Where Did You Come From?

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INTRODUCTION

- It is the hope of any speaker on this topic that he can challenge your thinking to the point that you'll discuss it, you'll investigate it further yourself.
- The Bible itself says, God has another testimony of himself. It is to be found in the things that are made.
- One can come to understand that there is a God independent of this book.

1 Where Did We Come From?

- We don't have any evidence that any other living creature has any care about where he came from. Only humans.
- It's a subject of great concern. It has great ramifications philosophically.
- I want to make all of you in this audience who are believers in God and in creation, I want to make you think like one who does not.

2 The Possible Answers to Where You Came From

- One possibility is that there have always been humans forever and ever.
- Somewhere back in time, the first human or humans were created. Distinctively created.
- That view is generally referred to as theistic evolution. God was required to start the process, but from that beginning, all else evolved by natural means.
- You trace your ancestry back through non-humans, back to non-living matter, which has always existed. There's no necessity for a God at all in that view.

3 Only Two Answers: Natural Causes or Intelligent Design

- You either came about by natural causes, nature did it, and nature's always existed, or you came about by intelligent design.
- The core idea of the evolutionary view, natural causes, is that life in all its forms emerged from simple substances by natural means.
- Matter by itself would never have formed life in any of its forms. It required intelligence acting on matter to produce life.
- This core concept, ladies and gentlemen, is the place where you need to begin with somebody who's not a believer.

4 We All Have Presuppositions

- We need to be honest in dealing with this subject.
- Don't you just take something because I said it either. You challenge what I'm thinking, and you challenge what anybody else says, too.

- We all have presuppositions. We enter the subject with a background.
- Do I believe it because my mom and dad taught it to me? or do I believe it because I'm convinced based on evidence?

5 Sometimes You See Things You Expect to See

- We're looking at a bunch of black dots on a white background. That's data. But we see the data differently.
- Do you think it ever happens in science that you have a set of data that you interpret in light of what theory you've already accepted? Absolutely it does.
- Sometimes you see things you expect to see. Whether they're there or not. And we all do it.
- Part of my job in this series of lectures is to slow the cards down enough so we see it.

6 Naturalism Versus Supernaturalism

- Naturalism says nature's all there is.
- Supernaturalism says, no, there could be something beyond nature that interacts with nature that brings about things in nature.
- People who claim they're discussing this subject scientifically get their philosophy all mixed up in it.
- You think science can tell you that the cosmos is all there is, all there was, or all there ever will be? Science can never tell you any such thing.

MY NOTES