

Just Thinking Apologetics

In the West there are three basic ideas as to how all life developed. The first has all life as the result of naturalistic evolution. On this view, all life came from non-life. In science this is referred to as spontaneous generation (life from non life). Being that this view is dealing with naturalism (the natural world is all there is) there can be no supernatural realm. In other words, God is out of the question.

A second view tries to reconcile Darwin's theory of evolution with theism (belief in God). This view is called theistic evolution. On this view, God used evolution and directed it to the point at which the human-like creature evolved and God breathed a soul within man.

The third view had God creating man supernaturally, without the help of evolution. This view would support the fact that micro-evolutionary or adaptations take place, but not the idea that everything evolved from a single source as Darwinian evolution purports.

Each view seems to have its own set of problems. I will look at each and try to analyze the philosophical and scientific problems of each view, with a special emphasis on the first two.