

Fairy Stories for the Modern Man

Introduction

The Bible records some stories that are challenging to modern people. This is to be expected in the records of a supernatural, divine God who expects his people to live by faith and not experience. Thus the narrative of the Fall, the holding back of the sun, Jonah's experience in the great fish and so on are believed by Christians even though they appear fantastic.

The rational world laughs at these stories and calls us fools for believing them. Since the Enlightenment, humanists and atheists have ridiculed the Bible and dismissed the supernatural elements as myths and legends. Modernism tried to find scientific and academic ways to dismiss the supernaturalism, but in time these challenges all fell apart.

However, when secular people accept an ideology they all too often find themselves accepting narratives that are equally fantastic – but are blind to the irony. When the acclaimed comedian Ricky Gervais derides Christianity for its fairy stories, he combats them with the Big Bang, evolution and a young Earth; which he accepts as incontrovertible facts. My contention is that these really are fairy tales. Let us see why.

The Big Bang

I believe this phrase is attributed to Fred Hoyle, the eminent scientist who said, '*There is a coherent plan to the universe, though I don't know what it's a plan for*'. His term was derogative because he could see its inconsistencies.¹

The Big Bang is a term for the most popular explanation of the origin of the universe and is still taught in schools with not a shred of evidence. This is the fairy story:

In the beginning, that is 13.75 billion years ago, there was an explosion of dense matter² which was present – but no one knows where this matter came from or how it was created; it was just conveniently there. How can this explosion have created everything? What exploded? Where did the space come from that the singularity exploded into? Where did the energy come from to make the big bang?

This explosion created a fireball of radiation at extremely high temperature and density yet it only occupied a tiny volume. How did the explosion occur? What triggered it? How could so great a density only occupy a tiny space?

¹ '[The Big Bang] is an irrational process that cannot be described in scientific terms ... [nor] challenged by an appeal to observation.' Cosmic Times, 1955. Helge Kragh; *Cosmology and Controversy: The Historical Development of Two Theories of the Universe*, Princeton University Press, p192.

² Some evolutionists say there was no matter, only energy. Evolutionists originally postulated that the big bang event began with the explosion of something that was estimated as trillions of miles across and then it was gradually whittled down to something that was the size of a full stop in a sentence and now is said to be nothing. George Edward Lemaitre originally stated that it was light years in diameter. In 1965 this was reduced to 275 million miles. In 1972 it was reduced again to 71 million miles. In 1974 it was 54,000 miles. In 1983 it was the trillionth of the diameter of a proton and today it equals nothing at all.

This dense material of unknown origin then expanded and cooled very fast at first and condensed into matter. So something of unknown origin, exploded by an unknown cause, expanded for an unknown reason and subatomic particles condensed into matter. No problems with that then. This accelerated expansion ('inflation') continues today.

This matter then accumulated, for no apparent reason, into galaxies, stars and solar systems. Explosions cause chaos and random activity; how did the universe organise itself into perfect structures and order? There is no explanation how a small amount of dense material suddenly formed millions of light years of huge astronomical bodies.

Physical laws demand that the objects in the universe should continue spinning in the same direction as the original object that was spinning in the Big Bang. However, two planets [Venus and Uranus] are spinning in the reverse direction to everything else, so are six moons. Why did the Big Bang create matter to be distributed in clusters in the cosmos (galaxies) with large spaces between them? An explosion should have distributed matter evenly.

The big bang should have created an equal amount of matter and antimatter. Whenever matter is created from energy, antimatter is created. However, there is almost no antimatter to be seen. The universe consists almost entirely of matter with only trace amounts of antimatter.

The explosion was so powerful that the galaxies are still retreating from one another billions of years later. What forces could be so powerful to cause this?

The original radiation continued to cool and has been detected as a uniform background of weak microwave radiation.

The standard model of the Big Bang does not explain 80% of the matter in the universe (supposed dark matter) and makes no mention of gravity. This theory requires imaginary inventions such as Dark Matter, Inflation and Dark Energy, which have no basis in observable science and are only hypotheses.

So a massive explosion formed the astounding ordered beauty of the known universe with its planets, stars, clusters and galaxies. The problem with that is that it contradicts all known physical laws. Explosions create random activity and chaos not harmonised order.

The Big Bang theory is nothing but a fairy story.

The old Earth theory

Scientists claim, with no hard evidence, that the Earth is billions of years old; at least 4 billion (the number varies, most often 4.4 billion years). They have to say this to accommodate enough time to allow for evolution of mankind from slime in a pond and for geological processes to develop under the theory of Uniformitarianism.

I cannot develop this fairy story further because that is all there is to it. The Earth is old; full stop.

The problem for such scientists is that there is mounting evidence, physical facts, proving that actually the earth is very young, say in the range of 6-10 thousand years. This is in line with Biblical data. Fully explaining this would occupy a book, so I will just give basic points.

