“Dad,” asked Mary, “did you know that people once believed that mud turned into frogs and that old rags turned into rats? What a silly idea!”

“You’re right,” Mr. Jones chuckled. “Some people even thought that spoiled meat turned into worms. Those kinds of ideas were called spontaneous generation, a belief that living things could come from nonliving things.

“In the late 17th century a man named Francesco Redi did an experiment to see if meat actually did turn into worms. He put meat into three jars and covered one jar with parchment (like wax paper), one with gauze, and the other, he left open. Over a short period of time, the meat spoiled in all the jars. However, only the uncovered jar and the one covered by gauze produced white worms! He observed that flies were attracted to these jars by the smell of the rotting meat. They crawled all over the gauze and uncovered meat laying eggs, which later hatched into little white worms (maggots or fly larvae). However, there were no flies on the parchment-covered meat. Redi repeated the experiment and found that it happened again and again. By doing this, Redi proved that life only comes from life. Despite this, scientists wouldn’t believe him because it didn’t fit the ‘science of the day’. In time, men did other experiments and discovered that rags did not turn into rats. Rag piles were just places rats liked to have their babies! Frogs that appeared to come from mud really came from frog eggs.

“In the 18th century a scientist named Spallanzani did more experiments to prove Redi was correct, but scientists still refused to believe the evidence. Finally, almost 200 years after Redi’s experiments, Louis Pasteur proved a new, universal law of science called the Law of Biogenesis (‘bio’ = life; ‘genesis’ = beginning) - that life can only come from life.”

Mary was a little confused and asked, “Why is it called a law?”

“If scientists speak of a law in science, they are talking about something which has been observed to always be true - all the time - with no exceptions. Gravity is an example of a law. If you jump up in the air, what do you think will happen to you?”

“I’ll come back down,” Mary answered.

“Exactly! Gravity is a force of attraction that pulls together anything that has weight and takes up space. Gravity is not just a theory; it’s a law. It is a law seen every day in nature; yet evolution still teaches that millions of years ago, life came from non-life. So, you see, Mary, EVOLUTION BREAKS THE LAW! - the Law of Biogenesis.”

“In addition, evolution goes against the Word of God. The Bible described the law of biogenesis about 4500 years before man accepted it (Genesis 1:20-25): ‘And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.’ Whales come from whales, birds from birds, cattle from cattle - everything after its own kind.”

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