

# ISLAM AND EVOLUTION: A BRIEF REVIEW OF QURANIC CONCEPT AND CONTEMPORARY THOUGHTS

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## ABSTRACT

Of all the biological theories, the speculation of human evolution considerably poses a noteworthy challenge to the Islamic standpoint because it directly threatens the central position of mankind in this universe. According to the Qur'anic point of view, the miracle of the creation of man directly belongs to Allah almighty's intention and His deliberate will. That's why Human Evolution has turned out to be a hot discussion amongst believers and non-believers, as it can't be rejected or accepted in one stroke. The Muslim thinkers appeared to be typically hostile and suspicious of human evolution, meanwhile, the evolutionists area unit is busy to prove that homology (similarities amongst species) shows common ancestry of different species. Anyhow, bioscience has rejected this theory as it contains contradictory statements due to some faulty assumptions like it can't answer a straightforward question: "How did life come into existence on this planet, namely Earth?" But Sacred writing (Qur'an) has created an unambiguous and absolute conception in this regard. The purpose of this qualitative research mainly has two folds. The first is to spotlight the conception of the evolution of man in step with primary sources of Islamic *shari'ah* (Qur'an and Hadith), and the second is to analyze the theology of the researchers, philosophers, and scholars based on human evolution. However, the theory of evolution is not ideologically appreciated by Islamic groups. In fact, it is considered nothing but a material-based thought. Somebody ought to be very careful to make a final statement concerning human evolution without a deep analysis of Islam and bioscience.

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## Introduction

Biologically, the term 'Evolution' may be described as modification and transformation of species. The evolution of species includes changes that take place over time and transform into new species. The term "evolution" describes how species change over time as they become modified and diverge to produce numerous offspring species.<sup>1</sup>

The subject of human evolution and its probable discord with the teachings of Islam has been one of the main issues of this era. It is very difficult to support that kind of principle,

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<sup>1</sup> Jonathan B.Losos, *The Princeton Guide to Evolution*, (New Jersey: Princeton University Press), 3.

which claims that reality is made by means of Qur'anic notions. The concept of biological evolution became famous about 150 years ago. At this time, the historians and researchers of every field took part in this battle and concluded this theory according to their own reasoning. Hence, this assumption became partially divided among the evolutionists and the non-evolutionists community. However, the 'Divine Revelation' has already made a clear concept of the creation of man. The development of Islamic Theology is made in the light of Islamic teachings, and not surprisingly, today's Muslims have a wide range of views on this issue. But, the followers of evolution are also struggling to make their assumptions more authentic and strong scientifically and logically.

At that time, when the evolutionist group presented this theory, there was no concept of Genetics and DNA. Many aspects of biology were still behind the scene. There was no knowledge of Anthropology, nor of Embryology. Neither Paleontology had fully come into existence, nor the Science of fossils had reached its peak. In 1860, when the laws of hereditary variation (Law of Segregation and Law of independent assortment) were proposed, Darwinism was again discussed in detail. As human knowledge progressed and developed with respect to evolution, scientists, historians, psychologists, anthropologists, philosophers, and Muslim scholars contributed to finding out the truth of the creation of this mysterious creature titled "Vicegerent of Allah Almighty"<sup>2</sup>. But, when any hypothesis, any speculation, any theory, any philosophy, any international law, or any scientific research of a person stands in opposition to the Qur'an, it is necessary to pass it through the furnace of research so that it may reach its true destination. This is the case with the "theory of evolution," which, even after reaching its heights, could not achieve the lawful establishment in the light of the Qur'an and Hadith. That's why it is very important to know if the man titled as 'أَحْسَنُ تَقْوِيمٍ'<sup>3</sup> is a purified species of any animal. Let's analyze this curious complication with a discourse between Islam and bioscience.

