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conference

# THE ORIGIN OF LIFE AND THE UNIVERSE



**August 24, 2016**

**Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel - Ballroom**

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## **A Detailed Account of The International Conference**

### **on the Origins of Life and the Universe**

The International Conference on the Origin of Life and the Universe was held by the Technics & Science Research Foundation at the Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel's Conference Hall on August 24, 2016. The event hosted scientists from the USA and Turkey as keynote speakers. With the attendance of academicians, researchers, students and businessmen from various countries, this important international conference took on a remarkable responsibility in accentuating the importance of science, presenting scientific truths and pronouncing the scientific data conveyed by the latest scientific developments.

The keynote speakers of the International Conference, which was held with more than 500 participants, were esteemed scientists who are experts in molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology and astrophysics. They have authored countless books and addressed audiences at conferences and universities around the world.

Following the breakfast, the conference commenced with A Moment of Silence for Martyrs of 15<sup>th</sup> of July and the National Anthem. The opening speech was delivered by Altuğ Berker, the Former President of the Preservation of National Values. In his speech, he explained the worldwide impact of the works of Mr. Adnan Oktar, the Honorary Chairman of the Foundation. The presentation film provided insight to the audience about the works and activities of Mr. Adnan Oktar, whose works inspired the entire arrangement of this conference. Dr. Fazale Rana, who is a biochemist and the Vice President of *Reasons to Believe*, delivered the first speech of the day with the title, "Why do I believe God exists?" The topic of the second speech, delivered by molecular biologist Dr. Anjeanette Roberts, was "Equivocating Evolution." Following interesting presentations and speeches, a question and answer session was held and the audience asked the scientists several questions. After the amazing dance show put on by the Caucasian dance team, there was a lunch held for the attendees and guests at the Restaurant Manzara in the Conrad Bosphorus Hotel.

At the fossil exhibition held after the lunch, many fossils, which have not changed for millions of years, were displayed. The fossil exhibition, which excited great attention from the audience, shows the historical tracks of today's living beings and documents the fact that living beings have not changed over millions of years.

After a break, astrophysicist Dr. Jeff Zweerink was invited to the stand and gave his speech, entitled “The Beginning and Creation of the Universe.” After this speech, which captured considerable attention, Brain Surgeon Dr. Oktar Babuna gave his presentation, entitled “The Collapse of the Theory of Evolution and the Fact of Creation.” The last spokesperson of the second session was again Dr. Fazale Rana, with a speech entitled “Human Origins: Common Design or Common Descent.” After the question and answer portion, there was a break for tea and the conference ended with the closing speech given by Dr. Cihat Gundogdu and the plaque ceremony organized for our valuable speakers and distinguished guests.

The evidence and scientific arguments provided by our speakers include information that will lead the world of science to the good and right, and enlighten the Turkish youth as well as the whole world. For this reason, our international conference themed “The Origin of Life and the Universe” was an utterly important and influential initiative that will shed light to the whole world and the future.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM



**August 24, 2016**

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**TURKEY**

**10:30**

Arrival at the Conference Venue

**10:30-11:00**

Morning Refreshments

**11:00 / OPENING**

Short movie on the Origin of Life and the Universe

Sadun Engin – Opening speech

National Anthem and A Moment of Silence for our Martyrs

Altuğ Berker on behalf of the TSRF Foundation opening speech

The presentation film of the honorary president of TSRF

**11:30 / SESSION 1**

Moderator Zuhail Mansfield will give her speech

Speakers:

1. Dr. Fazale Rana's presentation
2. Dr. AJ Roberts' presentation
3. Q&A Session

Troyka Caucasion Folk Dance Performance

**13:00 – 14:15**

Lunch Break (Manzara Restaurant)

**14:15 / SESSION 2**

Moderator Ms. Mansfield will introduce the speakers

Speakers:

1. Dr. Jeff Zweerink's presentation
2. Dr. Oktar Babuna's presentation
3. Dr. Fazale Rana's presentation
4. Q&A Session

Coffee break/Refreshments

**Dr. Cihat Gündoğdu's Closing Speech**  
**Sadun Engin - Plaques Ceremony**

**ABSTRACTS**  
**of**  
**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**



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## **Human Origins Common Design or Common Descent**

**Fazale R. Rana, PhD<sup>1</sup>**

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### **ABSTRACT**

You might say that biochemistry convinced me that God must exist. One of the primary goals of graduate education is to teach the student to think independently through the use of scientific evidence and to draw conclusions based on evidence alone, regardless of what other experts might say. And because I was learning to think for myself, I was willing to ask questions that I did not ask as an undergraduate student. One of those questions was: How did life originate? The elegant design, the sophistication, and the ingenuity of biochemical systems prompted me to ask that question. I wanted to know: How does the scientific community account for the origin of such remarkable biochemical systems through strictly mechanistic processes? After examining the various explanations available at that time — it was 30 years ago — I was shocked. The explanations presented by the scientific community seemed to me to be woefully inadequate. I was convinced that chemical and physical processes alone could not generate life itself. This realization, coupled with the elegant design and biochemical systems, forced me to the conclusion — for intellectual reasons alone — that a

Creator must indeed exist and must have been responsible for bringing life into being.

