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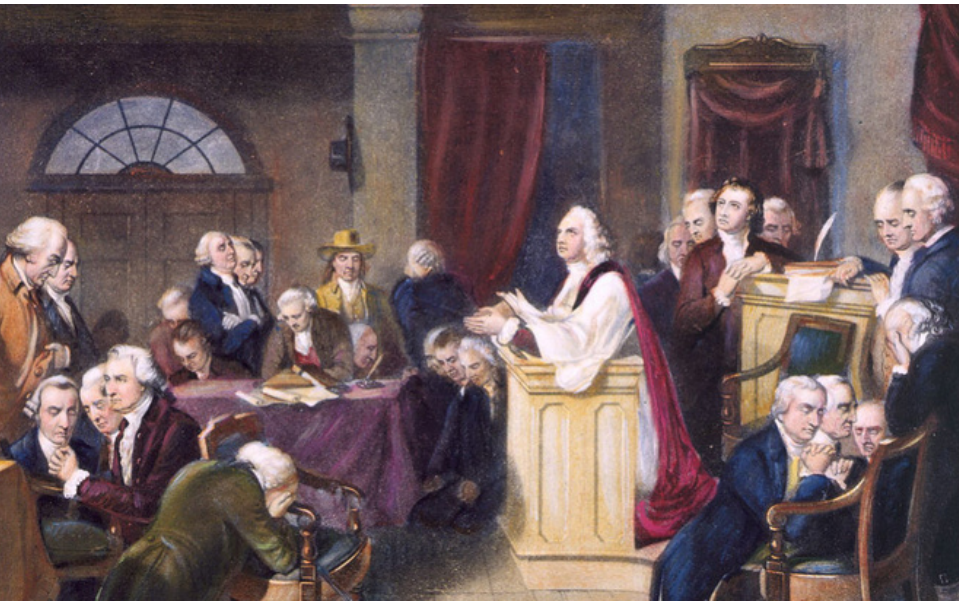
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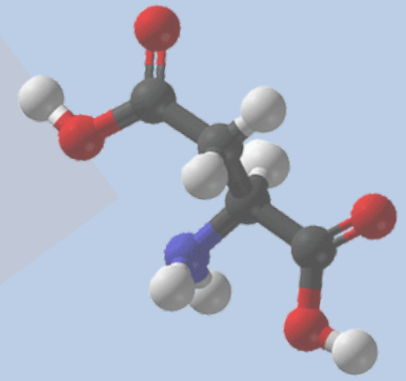
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A BIOGENESIS

Fact or Fiction



By Billy Anger

Among the many questions evolution is incapable of answering is that which concerns how life came about from nonlife. In 1871, Charles Darwin addressed this mystery by suggesting that the original spark of life was generated in the first oceans through various chemical compounds, electricity, light, and other chance conditions. Darwin speculated that the climate produced the first proteins capable of organizing themselves and creating life. From this initial hypothesis came the idea of abiogenesis, a word coined by the late atheist and ardent supporter of Darwin, Thomas Henry Huxley. Abiogenesis proposes that the first life forms generated were elementary and, through a gradual process, became increasingly complex.

So, does the idea that life arose from nonlife more than 3.5 billion years ago on Earth have any basis in scientific evidence? Does it provide credible proof that what modern professors and scientists assume unquestionably refutes creationism, really does?

It seems highly unlikely even to imagine how a cell's components, which are primarily protein-based catalysts called enzymes, might have organized spontaneously as life first started from nonliving material. There is nothing about dormant chemicals and physical forces that suggest the initiation of life in an abiogenesis process. Cells are powered by outside sources, and there is nothing to imply that molecules act independently in looking for ways to harness

energy and become more efficient. Even scientists do not wait for unguided processes to spontaneously produce an effect during their laboratory investigations.

Etiology is a branch of science that deals with causes. Evolution theorizes that arbitrary and unguided actions were responsible for the original living, self-replicating cell. Significantly, nobody has ever proven that a simple self-copying molecule can self-generate a compound such as DNA. Nobody. Furthermore, scientists have failed to create one in a laboratory or even prove such a theory is possible on paper. The problems are so untenably severe that most evolutionists today tend to avoid the whole subject of abiogenesis.

Despite the abundant empirical and probabilistic evidence that life could not originate by natural processes, evolutionists maintain an unwavering belief that they will eventually discover the answer concerning how life could spontaneously generate. These difficulties of terrestrial abiogenesis are so great that various evolutionists have theorized that life could not have originated on Earth but must have been transported here from another planet via stardust, meteors, comets, or spaceships. Even Charles Darwin, a leading pioneer of evolutionary thought, so struggled with the idea of abiogenesis that he conceded in his landmark work, *The Origin of Species*, that all existing terrestrial life must have descended from some primitive life form that was called into life "by the Creator" (1900, p. 316).