- Dinosaur blood and collagen has been found intact in many fossils. It is impossible for blood and tissue to survive more than a few thousand years.
- Dinosaur footprints have been found alongside footprints of humans in rocks all over the world. This proves that there was not millions of years between the dinosaurs dying out and man appearing.
- In London, Texas, there is a rock that when split open was found a hammer with a wooden stave. The hammer head was 96.6% iron, so it was manufactured. The rock was dated as over 400 million years old but evolutionist claim that man appeared only 200,000 years ago.
- Human skeletons were found in Cretaceous rock (i.e. 146 to 65 million years ago.).
- The jawbone of a child was found in Miocene coal (i.e. 23.3 to 5.2 million years ago).
- The growth rate of 0.5% p.a. from six people 4,500 years ago would produce today's population of Earth. If mankind had been around much longer there would be far more people on Earth.
- DNA and other biological material are degraded by natural radioactivity, mutations and decay. DNA cannot exist in natural environments longer than 10,000 years. Measurements of the mutation rate of mitochondrial DNA (decay of human genome) forced scientists to lower the origin of human DNA down from 200,000 years to possibly as low as 6000. Genomes are young and this has been confirmed by realistic modelling of population genetics to be in the order of a few thousand years. The limited variation in the DNA sequence on the human Y-chromosome around the world is consistent with a recent origin of humans. Strands of DNA have been found in fossils, Neanderthal bones, insets in amber and dinosaur fossils. Bacteria alleged to be 250 Ma have been revived with no DNA damage. DNA has been extracted from bacteria that are supposed to be 425 million years old.
- Many fossil bones, supposed to be millions of years old, are hardly mineralised. The fossils cannot be more than several thousand years old. Indeed tubes of marine worms dated as 550 Ma are soft, flexible and composed of the original organic compounds.
- Experiments have revealed that coal forms quickly in certain natural conditions. 'Brown coal' can form in weeks; 'black coal' can form in months. Millions of years are not needed. Experiments have also shown that oil forms quickly in the right natural conditions. There is also direct evidence that oil is forming today; e.g. in the Bass Strait.
- Wood does not need millions of years to petrify; indeed some wood has been observed to petrify within the memory of people.
- Islands have formed quickly. The best example is Surtsey off Iceland, which was formed in days from a large volcanic eruption. Though formed in 1963, it already looks ancient with numerous natural features. Within days, sandy beaches, crags, gravel banks, lagoons, basalt boulders and cliffs were formed. Soon afterwards glens, undulating land, channels, scree and scarps were formed.
- The measured growth rate of nodules of iron manganese on the sea floor indicates an early age of thousands of years.
- The measured rates of deposition of heavy metals in sedimentary rocks indicate a young age of thousands of years.
- The measurements of the decay of the Earth's magnetic field suggest a young Earth.
- Measurements of stalactite and stalagmite growth in limestone caves are consistent with a young earth of several thousand years.
- Excess heat flow from the Earth is consistent with a young Earth not billions of years.

- Sedimentary rock strata were supposedly composed over millions of years, thus giving us the geological ages. Yet polystrate trees appear, in various places, which occur upright in many layers simultaneously. This alone ruins the Uniformitarian theory.
- The remnants of supernovas (gas and dust shells) are too few to be consistent with an old cosmos. What is observed is consistent with about 7,000 years of supernovas.
- Why are comets still observed if the earth is billions of years old; they should have disappeared by now?
- Why are there no meteorites in old rocks?
- Where did the atmosphere come from?
- A uniform rate of salination, presumed by Uniformitarianism, would make the ocean only 7,000 years old. How can you account for the saline level of the ocean if the earth is billions of years old?

These points are literally a small sample of the massive evidence that the Earth (and universe) is young. It is not a fable to believe in a young Earth when there is so much evidence demanding that view. It is, however, a fairy story to believe in the Earth being billions of years old when there is no evidence to support it.

Evolutionary theory

This is one of the tallest tales in history.

Ideas about the evolution of life in a gradual process had been around for thousands of years before Charles Darwin, going back to the ancient Greeks like Anaximander.³ In fact Charles Darwin's grandfather, Erasmus Darwin [1731–1802], had proposed a Lamarckian⁴ view of evolution. Charles' contemporary, the English naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace [1823–1913], independently formulated a theory of the origin of species that was very similar to that of Charles Darwin but was conceived before. Charles stole a march on Wallace in publishing because Wallace was in the depths of nowhere in the jungles of the East Indies. The contribution of Darwin and Wallace was natural selection (survival of the fittest). This means evolution by the natural selection of beneficial properties in a species that lead into the development of a new species.⁵

This is how the story of Darwinian evolution goes.

³ Anaximander [c.610–c.545 BC], Greek scientist, who lived at Miletus. He is reputed to have drawn the earliest map of the inhabited world, to have introduced the sundial into Greece, and to have taught that life began in water and that man originated from fish. He believed that all phenomena result from vortical motion in the primordial substance, and that the Earth is cylindrical and poised in space. [New Oxford Dict.]