## Historical Background of Evolutionary Thoughts

The mechanism of evolution was discussed long in the past by some historians, scientists, philosophers and researchers like "Aristotle (322-384), Plato (347-427), Empedocles (435-493), Heraclitus (475-535), AL-Jahiz (776-869),"<sup>4</sup> "Ibn-e-Miskawah (932-1030), Ibn-e-Seena (980-1073) and John Hunter (1728-1793)."<sup>5</sup>

The Lamarckian theory of evolution, also known as Lamarckism, is a historical idea about the process of evolution. A naturalist named Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (1744-1829) presented this idea, which was published in 'Philosophie Zoologique' in the early 19th century. Lamarck proposed that species could evolve in response to changes in their environment

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<sup>2</sup> Al-Qur'an, Al-Baqarah 2:30

<sup>3</sup> Al-Qur'an, At-Tin 95:4

<sup>4</sup> Fazal Kareem (2022), *Quran and Modern Science*, Faroz Sons Ltd., 2000.

<sup>5</sup> Ibrahim Amadi, *Muslim Scientists and Their Services*, Lahore, Islamic Publications.

and those modifications could be passed onto the future generations through the inheritance of acquired traits.<sup>6</sup> However, Lamarck's theory of evolution has been largely discredited by the Islamic groups scientific and. The modern theory of evolution, known as the theory of 'natural selection', was proposed by a biologist Charles Darwin (1809-1882) and a naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913) in the mid-19th century which provides a more comprehensive and accurate explanation for the origin and diversity of the species. Darwin elaborated that man was developed from an ovule. Its diameter was near about 120<sup>th</sup> of an inch that resembled with the ovules of other animals. Although, the apertures on the sides of the body still exist to indicate the former position of man, the arteries that were absent in higher vertebrates at this time ran by some branches to convey the blood to branchiae. This embryo could not be differentiated from other vertebrates at its early stage.<sup>7</sup> Evolutionist's network tried hard to support their visualization with respect to Embryology as well as Genetics. They demonstrated: Someone can recognize that how and why all vertebrates share a general construction model with man, as well as why they have gone through the same early developmental stages and maintained some traits in common. Consequently, he must acknowledge the community of descent of man and other animals.<sup>8</sup> But at the same time, when the conceptual and technical questions were raised against the segmental model of man and animal to prove the common ancestry of both species, the evolutionist school of thought suddenly took a turn and moved towards the phenomenon of natural selection, which was also appeared to be based on confused theology. Here is a glimpse of this puzzlement:

"The purpose of natural selection was to provide variations continuously among the species with the passage of time, which was suitable for both organic and inorganic states of life. These slow changes in progress have been marked by the long lapse of ages. In spite of this, our idea seemed to be so imperfect in this situation that it could only be concluded that the present states of life show dissimilarities from the past, nothing more than."<sup>9</sup>

This ideology was groomed in that way of confusion: The reason why some people lived longer than others thus became a question. It could be concluded that it was a matter of chance if every member of each species were identical and the same. A color probably might make concealment easy for some; keener sight might enable others to prey, to find out, and to escape from an enemy better than their associates. Actually, it was seen that some of them were stronger, and some were weaker. But they were different from each other.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Denton, Michael, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, UK, The Hutchinson Publishing, 1986, p:41.

<sup>7</sup> Darwin, Charles (1882), *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, New York, D. Appleton And Company, 1897, Ch:1, p:9.

<sup>8</sup> Darwin, Charles, *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, p:25

<sup>9</sup> Darwin, Charles, (1882), *On the Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection*, London, John Murray, 1859, Ch:4, p:68-69

<sup>10</sup> Russel Wallace (1913), Alfred, *Darwinism: an Exposition of the Theory Of Natural Selection*, London, Macmillan and co., 1889, p:11

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It was also considered as a reality that many Muslim and non-Muslim thinkers had offered contemporary and unique views on Darwinian theory. Some of today's scholars like named as Richard Dawkins (1992-2016) British biologist, Pervaiz Hoodbhoy (Pakistani nuclear physicist) and others have accepted it, as it is. Dr. Fazal Kareem (1936-2022) wrote, although the species looked different from each other, there were many individuals who had the characteristics of the two groups at the same time. Such relationships proved that all animals and humans have evolved from a common ancestor.<sup>11</sup>

