

It proves development, I say. It certainly does not prove that everything developed from one simple start. Now the Bible teaches one thing very clearly, that man is a separate, distinct creation. It teaches that definitely. Does the Bible teach that God said, Let man be ~~xxxx~~ there, and he was there? No. It says, God said, Let us ~~make~~ man == make man, and God created man in His own image. You might think from ~~it~~ that it said, Let man be there and he was there. But look over in the next ch. in v.7 and it says, The Lord God formed man from 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 to form something? It doesn't say he moulded 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 when he made man, but we know this that when man was made he became, what is very poorly translated in our KJV, a living soul.

Why do I say poorly translated? Because later on there are 7 quotations where exactly the same phrase is applied to the animals. All the animals died in the flood, every living soul of them. Well, that isn't living soul in our sense of soul. I like the translation "an animant 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. 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 was not 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 ~~there~~ to be a direct creation of God. These are the things the Bible clearly 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. Not from any pre-existing life.

That is definitely taught. When we read into it a lot of things that aren't definitely taught we get into difficulty. Some of the older Bibles say "creation 4004 B.C." Where do they get that? There's no such statement anywhere in the Bible. The Bible does not tell us when Adam lived. For all we know Adam lived at 200,000 B.C. The Bible does not tell us anywhere when Adam lived. We don't know. We don't know when Adam lived, nor how long it was. The course of the six days of creation, we don't know whether that was altogether maybe a half an hour each of our present time, or maybe a billion years. We don't know. God did not tell us. We don't know how long it was between the original creation of matter described in Gen. 1:1 and the situation described in v. 2. We don't know. That may have been a million years for all we know. So don't try to say the Bible gives us chronology. It doesn't. Someone says, What a silly thing for the Bible not to tell us when Adam was created. Isn't that awful? Is it awful? not to tell us when Adam was created? You tell us when your great, great grandfather was born. How many of you could tell me? Chances are most of you don't even know the name of your great great grandfather, to say nothing of when and what day of the week he was born. We don't remember those things. We go to dust and in a few generations we're completely forgotten. And then we think the Bible is going to give us these precise dates just because we in the last 1400 yrs. have developed what was previously unknown, a very beautiful system of humbering the years one after the other. A convenient system to indicate, but God didn't give us that. He doesn't give us dates.