

materials, energy, and natural laws in the Universe. The origin of the Universe is a complete mystery to scientists. Perhaps the ancient Hebrew prophet Moses has a case after all.

- We should teach that the Universe began with light. We should not be timid about using the word *light* to describe this magnificent creation event just because the Bible describes creation with the same word. Let's present the gaps in the fossil record. We must clearly point out where there is lack of hard evidence for scientific theory.
- Let us look at what the *actual evidence* is for *evolution by pure chance*. Note that I am not saying *evolution*. I am talking about *evolution by pure chance*. Many people believe that a close biologic or morphologic relationship is also equal evidence for a common designer. To prove that *evolution by pure chance* is a viable theory, we must do three separate things:
  1. Provide evidence that our highly unique Universe was created out of nothing *by pure chance*.
  2. Document step by historical step the fossil record from inorganic material to microbe to man.
  3. Prove that pure chance is sufficient to account for all major transformations in life forms.

Of course this cannot be done. We can't even prove one of the three.

Why am I being so tough on this issue? Because we have been teaching -- in the guise of objective science -- the belief that the Universe is a *closed* system. We should admit to the possibility of the presence of God and an *open* system.

The major problem with our current teaching of evolution is that it is being taught solely from the philosophic viewpoint of a closed system, a system which excludes God. If we teach our children that all that exists is a cosmic machine and it is governed by pure chance, then how do we answer their questions about the meaning and purpose of human life?

If all we teach is the *closed* system view of the world, our children tend to picture themselves and others as mere objects -- cogs in the cosmic machine -- the end-products of genetics plus environment. In the final analysis a human being becomes nothing more than a highly sophisticated computer, an object to be manipulated and reprogrammed at will.

The alternative is to accept the *open* system view of the world. This system not only allows for an outside power in the forming of the Universe, it offers us a whole new perspective for our lives. Our minds are freed from the bondage of the closed cosmic machine to contemplate the God who created the universe -- the God who made us -- the power whom we can come to know and rely on in our