But most of the scientists, the scholars and the historians pointed out as: "Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), John Ray (1627-1705), Antoine Van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723), Georges Cuvier (1769-1832), Adam Sedgwick (1785-1873), Rudolph Virchow (1821-1902), William Thompson (1824-1907) and Joseph Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879)"<sup>12</sup> declared this supposition incompetent and invalid because of its faulty spots. Pascal's words are worthy: From the mathematics to the order of the elements, definitely, there is a God Who is the Creator of everything.<sup>13</sup>

Materialistic concepts manifestly absolutely unacceptable to the Islamic worldview. Because, Islam justifies a notion in supernatural powers and incompatible proofs inclusive of God, the Divine Books, the soul and the angels which has made Darwinian evolution theory a completely critical topic for the Muslim thinkers. While, Atheists have accomplished an extremely good advertising and marketing job by means of equating evolution to atheism. But the Islamic groups seemed to dismiss the theory by giving the conceptual proximity between atheism and evolution. The best example is given below: "The original works that God created are still preserved by Him today in exactly the same form and quality as when they were first made."<sup>14</sup>

### **Genetics, Embryology and Darwinism**

The Darwinian idea of evolution was heavily influenced by 'Genetics'. This hypothesis asserted that genetic variation among population provided the matter for natural selection to act upon, allowing species to evolve over time. The theory of 'natural selection' explained how genetic variations that confer an advantage in survival and reproduction became more common in a population over generations.

In modern times, the field of genetics has provided much more solid evidences to reject the Darwinian theory of evolution, such as the discovery of DNA and the understanding of the mechanisms of heredity. For example, the study of genetics has shown that mutations, which are the source of genetic variations may also lead to new harmful traits which furthermore causes chromosomal disorders in an individual. 'She male' is one of the appropriate examples of mutation which occurs due to chromosomal abnormality. A

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<sup>11</sup> Fazal Kareem (2022), Dr., *Quran and Modern Science*, p:130

<sup>12</sup> Mentioned in 'Scientists of Faith' by Dan Graves and 'Men of Science Men of God' by Henry Moris

<sup>13</sup> Dan Graves, Scientists of Faith, Kregal Resources ,1996, p:57

<sup>14</sup> Moris, Henry, Men of Science Men of God, Master books, 1992, p:18

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Muslim thinker describes that It was understood by the evolutionists that all biological mutations and changes, which were presented as an "evolutionary mechanism," were beneficial for transformation of the species. The reality was that those changes were actually genetic prevalence which harmed and disabled living things. The common example of genetic mutation on human beings was 'cancer'. All mutations have proved to be dangerous and injurious biologically.<sup>15</sup>

Even Embryology has also denied the phenomenon of evolution in species. As a result of mutations, IUGR<sup>16</sup> was recognized as a genetic disorder which could cause intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR) in humans. Moreover, chromosomal abnormalities have also been resulted as the cases of fetal retardation growth. Continuous repetition of this condition in a certain family indicated that recessive genes might be the cause of the abnormal growth in next generation. IUGR pronounced in fetuses with trisomy 18 syndrome and in new born babies with Down syndrome.<sup>17</sup>

The scientists who made brilliant discoveries towards modern sciences provided a detailed logical discussion with respect to this delicate matter and their logics proved those evolutionary views to be incorrect. Father of genetics played an unparalleled and extraordinary role to expose this reality. It is said that Mendel believed that God is the Creator of the world, and that unconscious and blind event could not be accountable for the best and perfect result. With his brilliant discovery of the principles of inheritance, he totally refuted the concept of evolution. Mendel established the foundations for inheritance principle by discovering the three basic laws of genetics. The most convincing evidence disproving the fallacy of the idea of evolution has been revealed to be Mendel's laws of inheritance.<sup>18</sup>

Generally, genes considered as the basic building blocks of life, liable for the transmission of inherited traits from one generation to the next. They are the functional units of heredity, encoding the instructions for making all the proteins that build up an organism. The mechanism of gene function starts with the DNA molecule, a double-stranded helix consists of four types of nitrogenous bases named as thymine (T), cytosine (C) guanine (G), and adenine (A). The data contained in the DNA molecule is observe and translated into a purposeful protein with the useful resource of a method known as 'gene expression'. For proper functioning of heredity material, the information found in the DNA molecule is read and translated into a functional protein. The bases of DNA helix always combine to shape the rungs of the DNA ladder, usually pairing A with T, and G constantly pairing with C. 'Transcription' is the first step of this process, where the DNA molecule is copied into a

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<sup>15</sup> Haroon Yahya, *The Importance of Following the Good Words*, New Delhi, Good Wordbooks, 2005, p:79

<sup>16</sup> Intrauterine growth restriction: A disease occurred in new born babies in which the baby doesn't has expected weight.

