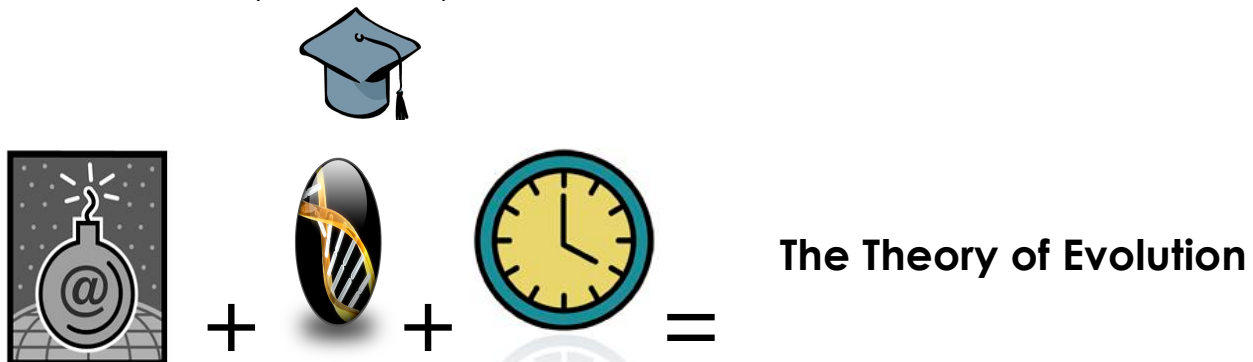


## NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH PREP SCHOOL LESSON

### Creationism vs. Evolution Part 2

In our last lesson we learned about the "Theory of Evolution". Do you remember what it is when you see this picture?



We learned that there are NO "facts" that we can use to decide where humans come from. So, no matter what we believe to be true, it requires FAITH. We learned in our last lesson what evolution says about the question of how life began. This week we are going to learn what the Bible says about it. You can then choose how you want to use YOUR faith.

Faith refers to what you believe in. We, as believers, believe in the Bible. We believe the Bible is God's thoughts on paper and that God used men to write the Bible, that HE gave them the thoughts, and they wrote them down. Do you believe that? Do you really believe that God wrote the Bible? Do you believe that it is IMPOSSIBLE for a person or persons to have written the Bible without His help? Once you DO believe that the Bible HAD to be written by a super-smart supernatural being, then you are ready to learn about creationism. Creationism is the Bible's teaching on when and where human beings came from! Let's look at some Bible verses and see how it would be IMPOSSIBLE for human beings to write this book on their own. Remember, our verse in **Hebrews 11:1** says that the Bible is the substance and the evidence (proof) of things not seen. No one alive today saw the actual moment when human life began. So where are we going to get some real proof? Once we get real proof we can "put our trust in that" or we can have "faith" in that proof.

We will begin our journey through the Bible to prove that men could NOT have written it without supernatural help! Someone or something had to know a lot about the future and help the writers with the details. Someone or something other than the human mind had to be involved in the writing of the Bible. You will see this with your own "eyes".

**Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

**Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

These two verses are FACTS, not theories, and define creationism. How can we say that? Creationists believe that what is written in the Bible is FACTS! Let's look at why creationists can say that these are facts in the Bible and not just a theory. Did you ever see a crystal ball? Sometimes at carnivals you will see someone take out this ball made of clear glass and rub it. They say something silly like, "Hocus pocus alakazam" and then, all of a sudden they say they can see the future in this magic ball. It sounds silly because it is silly. However, there is ONE who can see the future. There is ONE who knows the future as if it happened yesterday (think about that for a minute). God is ALL KNOWING (omniscient). That means He knows all of the *possible, actual and probable*. He knows what would happen *if* you left your house two minutes later than you did. He knows what would happen *if* you took a left instead of a right on your way to school. That is called the **"possible"**. He also knows the **"actual"**. This means that He knows all things that ACTUALLY do happen. He knows about all of the actual events of yesterday, today, and tomorrow and all around the universe. He knows them ALL at once! That makes my head hurt, how about you? Not only that, He knows what the *chances* are of every action that happened all around the world. Read that sentence again. That is called the **"probable"**. You know, when your friend asks you, "Are you going to the birthday party tomorrow?" and you say, "Probably". Aha! You didn't know that word had so much meaning, did you? What are the chances that you WILL go to the birthday party? What are the chances that you WILL NOT go to the birthday party? That is called probability.