⁴ Jean Baptiste de Lamarck [1744–1829], French naturalist. He was an early proponent of organic evolution, although his theory is not widely accepted today. He suggested that species could have evolved from each other by small changes in their structure, and that the mechanism of such change (not now generally considered possible) was that characteristics acquired in order to survive could be passed on to offspring. [New Oxford Dict.]

⁵ Explicitly, natural selection is the process of survival and reproduction that enables evolution to take place. It is the accepted explanation of evolution and the fact that organisms are adapted for living in their natural surroundings. Organisms produce more offspring than can survive; so there will be competition for survival. Only those organisms best designed for survival will reproduce. If these characteristics are inherited, then the organisms of the next generation will resemble the successful members of the previous generation. Thus, the organisms best fitted for survival are selected by nature for reproduction. As environments change, so also do the factors that make one individual better fitted than another to reproduce. The constant selection, or survival of the fittest, is the force that drives evolution.

After the Big Bang the Earth was a barren rock with no life, like the other planets. Somehow, inexplicably, an atmosphere formed out of nowhere. As a result rain fell upon the Earth. This caused water to form in pools on the rock for millions of years. Gradually the water began to absorb chemicals from somewhere; perhaps from the barren rock or from meteorites. So we now had chemical water in occasional ponds.

Out of nowhere, amino acids began to form in this water. No one can explain how this occurred and it does not occur naturally. Then, as a result of some unknown intervention, such as lightning, the amino acids began to form into proteins and a primordial slime began growing in the pools. Out of these basic proteins, RNA and DNA began to emerge; no one can explain how. Single celled life forms began to emerge through some unknown process. After more millions of years the DNA began to aggregate cells into living structures of some unknown kind. Now we have very basic living organisms that appeared out of nowhere by random accident.

These basic cells, after more millions of years, formed into very basic fish. After millions more years various species of fish swarmed in the pools. However, no one has explained how the various forms of vegetation, also necessary for living things, formed in these same pools at the same time. No one explains how the food (larvae etc) for these fish appeared. So as well as the fish, there had to be the creation of multiple forms of vegetation, some necessary to aerate the water, and multitudes of tiny creatures to provide food for the fish. These pools had to see an explosion of very many life forms at the same time for the fish to survive.

After more millions of years some fish species got fed up with living in the water, which they had adapted to, and desired to take a walk on land – despite having no legs, no lungs, the wrong type of blood, scales and not skin and no ability to survive out of water. Amazingly, these fish that crept on to land did not die of asphyxia but survived. Now we have fish on land.

After millions more years these fish decided to turn into amphibians with a very different life cycle and physiology. Now we have various amphibians able to spend time in and out of water.

After millions more years some amphibians decided to turn into reptiles, with a different life-cycle and physiology. These reptiles gradually evolved into multiple types of species. Some of these species were extremely large and were called dinosaurs. So we had reptiles that ate plants (e.g. Diplodocus).⁶ Reptiles that ate meat (e.g. Allosaurus⁷). Reptiles that flew in the sky gliding on large wings (e.g. Pteranodon⁸). Reptiles that were very small. Reptiles with horns (e.g. Triceratops). And so on.

After millions more years some reptiles decided that they wanted a change and so evolved into birds. David Attenborough says that the reason was to make life easier getting down from trees which had good fruit at the top. So some reptiles turned into birds. Now this is easier said than done because birds have a very different physiology from reptiles. They have a different skeletal structure to be able to fly. They have a different vascular system. They have feathers not scales. They have a different type of brain structure with instincts to navigate that are responsive to sunlight and the Earth's magnetic poles – and so on. Every

⁶ A long-necked sauropod (a very large quadrupedal herbivorous dinosaur with a long neck and tail, small head, and massive limbs).

⁷ A large bipedal carnivorous dinosaur of the late Jurassic period.

⁸ A large tailless pterosaur of the Cretaceous period, with a long toothless beak, a long bony crest, and a wingspan of up to 7m.

phase of the change from reptile to bird would have killed the species because it did not have the abilities to survive. This evolution denies natural selection. No matter, they believe this happened.

But some reptiles did not want to be birds but instead wanted to be mammals on land. Also, fish that had turned into cetaceans (whales etc.) gradually turned into basic mammalian forms that went from the sea to the land. There is confusion as to exactly how mammals originated. After millions of years these basic mammals became apes.

These basic ape forms developed over millions of years into multiple species, some that are very different from others. Over millions of years some of these apes decided to stop skulking around from tree to tree and became very basic forms of human. There is disagreement about this but most think that early mankind developed from apes that turned into Neanderthal man. However, research now shows that Neanderthal man was a real human being but was stunted through disease. Nevertheless, apes turned into homo sapiens by some means or another – no one really knows.

And thus you have the evolution of mankind from some primordial slime in a pond.

If you believe all this abject nonsense, then you need your head examined.

The 9/11 narrative

The ramifications of this story are so huge that it is impossible to delineate all the aspects in a small space, so I will have to be concise and brief.