<sup>17</sup> Kith Lemoore, *The Developing Human*, Canada, TVN Persuade, p:102

<sup>18</sup> Haroon Yahya , *The Quran Leads The Way To Science*, Istanbul, Secil Ofset, 2004, p:140

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single-stranded RNA molecule known as messenger RNA (mRNA). This mRNA molecule acts as a blueprint, carrying the instructions from the DNA to the ribosomes, which are the molecular machines responsible for protein synthesis. This perfect combination gives the suitable replication of DNA synthesis. Even in case of wrong pairing of bases it leads the worst examples of inherited disorders in which 'Thalassemia' is top of the list. Chromosome imbalances are harmful because of the fundamental reason that many genes are dosage sensitive.<sup>19</sup>

In this modern era, The Science of Molecular biology and Genetics is therefore in similarity with the verses of the Holy Qur'an. Hence, each man's DNA contains an ideal and flawless genetic record that is saved with Almighty Allah, Who is the Knower of every creation which is preserved. As such, having the specific DNA of each person recorded with Allah in a Book, He will create by reviving the dead man and recollect and gather him atom-wise or electron-wise or at any level to his perfect original shape with exactly the same biological characteristics and with the necessary constituents as in the wet earth from which it was originally created by Allah to explain it briefly, the same man shall be resurrected in the same perfect order as Allah desires.<sup>20</sup>

Imam Ibn-e-Kathir provided a powerful justification by quoting the valuable words of a Hadith. He says that a Hadith scholar Ibn-e-Abi Hatim reported that Ibn-e-Abbas said, "Those who violated the sanctity of the Sabbath were turned out to be monkeys due to their shameful act. They perished without offspring and could not reproduce to maintain their species furthermore. They could only survive for a very short time period. So, no transformed species ever lived more than three days on this earth. Even, the mutant genders were not able to drink, eat or have offspring. It is clear that Monkeys and Swine existing now cannot be claimed as the offspring and the descendants of those that were transformed due to punishment. In reality, Allah turned their physical structure into monkeys because of their sins."<sup>21</sup>

Furthermore, men and apes don't have the same and identical kind and number of chromosomes. Man has 23 pairs of chromosomes (collectively 46 chromosome), while chimpanzees, which are claimed as our closest dwelling family, have forty-eight chromosomes in 24 pairs. Moreover, the unique structure and association of the chromosomes in man and chimpanzees fluctuate, leading to variations in their genetic makeup. Those differences in chromosome range and structure make contributions to the various physical and behavioral differences between human beings and apes. Thus, how can this perfect creation be termed as a blind chance and unconsciousness? It is impossible without a God Almighty to produce this type of complex mechanism. Here it is mandatory to mention the ayah of the revelation (Qur'an):

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<sup>19</sup> David J. Amore, *Chromosome Abnormalities and Genetic Counseling*, Oxford university press, p:96-97

<sup>20</sup> Fatehullah, Engineer, *God Universe and Man*, Lahore, Wajidalis limited, 1982, p:147-148

<sup>21</sup> Ibn-e-Kathir (1373), Imam, *Tafseer Ibn-e-Kathir*, (Translator: Safi-ur-Rahman Al-Mubarakpuri), Riyadh, Dar-us-salam, V:1, p:254

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"مَا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِن تَفَوتٍ ۚ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ ۚ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِن فُتُورٍ"<sup>22</sup>

You will not observe any fault in the Creation of the most Kind (Lord). Then look around: Do you find any disharmony?<sup>23</sup>

### **Fossil Record Presented to Support Evolutionist's Theology**

Atheists and evolutionary network offered a number of evidences to support their supposition, and fossil record is top of the list. These evidences also include the mutation and homology amongst others. However, there were some stock objections towards those claims as they asserted that man was evolved from ape like animal. But in the case of fossil report, they have badly failed to prove that how man and ape have a common ancestor because there were huge missing links and gaps in fossil record as we did not find half man and half ape like structures anywhere.

