

another, and they said, "Well, that proves evolution." It proves development, maybe. It certainly doesn't prove that everything developed from one simple start. *

Now the Bible teaches - one thing it teaches very, ~~exactly~~ very clearly is that man is a separate creation, a distinct creation. That the Bible teaches very definitely. Does the Bible teach that God said, "Let man be there." and man was

there? No. It says God said, "Let us make man." God created man "in His own image.

Well, you might think from that it ~~meant~~ ^{meant} God said, "Let man be there." and man was there. But look over to the next chapter and it says, in verse 7, "the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." How long does it take you to form something?

It doesn't say here, "He ~~molded~~ ^{molded} him out of clay with His hands." Nothing like that. But it doesn't say it's necessarily an instantaneous act. We don't know how long

God took in these processes which God produced that made man. But we know this: that when man was made he became what is very poorly translated, // in our King James version, "a living soul." Why do I say it's poorly translated? Because later on

there are several cases where exactly the same phrase is applied to the animals.

All the animals died in the flood, * every "living soul" of them, we're told.

Well, that isn't ~~living soul~~ "living soul" in our sense of soul. I like the

translation, "an animate being." Man became an animate being when God breathed

into him the breath of life. In other words, what the animals already were, "an

animate being", man became when he was created. Well, that rules out any development of any previous animal into man. What process God used? We're not told. He formed

him out of the dust of the earth. Man wasn't made spontaneously out of air; he was formed out of pre-existing matter - out of the dust of the earth. But he was not a

living being until he was a man. Man is clearly taught here to be a direct creation of God. Now those are the things the Bible definitely teaches. God created in

stages. God made animals and plants to reproduce after their kind. And God made man as a separate, distinct creation; not an instantaneous creation necessarily, but not

from any pre-existing life. That is definitely ~~taught~~ ^{taught}. Now when we read into it a lot of things that aren't definitely taught we get into difficulty. For instance,