The establishment wants you to believe that some Islamic radicals formed a very complex plan to destroy the World Trade Centre (WTC) twin towers. They decided to do this by flying hijacked aeroplanes into the two towers, something that architects and engineers had specifically designed the buildings to be able to withstand (as they successfully have around the world).

The ignited fuel from one aeroplane was sufficient to bring down a 90+-storey skyscraper made of steel and concrete, collapsing it within its own footprint and not crashing it sideways. There was such devastation that the debris was mostly powder and dust with steel frames melting completely and concrete pulverised. The hijackers were so successful in this plan that they managed to knock down two towers with stolen aircraft and a third tower without touching it at all.

These Islamists were very poor fundamentalists. They were witnessed before the event partying in bars with strippers and drinking alcohol (forbidden by Muhammad).

To prepare, a few had very basic training flying a Cessna small aircraft. This only amounted to a few hours. The complicated manoeuvres required to do what is claimed to have occurred were so difficult that experienced pilots with decades of experience were unable to perform them in simulations. Thus we can say that it is impossible for trainees to have flown the planes in the way described. It couldn't happen.

Passenger aircraft are structurally very flimsy; they need to be able to lift off. They are made of metals like aluminium and are prone to structural damage if hit. A passenger plane on the ground in an airport was being towed at 5mph and crashed into the terminal. This tiny crash completely smashed up the front fuselage and wrote the plane off. This is how flimsy they are.

The towers were made from a stressed metal framework of formers that comprised 47 on every floor. There were steel frames around the external walls and another set around the centre for the lift shaft etc. That makes four sets of frames from one side to the other. The story goes that a flimsy aluminium aircraft was able to pass through these frames from one side and jut out of the building on the opposite side. This plainly denies physical science. It is just not possible. It is equivalent to a paper aeroplane crashing through a brick wall.

These hardened steel frames are said to have been completely melted by the burning of aircraft fuel. This is impossible. Such burning does not produce sufficient temperature to melt the steel frames even when the contents of the offices are included. The fuel and the fire could not have melted the frames. They are designed to withstand fires, like all skyscrapers.

None of the early witnesses saw aircraft hit the building at first; they only heard explosions. The narrative of planes hitting the building only appeared after the TV news showed films of this (which had to be staged).

The BBC announced the collapse of one of the towers 20 minutes before it actually fell.

The towers fell to the ground in their own footprint. Observation shows that this has all the signs of a controlled demolition. You can even see the puffs of smoke at each floor as a plethora of charges go off to demolish the buildings.

Tons of material, including concrete and metal, were expelled laterally hundreds of yards into other buildings and the street. This could only occur from an explosion forcing material sideways.

1100 people vanished; their bodies or remains were never found. Some victims only left enough remains to fill a test tube; others even less. These things are only explained by a violent explosion.

WTC building 7 also fell to the ground in a controlled demolition lasting seven seconds. No plane hit this 47-floor building and there was no fire sufficient to cause significant damage. This alone is conclusive proof that the narrative is false.

The melting of the frames could only be achieved with something like military grade thermite. The debris of the demolition smouldered and burned for three months after the event. This is impossible with aircraft fuel but is commensurate with thermite. Eventually traces of nano-thermite were found in the rubble, along with tiny spherical pieces of molten steel, caused by thermite explosion but not by a normal fire.

The fire-fighters at the scene, and dozens of other witnesses, claim that they heard explosions coming from the basement. Firemen know what they are talking about. How could burning planes 70-90 floors up cause explosions in the basement before the building collapsed?

In the clear up, the turbine of an aircraft was found in the street below. When examined, it was the wrong type of turbine for the planes seen in news footage.

No plane hit the Pentagon. It was hit by a cruise missile of some sort. No one witnessed a plane. The damage of the building shows no sign of being hit by a plane. The flight path of the claimed plane is hindered by two rows of lampposts. These were still standing after the explosion but should have been smashed by the travelling plane.

The area demolished in the Pentagon destroyed all the vital evidence that revealed trillions of missing dollars from the Defence budget. This conveniently ruined the investigation into the missing money.

The supposed plane crash in Pennsylvania never occurred. There was no debris of a plane and no evidence on the ground of a crashed plane.

There are dozens of more facts destroying the official narrative; but this is enough for this paper.

The 9/11 tragedy was the excuse used by Bush to initiate two illegal wars that killed millions of people; to enact the Patriot Act, which created a semi-police state and established the Dept. of Homeland Security. It is a complete fairy story that will one day be exposed in the many court cases being brought against the US authorities.

The lie of 9/11 was the means to usher in numerous other lies: the lie that Iraq posed a threat to the west with weapons of mass destruction. The lie that a US military occupation of a defeated Iraq was necessary. The lie that defeating Saddam would bring peace to the Middle East. The lie that a war against Afghanistan was necessary to protect the west. The lie that Osama bin Laden was hiding in a cave. The lie that Assad was a terrible dictator hated by Syrians and needed to be deposed in a CIA sponsored civil war (really an invasion of US-funded Islamic terrorists). The lie that Iran was a dangerous threat to the west. The lie that the head of Libya needed to be removed by western supported Al-Qaeda terrorists and NATO airstrikes. The lie that ISIS emerged from nowhere when it was created out of the US-driven chaos in Libya and Iraq and was funded by US dollars. The lie that there is a war on terror; a war with no foe, and no end. The lie that Britain and America required new legislation to destroy human rights and vastly increase surveillance and arrest powers.