When the paleontologists undergone the deep analysis of fossils and paleontology, they would surely demanded that there must be the fossils of half fish, half frog and half snake to prove the critical point of the theory. Now, Scientists have declared the bone preservation as very big massive and complicated job, which is due to the hardness they face to find out complete sets and units of skeletons of a distinct species. Furthermore, Piecing collectively, the tale of human evolution from fragmentary distracted fossils was a difficult business. Because fossils were so rare, and because an unknowably large proportion of the history of any lineage will have been erased, what fossil hunters could never do with confidence was to study a fossil and assert that it was the actual ancestor of any creature now living (or of any other fossil).<sup>24</sup>

However, it's worthy to mention that the Fossil record was based only on guesses and gaps. So, it is very important to note that the history of biological human evolution was far from completion and, in many cases, could be considered incorrect. The blemish of the fossil record was due to several factors. One factor was the 'limited preservation of fossils'. Only a small fraction of ancient organisms became fossils, and even fewer were well-preserved enough to be studied. This meant that many important pieces of the puzzle were missing, making it difficult to reconstruct the evolution of life on Earth with certainty. Another factor that was remarkable to prove the inaccuracies in the fossil record was the 'interpretation of the data'. Fossils were often incomplete or fragmented, making it challenging to determine the exact identity of an organism.

Consequently, all of the fossils presented to support evolutionists propaganda meant the same thing, each one was a proof of Creation. Nobody including evolutionists and atheists was even aware of more than three hundred million fossils to present the establishment of

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<sup>22</sup>Al-Qur'an, Al-Mulk 67:4

<sup>23</sup> Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, The Noble Quran, Madinah, King Fahad Complex, p:771

<sup>24</sup> Henry Gee, The Accidental Species, London, The University of Chicago Press Ltd., 2013, p:16

their theology. Although, Comparable events have taken place quite frequently in subsequent times, the phenomenon completely refuting evolution, and discovered to date. It was concluded, verily, evolutionists applied the same case to these fossils what they have done to the Cambrian ones.<sup>25</sup>

At the same time, Qur'anic narrative declares a clear and divine vision that all human beings are descendant of Hazrat Adam (A.S):

"يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً"<sup>26</sup>

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who initiated you from a single soul (Adam A.S), then from him (Adam A.S) He created His mate [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both, He spread countless men and women.<sup>27</sup>

Since the heavenly book demonstrates the evolutionary phases in the creative stages of man, it argues in this way:

"ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعُلُقَةَ مِصْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ عِظْمًا فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظْمَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنْشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ ۚ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ"<sup>28</sup>

Then We convert the Nutfah into a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood), then We developed the clot into a little lump , then We built a structure of bone, out of this lamp, then We clothed the bones with flesh, And then We brought it into an another form. So Blessed is ALLAH, the Best of Creators.<sup>29</sup>

This is the actual reason that the mechanism of evolution cannot be rejected or accepted at once. In fact, there were some elements in which gradual advancements and developments took place; the Holy Qur'an has mentioned it clearly 14 centuries ago.

## Difficulties of the Darwinian Theory and Contemporary Thoughts

There were various factors and elements of evolution that sparked theological worries which showed it only a selfmade baseless hypothesis even unable to answer the simplest questions like that:

- 1) How did life come into being on this planet, namely Earth?
- 2) Why was the fossil data so gappy and containing so many missing links?