Do you have a set of dice in your house? If so, please go get them. Okay roll the set of dice 36 times and write down what you roll each time. For example: 2 sixes, 1 six and 1 four, etc., etc. Now, let's see what research says about this fun game.

There is a science called **"probability"**. Probability says, what are the chances that you will roll 2 sixes if you roll the dice 36 times?

DICE CHART		
ROLL		PROBABILITY ↗
2		1/36
3		2/36
4		3/36
5		4/36
6		5/36
7		6/36
8		5/36
9		4/36
10		3/36
11		2/36
12		1/36

Let's look at our chart. Look at the 12 or 2 sixes. The probability of you rolling two sixes is 1 out of 36 rolls. Did you roll 2 sixes when you did our experiment? These are some things that scientists do to figure these numbers out. They sit and roll dice and make charts about it (ha ha). You are probably thinking what the heck does this have to do with creationism, right? Be patient! We are going to look at verses in the Bible written hundreds or even thousands of years ago. We are

going to see what the “**probability**” of one verse actually happening hundreds or thousands of years later. What are the chances of it really happening exactly as it is stated? Then, we are going to look at verses that the “chances” of them ALL coming to pass in detail is beyond human ability. We are going to see that it had to be God who gave the information to the men who wrote the Bible. It is not humanly impossible for all of these *prophecies* to come true. (A prophecy is a statement that predicts an event that will happen in the future.) These men who wrote the Bible would pray and talk to God just like you and I do. Part of their purpose for their lives was to “write” the Bible. They had a plan just like God has a special plan for you and your life. We will see WHY we should have FAITH in the Bible as if God Himself were talking to us through it. If I was going to write a book and I asked you to do the writing for me, whose thoughts go on the paper, yours or mine? Mine. So, God gave these men His words through their thoughts and they wrote down what He told them to write.

The first book that we are going to go to is the book of Micah. It was written around 700 years before Jesus came to earth. Can you predict what will happen 700 years from now? Heck no! The verses describe the details of the *coming* Savior. It was to be the guide for the Jewish people. It would show them what to look for in order to KNOW who was TRULY their Messiah. He would be the one that would come and save the Jewish people and be their King. So, they studied these books in the Bible every day so that they would know, without a doubt, when their Messiah came.

***Micah 5:2 But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity. (PROPHECY)***

***Luke 2:4-5 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. (PROPHECY FULFILLED)***

There were approximately 100 towns in Judah in that day. So, we will say that there was a 1 in 100 chance or 1/100, as we saw on our chart, that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Now, remember the verse in Micah was written 700 years earlier. In 700 years a town can be renamed, or even destroyed and taken over. How old is your town? Was this just a coincidence? I think not! But wait! There's more...

***Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (PROPHECY)***

The book of Zechariah was written around 500 years before Jesus was born.

**Mark 11:7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. (PROPHECY FULFILLED)**

**Mark 11:9 Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (PROPHECY FULFILLED)**

Let's say there are 100 animals that Jesus could have rode into Jerusalem. So, that is again a 1 in 100 chance that He would ride on a colt or 1/100.

**Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced through (crucified) for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. (PROPHECY)**

**Matthew 27:26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. (PROPHECY FULFILLED)**

Let's say that there were 50 different types of payment for the crime they said Jesus committed. So the chance of Him being scourged is about 1 in 50 or 1/50. Are you getting this? Are you seeing a pattern here? There were many more prophecies and fulfillments that I wanted to share with you, but for the sake of time I will just list the verses for you to look up at a later time. There are over 300 in the Bible. I know! OMG!!! The chances of just 9 prophecies coming true are 1 out of 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. This is 9 out of the 20 prophecies that are about Jesus coming to earth as the human Savior. The probability of all 20 of them coming true is 1 out of 1 (and 175 zeros!). OMG!

So, I think we have proven that the Bible is a book of God's thoughts on paper written by men. Now that we have done this, in our next lesson I will show you that creationism is the ONLY TRUTH regarding where human beings came from. Have fun looking these 5 additional prophecies & fulfillments up on your own!

#### **PROPHECY**

Isaiah 53:12  
Zechariah 12:10, Psalm 22:16  
Psalm 34:20  
Amos 8:9  
Psalm 16:10

#### **FULFILLMENT**

Mark 15:27-28  
John 20:25-27  
John 19:32-33  
Matthew 27:45  
Mark 16:6-7