

Common misconceptions

Many people say they believe in evolution. But if you ask them why they believe in the theory, they often defend their position with some common misconceptions. Consider the following examples:

1. That man evolved from the monkeys. According to science we did not come from the monkeys. The monkeys and man are end products of an evolutionary process; the ancestor of both is somewhere lower down.

2. That “survival of the fittest” is a proof of evolution. Consider the following quote by Dr. Walter J Veith. “The theory goes that natural selection chooses the finest and allows the weakest to become extinct. This goes against the evolutionary concept of more and more varied species evolving through natural selection, as natural selection creates less and less varied species. Without a pre-existing variation of species, evolution by natural selection would be impossible.”

The fact that many people believe in evolution based on misconceptions is understandable because there has been a lot of deception perpetrated on the public. Likewise, Christians who believe that “God could have used evolution to “create” have also been deceived. Bishop John Shelby Spong refutes this mistaken idea in the following quote, “The bible began with the assumption that God had created a finished and perfect world from which human beings had fallen away in an act of cosmic rebellion. Darwin postulated instead an unfinished and thus imperfect creation out of which human life was still evolving.”

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