So, the biological evolutionary idea conducts a variety of defective points that seem to be paralyzed to handle the situation of evolution theory. When the supporters of natural selection proposed arbitrarily fitness topography for the survival of a community, and then

<sup>25</sup> Haroon Yahya, *Darwinists Propaganda Techniques*, Istanbul, Global publishing, 2011, p:87

<sup>26</sup> Al-Qur'an , An-Nisa 4:1

<sup>27</sup> Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, *The Noble Quran*, p:106

<sup>28</sup> Al-Qur'an, Al-Mominun 23:14

<sup>29</sup> Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, *The Noble Quran*, p:456



randomly sprinkled genotypes on them to calculate what theory described would happen to them, they knew very clearly, in nature, genotypes could not undergo randomly and unconsciously into pre-existing individuals of this universe.<sup>30</sup>

It was the reason, Darwin could not provide the explanation that how a limited lifespan benefited members of any distinct species or why that benefit outweighed the disadvantage of a shorter lifespan.<sup>31</sup>

In fact, Darwin himself elaborated a short section entitled as “Problems of the Theory”, in which he admitted that his theory was not fully able to describe its aspects properly and accurately. These awkward edges are classed under the following considerations:

(1). Why is not all nature in confusion instead of the species being, precise? If present species have been evolved from pre-existing categories of past age by unconscious and imperceptible developments, did we not able to observe numerous modified forms of species? (2). Is it possible that an animal having, the structure and shape of a bird, could have been transformed by the modification of some other animal with totally different habits? Are we sure to trust that evolution could produce, on the one hand, organs of trifling importance, for some special organs such as the tail of a Giraffe.<sup>32</sup> A believer researcher reported: Darwin got confessed to know that there was no evidence in natural environment to hold up his assumptions. He continuously mentioned and repeated his difficulties and troubles by writing some articles to his colleagues. After all, he confessed that no confirmation was founded in nature to hold up his assumption firmly.”<sup>33</sup> So, the theory could not solve the problems with such questions as: (a) Considering the fact that all life has driven from preceding life but how to solve the riddle of first life; (b) How the gigantic gap between the inanimate elements of earth and a living cell stuffed up. Actually, there were many questions which Darwin's theory could not answer as it discussed only a segment of nature without a universal scientific import.<sup>34</sup>

If somebody observes a simple cell by considering evolution theory, he will definitely get worry to know that, a living cell was definitely, trying to introduce a working system reassembles with gradual advancement steps of Darwinian Theory would be fallen in trouble and confusion. Because there was no way to describe if it was performing any good and accurate job. Releasing a little part of antibody into the great outdoors was totally a waste of the worthy resources. The question came, which function should it perform at very early stage to manufacture a fully covered and membrane bounded antibody. How to prepare a messenger protein without any factor to deliver it a proper message and informations. It provided inescapable reason to infer that no gradual step mechanism has been found for this simplest clonal and modified selection in cell division. At this phase,

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<sup>30</sup> Daniel C. DenNett, *Darwin's Dangerous Idea*, London, Penguin group, 1996, p:193

<sup>31</sup> Gold Smith, Theodore, *The Evolution of Aging*, Azinet press, 2014, p:32

<sup>32</sup> Darwin, Charles, *On the Origin of the Species*, p:124-125

<sup>33</sup> Haroon Yahya, *The Quran Leads the Way to Science*, Turkey, Global publishing, p:61

<sup>34</sup> Muhammad Munir, *Reconstructing Scientific Thought*, Shahkar book foundation, 2005, p:38

all three ingredients had to evolve simultaneously and all the components of this implementation named as, the messenger proteins, the attached antibodies, and the detached antibodies have been manufactured by a well-defined and distinct event. In case of alternations, certainly, with continuous chain of coordinated series of mutations changing previous proteins that were used to perform other unique tasks into the procedure.