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Eugene Viktorovich is a Russian-American biologist and Senior Investigator at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). He is a recognized expert in the field of evolutionary and computational biology. He is among the few scientists honest enough to acknowledge that abiogenesis research has failed. In his work, *The Logic of Chance*, published in 2011, he wrote, "Despite the many interesting results to its credit, when judged by the straightforward criterion of reaching (or even approaching) the ultimate goal, the origin of life field is a failure - we still do not have even a plausible, coherent model, let alone a validated scenario, for the emergence of life on Earth.

Certainly, This is due not to a lack of experimental the theoretical effort, the issue

is the extraordinary intrinsic difficulty and complexity of the problem. A succession of exceedingly unlikely steps is essential for the origin of life, from the synthesis and accumulation of nucleotides, to the origin of translation; through the multiplication of probabilities, these make the final outcome seem almost like a miracle." This statement obviously speak volumes.

Either the origin of the basic building blocks of life and self-replicating cells are the results of the creative act by an intelligent designer, or the result of unguided random chemical reactions. Rather than coming closer to demonstrating how life could have started, evolutionary science only raises considerably more questions about the astronomically unlikely probabilities. 📖



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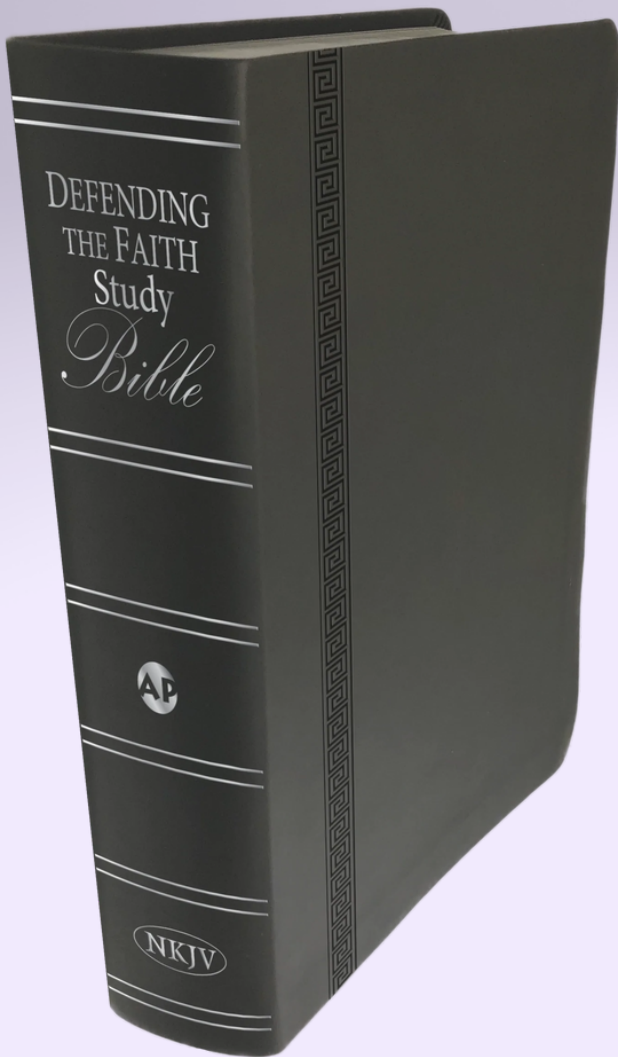
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WHY DO YOU DISAGREE WITH CANCEL CULTURE?

Accountability for illegal and abusive behavior is necessary for a just society to survive. Corruption must be exposed and confronted by the laws of a nation. Punishments for prohibited actions should be swift and decisive. Cancel culture, however, reaches far beyond appropriate criminal and civil legal actions and establishes rules for retaliation. Cancel culture targets the disagreement of ideas, not the violation of legal standards. People who voice an opinion contrasting that of cancel culture activists find themselves alienated, their reputations tarnished, and their careers wrecked despite having done nothing illegal.

Cancel culture finds its impetus through political correctness. This ideology attempts to curtail social and institutional offenses by controlling speech and compelling the termination of particular words. Ironically, the postmodern assertion is that all truth claims are subjective. Truth is relegated to a position of preference, and tolerance is trumpeted as the highest good. The odd reality is that the more tolerant society supposedly becomes, the more intolerant it grows of somebody whose views are considered prejudiced. It is a mammoth circle of contradictions and self-defeating arguments.

There are various problems associated with cancel culture. Among them is the idea of hastiness. There is no place for what the law would describe as due process. The individual's rights are circumvented by those who are intolerant of conflicting opinions. The victims of cancel culture are frequently subjected to social perjury, where those in disagreement misrepresent the person's opinion. Spontaneous outrage becomes the product of biased information, and irrational thinking foments a mob mentality.

There can be no question that cancel culture has a vindictive nature. Some of the ugliest disrespect imaginable erupts within the ranks of the cancel crowd. People are malicious and justify their aggression by declaring their cancellation of another human being as purging society from moral contamination. Selecting a person for "cancellation" is not synonymous with treating them as nonexistent. Rather it serves as the basis for treating an individual with intense hatred, accompanied by the slandering of their reputation. Cancellation is certainly not indifference but quite the opposite. Christians must be careful not to employ this type of strategy against those with whom they disagree, as Jesus clearly told His followers, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27, 28).