I reached these conclusions over 30 years ago. And in the prevailing decades, the scientific evidence has continued to confirm my convictions about God's existence. The case that can be made for a Creator from the design of biochemical systems and the problems associated with the origin of life has become even more compelling.

The recognition that biochemical systems are information systems indicates that life comes from the work of a Creator. Why? Because our common experience teaches us that minds generate information. When you receive a text message; when you receive an email; when you see a sign on the side of the road, you invariably conclude that there is a mind behind those messages. Someone is trying to communicate information to you. In the same way, it is reasonable to conclude that a Divine Mind brought life into existence, because biochemical systems are information systems.

All avenues taken to explain the origin of life through chemical evolution have resulted in failure.

## **Un-Equivocating Evolution**

**Anjeanette “AJ” Roberts, PhD<sup>1</sup>**

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### **ABSTRACT**

A third hurdle in a naturalistic account for the origin of life (OOL) is the one of information. Frequently, this problem will be presented as one of accounting for the information in the primary sequence of DNA in an organism's genome. DNA is the blueprint within the cell, encoding, at a molecular level, the information needed for gene expression and regulation, and via an RNA intermediate, protein synthesis. The source of that information is unaccounted for via naturalistic mechanisms. Many argue that it requires an intelligent programmer and use this as evidence of an Intelligent Designer, or God. Many will argue that the information in DNA is the most critical information to account for the origin of life.

On a more familiar, analogous level, think of building a car from the ground up. One would need all the necessary parts, which implies the ability to produce (and refine gas) all the necessary parts (plastic, rubber, metal, etc.). But parts alone are not enough to build a car. It would be impossible to build a car without the information as to how all the parts fit in proper orientation to allow for controlled combustion, cooling, exhaust, and locomotion. Without a system-level schematic, information on how to produce the component pieces will not result in a functioning car. Similarly, the information in the DNA which produces the components of a cell is comparatively simple information when contrasted to the higher order, system-level information that accounts for complex cell structures and highly orchestrated functional interactions, as well as energy acquisition and production, and recycling of the cell's own components.

## **Beging and design**

**Jeff Zweerink, PhD**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Astrophysicist, Southern California, USA

### **ABSTRACT**

Many vocal scientists claim that science falsifies the notion of a God and justifies an atheistic belief. However, close inspection of the latest scientific evidence provides strong evidence that God exists. The Torah and prophets describe a universe that began to exist, one governed by constant laws of physics and expanded by God over time. Inflationary big bang cosmology affirms that we live in a universe matching this description – even if our universe is part of a larger multiverse. Our universe shows exquisite fine-tuning for life to exist. It looks designed for life! Only a theistic worldview anchors all the essential philosophical foundations required for science. Not only does the scientific evidence

demonstrate the rationality of belief in God, [but] I would argue that God's existence provides the best explanation of our scientific understanding of the universe.

So, in spite of the scientific view of the universe at the beginning of the 19th-century looking very different from a theistic worldview, significant and important scientific discoveries throughout the 20th century have shown that we live in a universe that began to exist. The universe is expanding. And constant laws of physics govern the universe. These three features are the essential features of all big bang models. In other words, the universe that God revealed to us through the holy books matches the universe that we see when we study the creation.

## **The Collapse of the Theory of Evolution and the Fact of Creation**

**Oktar Babuna, PhD**<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Brain Surgeon, Istanbul, TURKEY

### **ABSTRACT**

The most powerful and fundamental evidence, which refutes Darwinism, is the impossibility of proteins to emerge by chance. The point that really needs to be emphasized here is this: THERE HAVE TO BE OTHER PROTEINS FOR PROTEINS TO COME INTO EXISTENCE. The reason for this is that proteins can only be produced by other proteins that function as enzymes. In order to produce just a single protein molecule, at least 100 different enzymes (proteins), DNA, ribosomes, mitochondria must exist. In other words, a complete living cell with all of its organelles is needed to produce just a single protein.

And we know from the fossil record that the first cell on earth appeared all of a sudden 3.9 billion years ago. That is the cyanobacteria fossil found in Australia Apex Chert region. Since this organism is cyanobacteria, it had the ability to photosynthesize billions of years ago. In other words, only this evidence totally eliminates all evolutionist scenarios about the origin of life.

Life is only generated from life. This is called biogenesis. In this respect, the first life on earth

must have originated from other life. This is a manifestation of God's name of "Hayy" (meaning, the Owner of Life) — Life can only begin, continue and end by His will.

There is also a very important fact that demolishes Darwinism and materialism from their roots. There is no evidence for believing in the theoretical existence of a "material world". We have direct contact only with the perceptions in our minds. We have never seen, heard, tasted, smelled, or touched the existence of anything, apart from these perceptions. The world we live in is a world of perceptions.