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The convoluted the process of the systematic life of an organism indicates that there exists a Powerful Designer or an Originator of every component and the One who encompasses each and every element with His perfect knowledge. As for the psychology of the mind, it has been founded that whereas the nervous system is controlled by brain, the mind-body relationship is at the cell level. Human immune system also depends upon the mind power. Basically, it is congeries of white cells, or lymphocytes that reside in the thymus gland, spleen, bone marrow and lymph nodes, and monitor the blood stream when it visits heart, thus making heart the principal organ for the Qualb (mind) of man.<sup>36</sup>

One hand, Modern science assumes that we don't know the reliability of the factors. Because it is especially based on the primitive Latin injunction termed as 'ignoramus' with literal meanings 'we do not know certainty'. Even more specifically, it accepts that none of any concept, any idea, any assumption or any theory is sacred on which chances of objections may be reduced.<sup>37</sup> But on the other hand, not only are there no inconsistencies in the Qur'an, but every piece of its teachings reveals the miracle of this Divine Book more clear each day. However, it has given its philosophical test in this form:

"فَاتُّوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّنْ مِّثْلِهِ"<sup>38</sup>

Then produce only one chapter like this!<sup>39</sup>

## **Quranic Concept about Evolutionary Perspective**

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the hypothesis of evolution created a hot discussion within the researchers community by bringing out the novelist myth of human history. Thus, an endless long debate about human existence came into being, which is under the influence of the writers till today. Many philosophers and researchers have expressed their thoughts and views in this regard. But today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the need of research on this topic has arisen because Darwin and his colleagues were not familiar to modern sciences. Meanwhile, when there exist the main branches of science i.e genetics, paleontology, anthropology, embryology, fossils, and the confluence of modern knowledge. Science has

<sup>35</sup> Michael J.Behe, *Darwin's Black Box*, New York, free press, p:125

<sup>36</sup> Sultan Basheer, Engineer, *Kitab-e-Zindagi*, Islamabad, Al-Qur'an Al Hakeem research foundation, 2004, p:445

<sup>37</sup> Yuval Noah, *A Brief History of Human Kind*, Kinneret, Zmora-Bitan, 2011, p:215

<sup>38</sup> Al-Qur'an, Al-Baqarah 2:23

<sup>39</sup> Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, *The Noble Quran*, p:6

also reached to its climax discoveries, so it is necessary to examine this concept in the light of the Quran and Sunnah by keeping in mind these sub-branches of the science. Generally, the position of Adam (A.S) and human beings in this universe is the magnificent matter of the discussion of man's evolution in Holy Qur'an. It has clearly mentioned in the Holy verses that humans are created in the best model of structure, that they were gifted by God Himself.

"لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَن تَقْوِيمٍ"<sup>40</sup>

Verily, We have created man in the best constitution (modle).<sup>41</sup>

Surah At-Taghabun describes that:

"وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَأَحْسَن صُوَرَكُمْ"<sup>42</sup>

And He shaped you and then did up your shapes.<sup>43</sup>

This suggests that Adam (A.S) more broadly, human beings, have an upraised and high status above the rest of creation of this world. How could such an honourable, titled and noble entity have been produced from a chance based events, random processes, insensible matter, irregular pattern and imperfect ancestors? As a consequence, we have to admit the existence of ALLAH Almighty. This helps to understand the value and worth of human beings in a righteous domain. Furthermore, Adam (A.S) was referred to as the ancestor of the humanity in the Qur'an as well as in Hadith literature, which implies that he was the first human being, without any forefathers of his own. A narrative of the Hadith are:

"كُلُّهُمْ بَنُو آدَمَ وَآدَمُ خُلِقَ مِنْ تُرَابٍ"<sup>44</sup>

All humans are the descendants of Adam (A. S). And Adam (A. S) was made of clay.<sup>45</sup>

## Discussion of the Study

- On the basis of these authentic proofs, most of the Muslim scholars of the day have proclaimed this philosophy of human evolution as a material based ridiculous tale only. The remarkable efforts towards evolution to expose its incompetent flotsam

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<sup>40</sup>Al-Qur'an, At-Tin 95:4

<sup>41</sup>Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, *The Noble Quran*, p:842

<sup>42</sup>Al-Qur'an, At-Taghabun 64:3

<sup>43</sup>Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, *The Noble Quran*, p:763

<sup>44</sup>Tirmizi, Muhammad Bin Isa (892 AD), Imam, *Jami at Tirmidhi*, Riyadh, Darul Hazara, 1436AD, Kitab Almanaqib, Ch: Fi Thaqeef wa Bani Haneefa, Hadith: 3955, p:736

<sup>45</sup>*Sunan Tirmidhi*, Kitab Al-manaqib, Bab: Fi Thaqeef wa Bani Haneefa, Hadith: 3955, V:2, p:1175.

