

Evolution, The Fall of Man

Volume 2 - Unit 6

I. Evolution

A. Uniformitarianism - Principles of Geology, Chas. Lyell

B. Biological Uniformitarianism (Evolution)

1. Definition

2. Historical Background

3. Darwin's Theory

a. Inheritance of acquired characteristics

b. Natural selection

4. Arguments for Evolution

a. Recapitulation

b. Vestigial organs

c. Similarity of species

d. Paleontology (fossils)

5. Evidence against Evolution

- a. Cannot be proved
- b. No conclusive evidence
- c. Cannot be demonstrated in laboratories
- d. 2nd law of thermodynamics
- e. Common sense
- f. The Biblical account

II. The Fall of Man (Genesis 3-4)

A. The Genesis Story

B. Historical Event or Theological Myth?

- 1. Too simple?
- 2. Does not fit evolutionary theory
- 3. Evidence of historicity
 - a. Straight historical narrative
 - b. New Testament usage
 - (1) Christ
 - (2) Paul

c. Justification of simplicity

d. The Geneological evidence

C. The Results of the Fall (cf. Volume 1, Units 3-4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Romans 5:12 – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all sinned.”

Note the deviation from the Authorized Version in the last word. All sinned at a point of time (Greek aorist tense) in Adam. The reference in this verse is not to our personal sins, but to the one sin of Adam, in which we all shared, from God's viewpoint.