

Just Thinking Apologetics

February the 12th represents the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin. Darwin's impact on science and philosophy has been huge. Ever since 1859, when Darwin published, "On the origin of species", the paradigm of science has never been the same. Previous to Darwin, the common Western view of origins was rooted primarily in the Judeo-Christian God. Today naturalism (nature is all there is) dominates the culture. As George Gaylord Simpson, the famous Harvard paleontologist of the past said, "man is the result of a purposeless and natural process that did not have him in mind." Someone who believes in God is seen as a person of "faith only", whereas naturalism is the philosophy that represents "true reason." Theism (belief in God) belongs to religion, where naturalism is represented by science. Naturalism provides knowledge, where theism only belief. As Phillip Johnson has rightly stated, in today's culture "science, reason and knowledge easily trump religion, faith and belief."

I hope to run a series of articles on Darwin's theory and the implications of naturalism. How can a believer in God and science peacefully coexist? Is it even possible to reconcile theism and evolution? Has Darwin proven the origin of life is purely mechanistic without the need for God? And finally, is Darwin's theory full proof or can other arguments be made that have greater explanatory power? Naturalism is one of the most powerful worldviews of our time and the implications are just as powerful. We will consider all these questions in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to inquire.