In short, the fairy story of 9/11 was a means to develop a new phase in rolling out a globalist totalitarian agenda.

Climate change

I don't need to go into technical detail (though I have elsewhere) to expose this fairy tale.

The establishment wants you to believe that there is a global environmental crisis involving carbon dioxide. According to them, CO₂ is an inherent danger because there is too much and it is destroying the earth. Unless the world cuts its CO₂ emissions to zero in the next 12 years it is all over and we all burn alive. Thus nations like Britain have pledged trillions to fix this problem.

There is an environmental crisis but it does not involve CO₂. The cause is the very same rich people wasting the earth's produce to feed their greed who are funding the Green movement and Extinction Rebellion in particular. Environmental damage is caused by pollution from global corporations like the petro-chemical industry, GM food, Big Aggro methods; farming bio-sludge poisoning water supplies; chemtrails poisoning the earth and water; over-fishing; open cast mining; and so on. The global corporations causing these are funding the Green movement to distract people from their wickedness and to make money from Green initiatives.

In fact, CO₂ is a wonderful molecule. It is a miraculous particle that is responsible for the growth of plants and thus the production of oxygen. The more CO₂ in the atmosphere, the more plants grow and the bigger they are. The Green narrative is the opposite of the truth

about nature. Green initiatives destroy trees, such as biomass pellets from Virginian hardwoods.

In the ancient past, CO₂ atmospheric levels were between 4,000 and 7,000 parts per million. This is when gigantic plants and animals were found on Earth. Today CO₂ is less than 400 parts per million. The recent rise from 300 ppm in the 80s to early 90s was seen as a threat by Greens but in fact produced a third more green spaces on the Earth. The small rise in CO₂ did not kill trees but more trees grew. When farmers want to grow certain plants in greenhouses, they add high levels of CO₂ to increase growth. This is how skewed the Green narrative is.

The carbon cycle used to be standard elementary teaching in schools; but this has been replaced by teaching the nitrogen cycle instead. Pupils now grow up knowing nothing about the importance and benefit of CO₂. They thus become pawns to the lying propaganda of the establishment about how evil CO₂ is.

Carbon dioxide is not a threat to humanity and nature. It is a boon.

The Spanish flu was a pandemic caused by a deadly virus and it is a warning for us today

There has been much talk recently about the Spanish flu of 1918, with many making it a precursor for pandemics to come.

The official line is that a deadly flu bug of type A was so virulent that it killed scores of millions of people around the globe.

In fact a pandemic of this type is highly unlikely to ever cause such effects in modern times.

Pathogens (a bacterium, virus, or other micro-organism that can cause disease) require the right conditions for them to be able to thrive and reproduce. It is these conditions that enable a pandemic to occur. The human immune system is highly effective in defeating pathogens, given the right circumstances – i.e. healthy bodies.

The Spanish flu epidemic was successful for a number of reasons. Let's look at some facts.

- The Spanish flu was not Spanish in origin. It took root amongst weakened soldiers in WWI before it emerged as a global problem in 1918.
- The Spanish flu was not flu. Influenza is a viral disease; autopsies and swabs of victims showed that the disease was bacterial.
- The effects of a world war caused massive debility to whole nations. This debility damaged the immune system and was caused by: huge amounts of stress and bereavement, poor sanitation in very poor housing, poor water supply, food shortages caused by the war, a lack of doctors and hospitals and general poverty. Into this mix was the effect of very weak and sick soldiers that had spent years in trenches with bad food and water, who were sick with a bacterial infection. The result was the swift spread of disease.
- There are claims that the contemporary worldwide development of radio technology had a part to play in making many sick through radiation. This needs investigation and I cannot assess this without more data.
- Many doctors and researchers have alleged that the real cause of sickness amongst soldiers was a Rockefeller sponsored, military, experimental vaccine that was

administered to thousands of troops. It was a vaccine that made soldiers sick in the first place. There is historical evidence to confirm this.

- Tests whereby the mucous and saliva of sick people was passed on to very healthy volunteer subjects utterly failed to make them sick. Nosebags were even placed on horses filled with disease secretions and even the horses did not get sick. The real cause of sickness was a severely depressed immune system in nations detrimentally affected by war.

So, the Spanish flu was not Spanish, was not flu and was caused by a vaccine that created sickness amongst millions of people with a severely suppressed immune system.

The key to surviving epidemics is strengthening the immune system and letting God's healing creation do its work.

The Covid-19 pandemic fable

I have examined forensic details of this in several other papers; here I will simply give a concise summary.

The establishment wants you to believe that a global pandemic started in Wuhan, China, in a seafood market, caused by a natural mutation of a coronavirus (the type that includes colds and flu). It has been suggested that it came from a bat.