The eye that sees the bright, three-dimensional world on the outside of the brain is the soul. The soul is entirely metaphysical and cannot be explained through any material concept. For that reason, materialists, atheists and Darwinists, who seek to account for the existence of the soul and everything else in terms of matter, are in a state of utter panic.

The soul that Almighty God has bestowed upon man totally demolishes Darwinism and every intellectual system espoused by Darwinists.

## **Damages Social Darwinism gives to Societies**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Charles Darwin tried to apply the materialist philosophy — which is based on egoism — to the natural sciences. Ignoring the examples of solidarity and cooperation that God created in nature, he claimed that all living beings pursued an allegedly ruthless struggle for existence. Even without basing this on any scientific evidence, he claimed that the same ruthlessness was also true for human societies. When Darwin's theory of evolution was applied to societies, "Social Darwinism", which is still a problematic ideology, appeared.

Social Darwinism put forward the lie that life is a so-called "field of struggle." As a result, a deeply corrupted outlook on life began to spread. According to this view, a human being had to participate in conflict in order to win this struggle of life and "survive" in this "brutal environment." This view brought about new lifestyles that brought further disasters upon humanity. In this way, Darwinism became the source of bloody and totalitarian ideologies such as communism

and fascism as well as wild capitalism, which ignores social justice. Racism, ethnic conflicts, moral degeneration and many other similar "disasters" are also the products of Darwinism.

The model of living proposed by the theory of evolution is founded on ruthlessness, selfishness and self-interest. Some advocates of Darwinism long to establish a kind of world where people live like animals.

What needs to be done for the vicious cycle of violence to come to an end is obvious: The materialist viewpoint, which is the basis of Social Darwinism, must be defeated in the intellectual sense. This will bring peace, happiness, love and respect to the world. For this end, it is vitally important to explain that Darwinism has been refuted in the scientific sense. It is also very important to make people understand what kind of scourges Darwinism has caused, and will continue to cause, when its lies are put into practice.

## **Conclusion**

The consensus reached by the scientists, academicians, university students, artists, politicians and members of non-governmental organizations that attended the conference as audience and speakers is that the educational curriculum of our country must be revised beginning from elementary school and that the tradition of this one-sided educational policy focused on the fallacy of the theory of evolution must be renounced and that scientific evidence proving the fact of Creation must also be taught at schools. It must be told to the youth that the theory of evolution, which was presented under the scientific conditions 150 years ago as a scientific fact in order to divert societies away from religious values, has no scientific value or validity under the light of today's scientific data.

Our suggestion: While the theory of evolution is explained in textbooks about the origins of life, it must also be noted that this theory has been refuted under the light of the scientific facts explained below and it must be explained how the fact of Creation is supported by scientific evidence. Our suggestion is that in school curricula, not only the theory of evolution but also scientific evidence must be taught and shown. The students will not be steered in any direction during this education process; and they will only decide for themselves in the light of scientific evidence provided before them. Therefore, there is a need for curriculum change where these scientific changes will be provided to students. Our children cannot reach to this scientific evidence with the school curricula we have today.

We can collect the scientific dilemmas regarding the theory of evolution under the following titles:

1. The theory of evolution cannot explain how inanimate molecules have come into existence. The theory has no explanation as to the existence of the first protein.
2. Even the simplest protein molecule needs other proteins and the existence of the cell in order to exist. All of the imaginary mechanisms submitted by evolutionist scientists in order to solve this problem have all been refuted by scientific data.
3. The theory of evolution cannot bring any explanation to how the human soul and mentality have come into existence.
4. The transitional forms claimed by evolutionists do not exist in fossil records despite the fact that they are searched for more than 150 years. NOT EVEN A SINGLE TRANSITIONAL FOSSIL HAS BEEN FOUND. Millions of fossils have been found, but not a single one of them is in a transitional form. They all belong to today's or some extinct living beings, and they belong to complete species.

5. It has been proven after detailed investigations that fossils like *Archaeopteryx* claimed by evolutionists as to be transitional fossils are not actually transitional fossils. Today, evolutionists can only provide imaginary drawings as evidence but they fail to bring even a single example of a transitional fossil.
6. In the period known as the 540 million-year-old Cambrian Explosion, where the first signs of life were encountered, extremely complex living beings like the trilobite were discovered. While the fact that the sudden appearance of these living beings that have complex organs like “eyes with 300 lenses” in the fossil records refute the claims of gradual evolution, this also serves as an evidence to the fact of Creation.
7. In light of the first data transferred by the Hubble telescope, it was proven that the universe had a beginning and this beginning came into existence with the Big Bang. This fact refuted the theories of those who claim that the universe was eternal, that it did not have a beginning and thus a Creator. The universe had a beginning; it was created.

If deemed appropriate, we announce that we can gather all of the evidence that scientifically refutes the theory of evolution for every textbook at every level of education, with the assistance of a scientific board that will be composed of instructors and specialists, and that we are ready to provide all the support and contribution we can as we present this document for your consideration.