At the heart of cancel culture is judgmentalism. While all people make judgments daily regarding all sorts of things, how these determinations emerge needs careful consideration. Far too many are self-appointed judges with no credentials to occupy that position. Dredging up past indiscretions of those cancel culture disagrees with is unethical and classless. Adults have lost their jobs because of jokes they told as reckless teenagers. Others find themselves disqualified for political office because of an article they wrote decades earlier. Cancel culture leaves no space for individuality or free speech. Conformity is a mandate that, if not embraced, motivates severe social ostracization.

In the world of cancel culture, there are no grounds for forgiveness. Behaviors of the past that were offensive or inappropriate remain unpardoned in cancel culture. Even if the violator recognizes their former wrongdoings and accepts responsibility for previous misconduct, they are

loathed to be accepted back into the good graces of those who cancel. The goal of cancel culture is not restoration from past wrongdoings but to defame and accuse anyone who disagrees with their established agenda. This hostility is designed to deter anyone who would daringly stand against the accepted social trend. Cancel culture judges individuals with whom various people disagree as unredeemable and deserving of vindictiveness. This behavior is a vastly different perspective from what Jesus taught when He said, "Make allowance for one another's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive other" (Colossians 3:13).

Cancel culture was conceived as an attempt to hold people responsible for wrong behaviors by de-platforming them and removing them from their positions of influence. Sometimes the plan worked. But in far too many cases, the effort devolved into unproductive shaming or mob-rule entertainment. In situations of that nature, the cancellation attempts only led to more attention on the negative act.

There are effective means of holding someone accountable without canceling them. Christian culture views no person as unredeemable.

Repentance and change are possible, and the forgiveness of God is readily available. Those who identify as Christians must express this truth to all cultures. Christ received the worst sinners into His presence but never embraced their behaviors. He demanded a change in how they lived and provided them the grace necessary for such a transformation.

DID GOD MISPLACE ADAM?

Fundamental Christian theology assigns specific attributes to God. Scriptures describe Him as infinite, that is to say, He is self-existing and has no origin. He is recognized to be immutable, which means He is unchanging. The Bible portrays Him as all-powerful, infinitely gracious, limitlessly faithful, and altogether compassionate. The Bible also depicts God as omnipresent, which means always being everywhere. This characteristic, though, seems at odds with Genesis 3:9 that records God asking the question, "Adam, where are you?" Does this query somehow indicate God lacks knowledge? Does it show that there are certain things beyond divine awareness? Is it a contradiction of Scripture?

The answer to this puzzle lies in the context in which the question was originally asked. Genesis 3 documents the horrible moral demise of humanity as Adam disregarded God's inflexible instructions and ate from the forbidden tree. He was steered toward this temptation by his wife, but at no time needed to surrender to the lure. Immediately following their fall, Adam and Eve tried concealing themselves from God. Genesis 3:8 records, "And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden." It is significant to notice God immediately approaching the earth's first parents. He was graciously pursuing the guilty sinners and providing for their restoration. It is in the context God asks the question, "Adam, where are you?"

Disobedience typically results in guilt. Such emotions of shame ultimately introduce feelings of alienation, which was Adam's predicament. His estrangement was not geographical, it was relational, and it was lethal. God wanted Adam to acknowledge his place of spiritual isolation, and asking him this rhetorical question was necessary to prod such an awareness. Adam could not be redeemed spiritually until he recognized he was lost.

The questions God asks always serve a purpose. His questions differ depending on situational context and the needs of the one to whom the inquiry is directed. Educators commonly ask students strategic questions as a fundamental teaching technique. The teacher does not do this because they are ignorant of the answer but because they want the student to focus on the immediate problem. This is exactly what God was doing with Adam. He was facilitating a lesson needed not only for earth's first man, but all humankind.

It would serve all people beneficially to listen well and answer truthfully.

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Speaking to a Generation Whose Questions Have Gone Unanswered.

Quotes of the Month



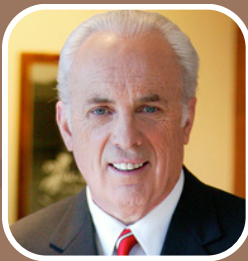
Glen Scrivener

"Christians believe in the virgin birth of Jesus. Materialists believe in the virgin birth of the cosmos. Choose your miracle."

"I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity."



C.S. Lewis



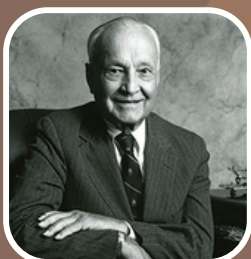
John MacArthur

"If the truth offends, then let it offend. People have been living their whole lives in offense to God; let them be offended for a while."

"Just make sure it's your ideas that offend and not you, that your beliefs cause the dispute and not your behavior."



Greg Koukl



Sir John Templeton

"Would it not be strange if a universe without purpose accidentally created humans who are so obsessed with purpose?"

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