This virus quickly spread around the whole world with some of the worst effects being seen in Peru (that had the severest lockdown).

The media went into panic overdrive and relentlessly spread fear amongst the population with daily exaggerated reporting and some outright lies. Almost all governments of the world also panicked (or had an ulterior motive) and introduced quarantines of the healthy, lockdown of the whole population, social distancing, and facemasks.

These draconian measures continued for months and new lockdowns began in Britain in September when there were almost no Covid-19 deaths, few Covid-19 hospitalisations and empty ICU wards. At the same time flu was killing more people.

The reason for this was the ramping up of PCR testing which showed increasing infections. However, the PCR tests are completely unable to identify Covid-19 and are not a diagnostic tool. Up to 93% false positives emerge from this test which identifies a human chromosome, which is mistaken for Covid-19, or viral fragments from a previous cold.

Schools were closed for months despite children being hardly affected by Covid-19 and no evidence of any child passing it on to a teacher. Children were massively damaged (and continue to be so) from social distancing and facemasks - even in school lessons (in some schools). Some are immersed in plastic cages like something out of a horror story. Even in the playgrounds kids are forced on to painted circles two metres from anyone else. They stand there silent with a mask.

I have identified the deaths, especially to the old, and the terrible damage to patients caused by the closure of hospital treatments and testing, resulting from lockdown policies, which the government seems to ignore despite masses of evidence from doctors. But now we are seeing huge effects in other areas.

Depression, anxiety, paranoia and fear amongst children are climbing through the roof. Adults are taking to alcohol and drug abuse. Domestic violence is sky high. Suicides are at an all time high. Violent abuse is increasing.

During this crisis, caused by the cure and not the disease, even the forms of social assistance that helps people get through problems have been forbidden: laughing (comedy clubs are closed); music venues are closed; many places of worship are closed; skating rinks are closed; gyms are closed; bowling alleys are closed; many cinemas are closed and so on. Today gatherings of more than six people are forbidden indoors and outdoors (despite no sane reason to account for this); so a large family cannot even go on a picnic or a family meal. I cannot celebrate birthdays with my immediate family of 12 people. In Australia a man who celebrated his son's birthday was fined \$10,000. In the recent three-tier system, in some areas, lovers and married people who live separately cannot meet up either inside or outside.

All social gatherings have been ruined for nearly a year. Cub packs cannot meet. Scout and Guide troops cannot meet. Whist clubs cannot meet. Philately clubs cannot meet. Folk clubs cannot meet. Blues and Jazz clubs cannot meet. Dance clubs cannot meet. And so much more. All these things provided a means for people to socialise, improve their mental health and help to get by. It is almost as if the government didn't want people to be well.

But in some places the totalitarianism was extreme. A pregnant women in her pyjamas was handcuffed and arrested for incitement in front of her children in tears because she posted a flyer for an event on Facebook in Australia. An aged grandmother was arrested by two police officers while sitting on a park bench because she had no facemask. A German woman was roughly handled to the ground by multiple male police officers while screaming in pain and then violently punched twice in the back for no facemask. A young girl in Melbourne was violently thrown to the ground and manhandled by officers with one straddled on top of her using a choke hold because she had no mask. In Romania, a team of police officers in full SWAT riot gear invaded a railway station and dragged numerous people off a train because they were not wearing masks. They were beaten up and attacked with sticks on the floor.

Now all of this is happening because of fairy stories. The virus has run its course and is fading away rapidly. Deaths have virtually stopped. In Sweden, which had no lockdown, things went back to normal weeks ago. The death toll is insignificant; it is less than the flu season of 2017-18. It is less than hepatitis B in any given year. It is less than TB in any year. It is less than die of diarrhoea every year. It is less than road-traffic accidents every year. In fact the excess death rate in Britain is less this year than the last five years. There has been no pandemic. There hasn't even been a serious epidemic.

Children are more likely to die of lightning strike than of Covid-19. 99.9% of most people easily survive Covid-19. You are more likely to die from a doctor's mistake than from Covid-19. Cancer is a far bigger threat but testing and early treatment has crashed. Heart disease, Sepsis and strokes are more dangerous but screening and treatment for these virtually stopped for months.

Fairy stories can cause more deaths than a real disease.

Sin is fun

The world continually portrays the fable that sin is fun. Do what you want. Fulfil your longings. Follow your heart. Please yourself. It tells us that following laws and social restrictions is boring and tedious.

Individualism is portrayed as a virtue. Centre on yourself and follow your own path; ignore everybody else and don't be restricted by social commitments.⁹

Alongside the claim that sin is fun comes the message that money will get you what you really want. Money is the means to allow you to focus on your own desires unchecked.

The spirit behind these messages, the spirit that is active in this world amongst the disobedient, is Satan. The Bible tells us that Satan is a liar and a deceiver; that he seeks to devour people foolish enough to follow him. So it is entirely logical that the above claims are actually false.

