes which followed—over a period of billions of years in outer space and here on Planet Earth. Our solar system and world were formed from a cloud of gas which gradually coalesced into a molten mass. Eventually, after immense ages of time, it solidified into our planet. Over a period of billions of years, living cells eventually sprang out of seawater and sand,

and life forms gradually evolved. Those were long, long ages of harsh conditions and violent death. Billions upon billions of animals were slain or died a natural death, prior to the arrival of Adam and Eve millions of years later. That is the theory.

Its advantage—The only supposed advantage of adopting this child of Darwinism, and defending it as "Creationism," is that a scientist or teacher may be partly accepted by his evolutionist peers in the school, office, or lab where he works—since he essentially believes everything they do! He can teach from the same school textbooks and write cautious articles for scientific journals.

Why it cannot be scientifically accurate—There are several reasons why this strange amalgam of creation and evolution cannot be correct. Here are a few:

- 1 This "Christian Big Bang" theory runs counter to the polonium-218 radiohalo discovery which dramatically demonstrates that granite, which forms the bedrock beneath our continents, was formed solid in less than three minutes (*chapter 3*).
- 2 This theory ignores an extensive collection of scientific evidence pointing to an early age of only a few thousand years for our planet (*chapter 4*).
- 3 The theory accepts the evolutionary assumption that the proof of long ages of time is based on sedimentary strata and consists of uniform, unvarying layers throughout the world. Yet scientific investigation has shown that strata theory to be false (*chapter 12*).
- 4 The theory denies a wealth of scientific facts disproving the evolutionary claim that transitional species developed over billions of years (*chapter 12*). The hoped-for, never-found "transitional species" lies at the very heart of evolutionary error—yet no half-way species have ever been found.
- 5 Extensive scientific evidence pointing to the Genesis Flood, which is quite obvious in the sedimentary strata as well as land forms on earth today, is ignored (*chapters 12 and 14*).
- 6 This theory overlooks the total unreliability of radiodating and carbon-14 dating *(chapter 6)*. Because strata, fossil, and radiodating evidence is useless,—there is no reliable evidence of long ages of time for earth's history!
 - 7 The above-mentioned scientific evidence alone is enough to

sink this "Christian evolution" theory. But even more important—and far more crucial—the theory eliminates Genesis 1 to 11 and the plan of redemption. Genesis 1 clearly states that our world was made in six literal days, not over a period of billions of years. While the theory teaches that there was life and death for long ages before Adam existed,—the Bible clearly states that there was no death in our world prior to Adam's sin!

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him that was to come."—*Romans* 5:12-14.

The Bible teaches that God made our world in six days and rested the seventh. This Big Bang theory denies the truth of the seven-day week as of divine origin; and it denies the need to keep the Sabbath day holy.

"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."—Genesis 2:2-3.

The theory also denies the Bible statement that, on the different days of the first week, God instantly brought things into existence. *He spoke them into existence;* He did not let them slowly evolve.

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."—*Psalm 33:6*.

Because the theory denies the validity of Genesis 1, it also denies the need for a Saviour to redeem Adam's sin and the sin of his descendants (*Romans* 5:15-18).

In summary—The correct position is that which agrees with all the scientific evidence—and with the important truths given to mankind in the Bible. It is not scientific to accept part of the physical evidence in nature while ignoring another very large part. It is dangerous to reject a major portion of the Scriptures, by assuming the first eleven chapters of Genesis are merely religious metaphors.

The fantastic Big Bang theory, in which all the matter in the universe explodes from a single dot and then over billions of years

of agonizing struggle the stars, planets, and creatures gradually emerge,—was originally invented by men desperate to explain a cohesive origin of matter which would totally leave God out of the picture. An ape is not your ancestor! In view of that fact, why would anyone want to suggest that God used their atheistic theory of origins as the way by which He created everything? In order to do it, clear scientific evidence has to be denied—and the initial foundation chapters of the Bible must be treated as a mystical fairy tale. To do this is neither scientific, nor safe for the soul. The majesty of God's Creatorship is stripped from Him and part of the Holy Bible is shredded.

EVOLUTION COULD NOT DO THIS

The sugarbird depends on one bush for everything. This little bird lives in the mountains of South Africa, and has a 4-inch [10-cm] body and a 10-inch [25-cm] tail.

The protea bush, growing on those same slopes, is large—about 7 feet [21 dm] tall and very bushy. At night, the bird sleeps in the bush. When in bloom, sugarbird goes to its pink flowers and sips the nectar. It also eats the bugs, flies, and worms that come to the flowers.

The bill of the bird is long, round, and narrow; one would think this just right for sipping the sugar water in the flower. However, it would appear to be a problem that the flower, which is also long and narrow, curves downward. But the bill of the bird has exactly the same angle of curve—and it is also a downward curve! So the sugarbird need only go up to the flower and reach down in and take the nectar.

But more than a long, narrow, curved bill is needed. There is also a pump in the bird's throat, with a pipe leading from the pump to the bill. That pipe is its tongue which it twists into, what is nearly, a circular pipe shape. The bird and the bush are both obviously designed for one another.

Yet there is still more: The sugarbird makes its nest in the protea bush, but it only makes its nest when the bush is blooming throughout the summer months. In this way, the bird can feed nectar to its children. Along with grass, the nest is made from dead protea bush twigs which the bird finds underneath the bush.

Inside the stick nest, the bird places soft, white fluff for the baby birds to sit on. Where does that fluff come from? It consists of dried petals which earlier fell from the protea bush to the ground.

Upon arise each morning, for its daily drink of water the bird obrtains water from the leaves. The same dew which fell on the bush at night also provides enough wet leaves that the bird takes its morning bath by flying into the branches and shaking itself. As it does so, water showers down upon it.