



The Theory of Evolution

Fifth question from Fatwa no. (5167) :

Q5: There are some who claim that man was once an ape and then evolved. Is this correct, and is there any evidence to support this?

A5: This theory is false. The evidence is in what Allah has clarified in the Qur'an regarding the stages of Adam's creation. He stated, ﴿ Verily, the likeness of 'Isa (Jesus) before Allah is the likeness of Adam. He created him from dust. ﴾

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This dust turned into sticky clay. Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ And indeed We created man (Adam) out of an extract of clay (water and earth). ﴾ He also stated, ﴿ Verily, We created them of a sticky clay. ﴾ Then, he turned into altered black mud. Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ And indeed, We created man from dried (sounding) clay of altered mud. ﴾ When he dried, he turned into clay like that of pottery. Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ He created man (Adam) from sounding clay like the clay of pottery. ﴾ Allah fashioned him into the form that He willed and He blew His Soul into him. Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ And indeed, We created man from dried (sounding) clay of altered mud. ﴾ So, when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him (Adam) the soul which I created for him, then fall (you) down prostrating yourselves to him. ﴾ These were the stages of Adam's creation mentioned in the Qur'an. As for the stages of creating Adam's offspring, Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ And indeed We created man (Adam) out of an extract of clay (water and earth). ﴾ Thereafter We made him (the offspring of Adam) as a Nutfah (mixed drops of the male and female sexual discharge and lodged it) in a safe lodging (womb of the woman). ﴾ Then We made the Nutfah into a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood), then We made the clot into a little lump of flesh, then We made out of that little lump of flesh bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, and then We brought it forth as another creation. So Blessed is Allah, the Best of creators. ﴾

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Regarding Adam's wife, Hawwa' (Eve) , Allah the Exalted mentions that she was created from him when He stated, ﴿ O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa' (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women. ﴾

May Allah grant us success! Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and his Companions.

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