The fact is that sin is enticing and promises much but never delivers. Sin always disappoints and thus leads people into deeper sins in the hope that something else may not disappoint. Sin leads to futility and hopelessness because it cannot deliver true happiness and contentment.

Man was created by God with certain emotional and psychological dispositions. Until man sinned he was focused on glorifying and serving his Creator. His nature was created to do this but has been perverted by temptation to focus upon the self. Deep down our nature knows that focusing on selfishness is wrong, just as deep down we know that we should worship God.

When we try to feed our perverted nature with sinful pursuits we actually hurt ourselves and disturb our hearts. Sin always leads to death; it can never produce goodness and satisfaction. Similarly, Jesus told us that the love of money is the root of all evil. Money can never replace God in our lives.

So money and sin do not make people happy in the long run. It may be a distraction at first but eventually it is shown to be futile.

We see examples of this all the time. Starving poor children in Africa living in mud huts and walking miles for water play together and smile all the time. They have nothing to lose and thus achieve happiness through community: family, friends, relatives, neighbours.

On the other hand mega-rich people with mansions and yachts are frequently seen to be unhappy, depressed and not a few commit suicide every year. Many folk that have won a lottery become miserable and also commit suicide. They thought that uprooting their home and living in luxury would lead to greater happiness; in fact they became lonely and despondent. All they did was remove their community, which gave them security and a social life.

Many of the customers of psychiatrists are very wealthy people that can afford such sessions every week. Despite their riches and a sinful life-style they have become alienated, aimless and malcontent.

⁹ One version of this is the philosophy of Ayn Rand.

People who delve very deeply into a particular mode of sin (e.g. gambling, fornication, drugs etc.) find themselves descending into a deeper and deeper pond of despair. They think that more of the same will help but it only makes them worse.

The stimulation of sin is in the temptation to do something else; something wrong. The temptation is stimulating. When you fulfil the temptation there is no satisfaction; you have just got yourself into bondage. The temptation was a lie. Temptation never leads to a long-lasting happiness.

The only secure form of happiness is serving God and knowing him. This is the perfect contentment. Such blessedness does not rest upon peace or goodness in your life; trust in God produces blessedness even in times of adversity and affliction. Worshipping and serving God is the best route to personal satisfaction.

But after serving God, serving others is also a means of contentment, because it is a command of God. In fact in serving others we are actually serving God.

By helping people who are in need we are fulfilling what our bodies were created for and this brings inner peace. Selfishness breeds futility but selflessness brings peace.

So, sin does not result in fun; it is a lie of the Devil.

Christianity is fake

The fairy story

Christianity is all fake, from beginning to end. Jesus himself never existed at all and was just a myth developed by the Gospel writers based on an ordinary rabbi. He performed no miracles and certainly did not raise himself from the dead.

The Bible books are all fake and were written very late in history, possibly after the death of Jesus but certainly after the exile of Judea (586 BC), and were made to look ancient. Therefore, the OT prophecies were not prophecies at all but were backdated. Moses could not have written the books attributed to him because mankind could not even write at that time and had no means to make books.

The supernatural stories of the Bible are ridiculous and never happened. They are just fabulous lies told to fool gullible people.

There are multiple points of attack in this fairy story. I cannot evaluate them all but will just mention a few valid topics.

Jesus never existed

There is no doubt that he did. Secular historians, such as Josephus not only mentioned him but also said that he was the Messiah. When the apostles preached about Jesus and wrote the Gospel, there were many eyewitnesses still alive that could have rebuked them for lying. No one did; in fact many of these people became Christians. Even many Jewish priests became Christians.

Jesus never rose from the dead

Again the testimony of the early church could have been contradicted by the eyewitnesses but it wasn't and many followed Christ. The Romans and the Jewish priests could have exhumed the body to prove that Jesus was dead – they never did. Over 500 people saw Jesus alive after the cross, even doubters like Jesus' own family. Why would thousands of

Christians give their lives to the flames and lions in Rome if Jesus was not really raised from the dead? People don't die for a lie.

The supernatural events of the Bible never happened

Why not? There are supernatural events in other histories and religions but these are not usually attacked. Hinduism has the most fanciful myths but these are not usually attacked and vilified like Biblical stories. Foreign kings initially opposed to the Israelites came to accept that the supernatural events were true (e.g. Nebuchadnezzar). One foreign military officer, Naaman the Syrian (the commander of the armies of Benhadad II in the time of Joram, king of Israel) was not only persuaded of the miracles of Elisha but came to be healed himself and worshipped Yahweh.

The miracles of the ten Egyptian plagues were so famous in the Levant that they put fear into Palestinian tribes for centuries. Historians have no answer why a tiny Semitic tribe (Israel), the least of all nations,¹⁰ could be able to wipe out scores of more advanced tribes¹¹ and civilisations¹² as well as defeat major national powers in a relatively short time.¹³ How did a motley crew of people that had lived forty years in the wilderness defeat major, long established walled cities like Jericho so easily?

