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DID GOD USE EVOLUTION TO CREATE?

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Mary was confused. In school they had spent the whole period talking about evolution. The pictures in her science book sure made it look like evolution was true. However, the story of Creation that she learned at home and church did not mention one thing about evolution? How could evolution not be true when there seemed to be so much scientific evidence to show how it happened?

On her way home, Mary met her classmate Claudia.

“Hi, Claudia. Say, what did you think about what we learned in school today ... that evolution stuff?”

“Oh, that’s easy,” said Claudia. “I believe that God made everything, but He used evolution to do it! See you later.”

Now Mary was more confused than ever!

As Mary was having an after-school snack, her father walked into the kitchen.

“Say Dad, do you believe that God used evolution to make this world?”

“Why do you ask that?” asked Mr. Jones.

“Well, look here in my science book. It says we evolved, and it has all these neat pictures to show how it happened. And I talked to Claudia who comes to our church once in awhile, and she said God used evolution to make everything.”

“Hmm ... I’m glad you brought your book home. I didn’t know that they started teaching evolution so soon at school. Mary, evolution teaches that one creature changed into another kind of creature over a long period of time. But remember, as we have talked about before, evolution is just an idea.”

“But Dad, look at all the pictures in this science book!” said Mary

“Yes, but it is just as you said, Mary ... they are just pictures.

An artist made a drawing of what someone thinks might have happened in the past. We call those pictures artwork. Whenever you look at pictures in books, in museums or movies, you should ask a very important question ...

“What’s the evidence?” All you are really asking is, ‘What was actually found to draw that picture?’ By asking that question you will find that there really isn’t any good evidence out there to support the claims of evolution.”

“The human body, plants and animals are all put together in very complicated ways

that never could have just happened by chance or accident.” continued her father. “I believe the scientific evidence comes closer to showing that a very intelligent designer ... God ... made everything. Besides, have you thought about how the Creation account in the Bible goes directly against the idea of evolution?”

“What do you mean, Dad?” asked Mary.



“Well, here is just one of many examples: according to evolution, there was this ‘goo’ or slime upon the earth that sunshine stimulated to somehow arrange itself into the first living cell. Eventually that first cell changed into more complicated life, like plants. However, according to God’s word, the plants were made on Day 3 of

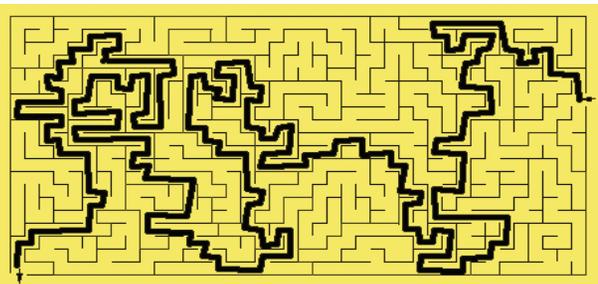
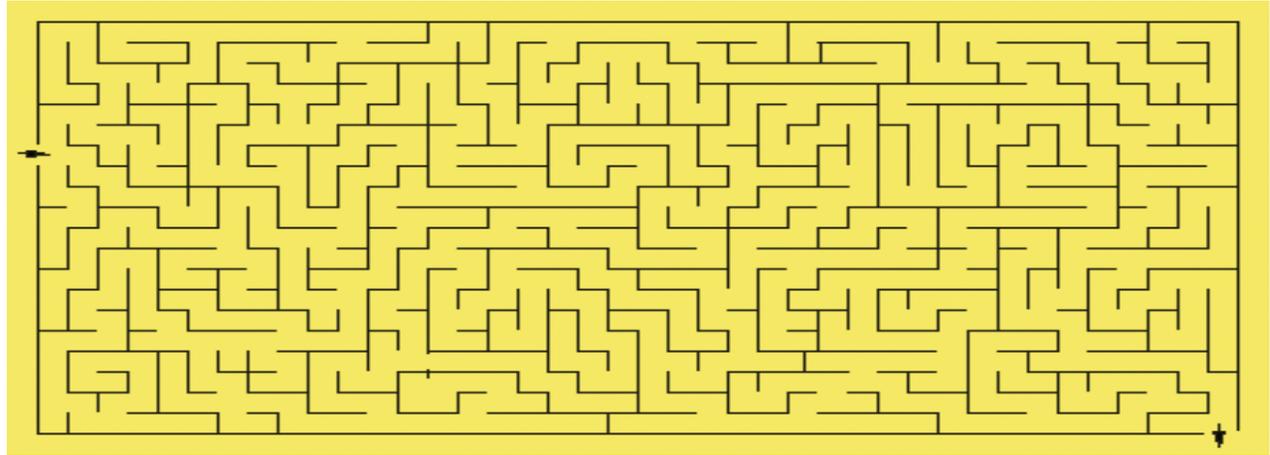
Creation and the sun was not made until Day 4! The plants were made before the sun! Also, evolution teaches that all these changes took millions to billions of years to happen. But the Bible teaches that the whole world and everything in it was made in only 6 days!” **(CONTINUED ON BACK)**

“Dad, I believe that the Bible is true like you have taught me ... but ... what am I going to do about my test on evolution tomorrow?” asked Mary.

“That’s a decision you will have to make for yourself,” answered her father. “I would suggest you study your book, so that you will know the answers that the teacher will expect. However, I would add a note to the bottom or back of your test, explaining to your teacher that you believe the wonderful design we see in all living things points to an intelligent Creator, not the chance and accident of evolution. You might want to also share those reasons with Claudia ... she may never have heard that the two ideas of Creation and evolution do not work together.”

“Thanks Dad. I guess I had better get to studying so that I’ll be ready!”

Can you find the 17 differences between the two pictures on the right? corner.



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