

BRIAN YOUNG (CIA) RESPONSE ABOUT KEN HAM/BILL NYE DEBATE 2/2014. WWW.CREATIONINSTRUCTION.ORG

Well, here is my take on the Ham/Nye Debate: While I think Ken did a fine job I did feel some things were left unanswered that should be given explanations. I won't go into great detail but just quick responses. Having done debates I know it is hard to get everything answered in the time allotted. While I know this is the case for both sides, I have yet to ever hear any evidence of evolution from the opposite side. Sure Nye mentioned supposed, interpreted evidence, but NONE that proves evolution. All would be accepted as evidence of creation as well. For example, the Grand Canyon's many layers are best explained by a Flood, not millions of years. There are no soil layers between layers of the Canyon and Mount St. Helens did the exact same thing, even forming a canyon 1/40 the scale of the Grand Canyon in one afternoon, having layers like the Grand Canyon. Catastrophes, like a Flood, are a much better explanation than long periods of time and fits observational science. Anyway, lets look at a few unanswered issues:1) Trees that were over 9000 years can't be in a world 6000 yrs. old. Answer: Those dates come from C-14 dating which creationists and modern science have shown to be inaccurate. When using reliable tree ring dating, 4300 year old Bristle Cone Pines are the oldest trees known to man, which by the way lines up with the timing of Noah's Flood getting over.2) Noah's Ark couldn't be built that large or by 8 people. Answer: Fact is nobody has tried. Nye gave an example of the Wyoming which was a failed attempt at a smaller one but there have been many successful ones as well. While not as large, the USS Oregon was modeled after the dimensions of the Ark and proved to be one of the most stable battleships ever built. In my Ark presentation I show a picture of a Roman boat from the time of Caligula. This boat was almost as large as the Ark but is no longer in existence because it was destroyed in WW2 yet pictures still exist of it. Historians like Ussher describe the Leontifera that was 400-500 ft long. Also Ptolemy describes one 420 feet long. History shows Nye wrong. And as far as 8 people goes, they had 120 years to build it according to the

Bible and what would be wrong with hiring other people?3) Ice Rings show annual layers and long periods of history: Ham did mention briefly the lost squadron of planes that was buried in 263 feet of ice in just 48 years. According to evolution these layers are annual (like Nye said summer and winter) so there should have only been 48 layers in 48 years. Well, there was nearly a thousand layers so the idea of dating these by layers is wrong. In fact, it supports a young earth because we OBSERVED 5.5 feet of ice accumulating every year to get that 263 feet in 48 years. Now in Greenland ice cores 10,000 feet deep have been taken. They had 135,000 rings suggesting to evolutionists that it was 135,000 years old, however, observational science showing a 5.5 foot annual accumulation (and allowing for compression rates) would make that 10,000 feet of ice only about 4400 years old, perfectly in line with science and the Bible.4) Nye wanted predictions. Ham gave plenty. If the Bible is true, the flood is true. What would we predict if the flood were true? Fossils all over the world, sedimentary rock all over the world, layers of ash and rock all over the world, in fact, exactly what we see ALL OVER THE WORLD. If the Bible were true we would predict adaptations and things reproducing after their kind and yet the fossil record and nature today reflect just that. Dogs have dogs, cats have cats but no dats. While Nye brought up silly examples of Tiktaalik as an evolutionary prediction, it is a failure. Its a fish not a missing link. The first thing to consider is that there are a lot of fish—both living and fossilized. Approximately 25,000 species of currently living fish have been identified, with 200–300 new species being discovered—not evolved—EVERY YEAR. It appears that over time we have lost a lot of species of fish—and retained relatively less. But losing thousands of species of fish is hardly evolution—it's extinction. Tiktaalik had a longer snout which they SUGGEST is its shift from sucking to snapping its prey. (historical or observational science there?) The ribs seemed larger SUGGESTING it was better able to support its body out of water. Without evolutionary bias, there is no reason to assume it was anything but an extinct fish. They also claim that the endochondral bones of the fin are more similar to those of a tetrapod in terms of structure and

range of motion. However, none of this, if true, proves that Tiktaalik's fins supported its weight out of water, or that it was capable of a true walking motion. Again more hypotheticals, not real proof of evolution, which was Ken Ham's main point. The Bible simply says this is a creature that reproduced after its own fish kind. After all, look at all of the variety among humans, longer or shorter limbs, skull differences etc.