The Bible books were not written in ancient times but are the product of later writers and editors

This theory followed in the wake of evolutionary theory, which posited that human beings were cave dwellers and hunter-gatherers in ancient times and unable to do civilised things for millennia. Modern discoveries have now proved that ancient man was actually far more intelligent and advanced than people today because the gene pool had not degenerated over thousands of years (each generation loses genetic information due to mutations).

For example, the massive astronomical complications and brilliance of the construction of the Cheops¹⁴ pyramid in Giza, Egypt are so overwhelming that such a project cannot be constructed today even with all man's modern technological brilliance. No one can build such a pyramid that is aligned and designed in the way that it is (check out the unique and amazing details of the construction). Ancient man was not stupid but developed mathematics, musical instruments (based on mathematical intervals), surgical instruments, astronomical calculations and much more.

Other ancient documents have also come to light since this theory was propounded, such as the Epic of Gilgamesh and certain royal law books. The Cuneiform family of scripts were developed by the Sumerians c.2500 BC and were adapted for other languages, including Akkadian and Assyrian. There is no doubt that writing was early.

If the OT was written by later writers, why would they mention the Hittites. Until the late 19th century, no one knew anything about these people and claimed that the Bible was wrong for mentioning a non-existent civilisation. However, eventually archaeological discoveries proved that this great nation did exist, based in the Taurus Mountains. All that the Bible said about them was true; but no one understood this for nearly 2000 years.

¹⁰ Deut 7:7, 'The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples'.

¹¹ Kenites, Kenezites, Amalekites, Kadmonites, Perizzites, Rephaim, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

¹² Hittites, Moabites.

¹³ Egyptians, Syrians.

¹⁴ Or Khufu (early 26th century BC) Egyptian pharaoh of the 4th dynasty. He commissioned the building of the Great Pyramid at Giza.

Again, why would later writers not iron out paradoxes and textual difficulties in the Bible if it were the product of a team of very late editors? The Bible, being what it claims to be – a collection of separate writings from many different types of individual - contains some difficulties due to: confusing local expressions, lack of emendation and editing, a lack of concern for technicalities, rounding up numbers, counting an ancestor for a later descendant and so on. These were all common means of written expression at the time but together led to some confusion. A team of later editors would not have created such unpolished imperfections.

Biblical scholars have done much fine work proving that Bible books were written by whom the Bible states was the author and at the time stated. The idea propounded by some with little knowledge, that the Bible was written after the death of Jesus and given the character of being ancient is just farcical. No lexicographer believes that. The traditions of the Jews document the evidence that the OT is indeed ancient and transmitted accurately.

OT prophecies are fake

Having established that the OT books were written in ancient times, it follows that the prophecies contained in them were genuine. Some of these involve non-Christian nations, such as Persia, Greece, Babylonia, Assyria and so on. All the prophecies about these nations came to pass. In one case a Bible prophet, Isaiah, actually names a forthcoming Medo-Persian emperor (Cyrus) who would allow the exiled Israelites to go back to their homeland before he was born. This was before this confederation of nations even existed. The edict of Cyrus for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, mentioned in the OT, was discovered at Achmetha [Ecbatana] in the palace that is in the province of the Medes.

OT prophecies going back over 1500 years before, accurately detailed the events of the life of Christ explaining some things in detail, like how he would die, how he was buried and even what happened to his clothes. They accurately detailed Jesus' birth, where and when it would take place, so that a future king (Herod) would study this data to try to find him and kill him.

The prophecies of the NT also all came to pass and some of them are being fulfilled before our very eyes today, such as the development of a wicked, global world order to form an antichristian empire.

Summary

Christianity has withstood the most severe attacks by critics for many centuries. They have thrown everything that they could at the facts of Christianity and have signally failed to do any significant damage to the faith. In fact, many critics have eventually become followers of Christ because their research proved that all he said was true.

Christianity is the most tested of all faiths and has withstood the attacks. Its source documents have also been assailed and have also proved to be the most accurate, authentic documents in history.

No other religion has so much verification as Christianity.

Conclusion

In the face of unknowns, people often make up fairy stories to offer some kind of explanation. Critics of Christianity do this as much as anyone else. Secular scientists are also prone to postulating fables; indeed, some utter complete nonsense, such as Richard

Dawkins who said, '*Evolution has been observed. It's just that it hasn't been observed while it's happening.*'¹⁵

Critics of the Bible have attacked it for 2,000 years and have singularly failed to launch a fatal blow. On the other hand, the fables of the modern scientific community are being increasingly assailed as new discoveries and observations emerge. Darwinian evolutionary theory is rarely accepted by true scientists these days; though it is commonly taught in schools. The proposed Dark Matter, Dark Energy and Inflation theories are also being confronted.

People are prone to formulating fairy stories; it always occurs in any tribe. Thus religious groups, politicians, social structures and scientific companies end up creating fables. What counts is: what is true? Epistemology is one of the most important academic disciplines. We can rest assured that Christianity has more to authenticate it than any other religion while the authority and authenticity of the Bible is beyond reproach.

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