

Review: Dr Sy Garte, *The Works of His Hands: A Scientist's Journey From Atheism to Faith*, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 2019

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Out of Darwin and Into Evolutionism

Sy Garte has written an apologetic on the false doctrine of Theistic Evolution, or Evolutionary Creation, an illogical, un-Biblical compromise with neo-Darwinian pseudoscience. As a result, it is clear he now holds to both a true faith in one hand with Jesus Christ as his saviour, and a false one on the other, with Darwin as God of Creation replacing Jesus:

“I view natural selection as the greatest gift of God ... It has godlike power precisely because it came from God.” [p192]

As an evangelistic or apologetics tool it is therefore dangerous and counter productive; teaching Christians they can compromise on Creation, and doubt what God really said in Old and New Testaments.

Comprise also rarely impacts the Atheist/Evolutionist, who rightly points out if Evolution is true he has no need of change, and how much less if there never was a literal Adam and Eve?

He makes numerous errors of science:

-“We know that life began in water.” [p57]

This is mere evolutionary dogma; of chemical evolution.

-“Every gene codes for a specific protein.” [p59]

Incredibly outdated one-gene-one-protein dogma, which ignores the spliceosome.

-“Evolution is a form of change ... a change in allele frequencies” [pp68-9]

A dishonest equivocation; Evolution is technically common ascent from a mythical single-celled LUCA organism 4.2bya, solely via random mutation and environmental change.

-“There is overwhelming evidence that humanity is part of the Evolutionary tree.” [p88]

He never provides any other than *assumption!*

-“Sometime the greatly mutated extra copy will take on a new and useful function.” [p244]

No evidence given; mutating duplicated information is only ever just that, a corruption of the original, not creation of the novel to make new organs and body plans!

He contradicts himself:

“-There is no Aristotelian final causation of the function of the genetic code ... I am not arguing for a conscious will in the creation of this system ... Another way we look at the teleology that pervades biology is ... it comes from some intelligence. With evolution, it might be considered an intelligent designer.” [p78]

Teleology doesn't but does exist, and blind and mindless Evolution is an intelligent designer.

-“Incest among Adam's children, an interpretation I find morally and spiritually problematic.” [p156]

-Yet the hypocrite has no qualms with incest among offspring of the first full male and female *Homo sapiens*, otherwise, how did we get here?

His history is also woeful, thinking before the 1860s all Christians and Jews all believed in Deep Time, including Moses!

“Young-earth creationists ... surprisingly recent.” [p180]

The reader will come away with the question: what faith is Sye really preaching in his Gospel of Darwinism?

Foreword (pp. 11-12)

Preface (pp. 13-19)

“Some believers fail to see that the ‘mundane’ world of nature, with its scientific laws, is itself divine.” [p14]

I) The Importance of Questions (pp. 20-29)

Garte found the following arguments convincing [p24]:

1. If there is a God, why doesn't He show Himself?

[God *has* appeared many times to man as recorded in the Old and New Testament]

2. Religion has been an evil force in history.

[Without God, there is no objective standard of ‘good’ or ‘evil’, just a continuum of one's own preference and opinion]

3. Belief in the supernatural is irrational.

[Without the supernatural there can be no laws of logic and mathematics which Atheists need to be ‘rational’]

4. The claims of Christianity – life after death, resurrection, and miracles – are magical and scientifically impossible.

[scientific experiment can't test whether an *historical* event like the resurrection occurred or not, only witness testimony passed down is possible, per: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, and James, and Jude]

5. The Bible is a book of mythical fairy tales.

[Yet the disciples and eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection would never have died for what they *knew* to be a fairytale, no one would]

In 1887, Michelson and Morley found light was the same in any direction, disproving the ether theory.

II) The Irrational World of Modern Physics (pp. 30-42)

Planck found wave energy equalled only a whole-number multiple of frequency $\times h$; e's would move from one energy to another instantaneously.

Photons don't exist as fixed points in space and time, only once observation is made do potential states become 'fixed'. However, observation doesn't change phenomenon.

“Consciousness is a basic and necessary ingredient of reality.”

Quantum Entanglement [QE] holds anything affecting one particle instantaneously affects another, even if they're light-years apart. (Einstein's 'spooky action at a distance', or, the 'God Effect').

Plants employ QE in photosynthesis.

“Mutations are ... generally random.”

III) Science Surprises (pp. 43-53)

Cosmic Fine Tuning gives a positive reason to believe.

“The multiverse theory ... has the problem of being unprovable, since information cannot travel between universes.” [p42]

IV) Wonderful Life (pp. 54-64)

“We know that life began in water.” [p57]

“Every gene codes for a specific protein.” [p59]

V) There Is Grandeur -Darwin's Evolution (pp. 65-81)

“Evolution is a form of change.” [p68]

“We can follow the changes in structure of genes from species to species.” [p69]

“There is no Aristotelian final causation of the function of the genetic code ... I am not arguing for a conscious will in the creation of this system ... Another way we look at the teleology that pervades biology is ... it comes from some intelligence. With evolution, it might be considered an intelligent designer ... ‘intrinsic biochemical intelligence’.” [p78-9]

“I also began to wonder if purely accidental random mutations could be the sole source of the variations that allow evolution.” [p80]

VI) People (pp. 82-96)

Anti-humanism arose in the cultural revolution of the 1960s.

“I know that I am a primate.” [p87]

“There is overwhelming evidence that humanity is part of the Evolutionary tree.” [p88]

VII) Origins (pp. 97-112)

“ ‘Singularity’ sounds very scientific, but it is really just another word for a miracle.” [p100]

“The multiverse idea raises the same questions that the God idea does—where did the multiverse come from? What created that?” [p101]

“I propose that the origin of life was a ‘biological singularity’.” [p107]

VIII) The Limits of Science (pp. 113-125)

“Lurking behind evolutionary psychology is a theological statement ... ‘There is no God, and therefore all human characteristics must be explainable by scientific principles.’ ” [p120]

There is no theory to explain the existence of constants.

IX) The Call of Faith (pp. 126-138)

“I stepped into a church for the first time ... It was a Catholic church.”

“Incest among Adam’s children, an interpretation I find morally and spiritually problematic.” [p156]

X) But What About...? (pp. 139-160)

XI) Love and Freedom, Chance and Will (pp. 161-177)

Helen eventually escaped to Sudan via the embassy.

XII) Evolution and Christianity (pp. 178-199)

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Sudan is hotter than Eritrea.

Many traffickers take their victims money and leave them in the desert to die en route to Sudan from Eritrea.

XIII) Science and Faith Together (pp. 200-217)

XIV) Alleluia (pp. 218-222)

Appendices (pp. 223-250)

tRNA is folded in twenty different ways to match the AAs.

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