5) Tax payers please don't teach creation so we don't fall behind:
Answer: Ham blew that out of the water but we could give hundreds of other examples since almost all of modern science was founded on creation scientists.

6) How could plants survive under water during the flood?
Answer: They weren't under water. Those that were buried fossilized (all over the earth by the way) but models show there would be floating land and log masses that would keep the plants growing and surviving. Easy!

7) Nye just wanted one fossil that swam from one rock layer to another to convince him evolution was wrong.
Answer: I can give thousands of examples. The book Living Fossils shows many as well. Fact is we have found fossils of EVERY major invertebrate animal phylum, shellfish and echinoderms with dinosaurs. Modern birds like parrots, owls, penguins, ducks, loons, albatross and sandpipers have all been found with dinosaurs. Now Nye said this evidence would change his mind so why does he still believe in evolution?

8) Asteroid killed dinosaurs:
Answer: Is this observational? Not at all. Why then does the Journal of the Geological Society show we have found the same 52 species of animals above the meteorite hits that are found below the hit. That doesn't fit Nye's interpretation.

9) Asteroids all date the same Nye says.
Answer: Yes, they would when you apply the same faulty dating method. If you want more info it is best to see the "Geology Set" dvd set on our website and that explains why. . .scientifically. In a nutshell, there is scientific evidence showing decay rates have changed in the past and differing elements have decayed faster than others.

10) Nye mentioned all the elements from the periodic chart evolved from an explosion. Really? How? Nobody saw this so that is not observational science but their interpretation of why they are here. Why can't a creationist say God made them as their explanation as to why they are here? At least that

interpretation is consistent with science laws that state something can't come from nothing. Evolution tries to say things began with Hydrogen, yet we don't see hydrogen evolving into the periodic chart today.11) Big Bang: Nye uses expansion as proof, yet Ham gave a Scriptural PREDICTION where it says God spread out the heavens after creation. If the Bible were true, I would predict to see the Red shift as evidence the Bible is true, not that something blew up. By the way, what blew up? A law of science says something can't come from nothing so what blew up? That breaks laws of science to believe in the big bang which is inconsistent and not science.12) 11 new species a day form and that is crazy. Answer: So? 11 new species out of the millions of species isn't that much. Most of the species are marine animals and insects, not mammals or reptiles. They reproduce quickly and small adaptations and genetic loss or rearranging of information is observed and expected to happen quickly. We do discover 200-300 new fish species EVERY YEAR so this IS in line with Biblical thinking. In fact, during their lifetime, a single pair of elephants could give rise to 60 descendants, more than enough to replace the original pair. At this rate, their family could swell to 19 million living members in just 700 years.13) Nye evidences sea floor spreading as evidence of plate tectonics. Please read up on this. I discuss it further in my book "Doubts About Creation? Not After This!" Bottom line this is a gross misinterpretation of the evidence and in fact, the evidence isn't as straightforward as they lead you to believe. Magnetic reversals happen in local areas from lightning strikes etc. That's all I will say in the interest of keeping this somewhat short for now.14) Nye said we have sciences to find where we came from, the central question of all mankind. Ham said, what's the point if you just die anyway. Ken is right! The sciences help us see God more clearly as Romans 1:18 and following show us. I encourage you all to read those verses and take them to heart. However, the best way to seek out God is to read the Bible, believe it and do what it says. Repent of your sins, know Christ has taken the punishment you deserved in His body on the cross and go in the knowledge of that forgiveness, serving and loving Him in response to His love.

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