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belong to Maurice Bucaille<sup>46</sup> (1920-1998), Turkish Scholar Dr. Halook Noor<sup>47</sup> (1924-1997), Dr. Kith Lemoore<sup>48</sup> (1925-2010), Allama Shahab-u-din Nadvi<sup>49</sup> (1931-2002), Molana Wahid-u-din<sup>50</sup> (1925-2021), Dr. Israr Ahmed<sup>51</sup> (1932-2010), Professor Ashfaq Khan<sup>52</sup>, Engineer Sultan Bashir Mehmood<sup>53</sup>, Engineer Fatehullah,<sup>54</sup> Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri,<sup>55</sup> Dr. Haroon Yahya,<sup>56</sup> Dr. Zakir Naik,<sup>57</sup> Mufti Tariq Masood<sup>58</sup> and Qaiser Ahmed Raja<sup>59</sup> (Motivational speaker). Similarly, some of the scientific scholars named as, Michael Denton<sup>60</sup> have also been the opponents of Darwinian thoughts.

- Being a biologist, Dr. Moore acknowledged during a Conference: I am contented to confess that Muhammad (S. A. W. W) must have been a Messenger of God or ALLAH Almighty! To clarify indications in the Qur'an about human embryo development has been a pleasure for me. This knowledge was not discovered by man until many centuries later. I have to believe that these verses must have come to Muhammad (S.A.W.W) from God or ALLAH.<sup>61</sup>
- To understand the myth of human evolution by Islamic and scientific point of view it is stated that, the aforesaid dialogue clarified the fact that Darwinian theory of evolution was rationally and logically a baseless speculation. It was not based on scientific logics but rather an outcome of atheistic influences. It was a collection of misconceptions and delusions. The Qur'an therefore, rejected this theory, as it is truly incompatible with the Qur'anic teachings.<sup>62</sup>
- The subject of "human evolution" is an endless ocean of knowledge. With the blessings of ALLAH Almighty, the researcher tried to present a brief review of the

<sup>46</sup> Maurice Bucaille (1924), *What is the Origin of Man*, New Delhi, Millat Books, 1983, p:36

<sup>47</sup>Halook Noor, (1997), *Quranic Verses and Scientific Facts*, (Trans. Feroze Shah), Karachi, Indus Publishing Corporation, 1990, V: 5, p:62

<sup>48</sup> Kith Lemoore, *The Developing Human*, Canada, TVn persuade

<sup>49</sup> Nadvi, Shahabuddin (2002) , *Islam and Modern Science*, Lahore, Maktaba Tameer-e-Insaniyat, 1993, p:57-56

<sup>50</sup>Wahid-ud-din, (2021), *Azmat-e- Qur'an*, Lahore, Darul Tadkeer, 1998, p:12

<sup>51</sup><https://youtu.be/yclfj6XDxhU> Retrived on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 22,12:10pm

<sup>52</sup> Ashfaq Ahmad, Professor, *Quranic Encyclopedia*, Multan, Saqib Printers and Publishers, 2012, V:1, p:240

<sup>53</sup> Sultan Basheer, Engineer, *Resurrection and Life After Death*, Islamabad, Al-Quran Al-Hakim Research Foundation, 2003, p:264

<sup>54</sup> Fatehullah, Engineer, *God Universe and Men*, Lahore, Wajidalis Limited, 1982, p:87

<sup>55</sup> Tahir-ul-Qadri, *Creation of Man*, Lahore, Minhajul Quran Publications, p:22

<sup>56</sup> Haroon Yahya, *Miracles of the Qur'an*, (Translator: Sher Muhammad), Fazli Sons Publications, 2002, p:89

<sup>57</sup> Zakir Naik, *Bible and Qur'an in the light of modern science*, (Translator: Imtiaz Ahmed), Lahore, Dar-un-Nawadar, p:121

<sup>58</sup> <https://youtu.be/y75bkQ4BEH8>, Retrived on 21st july, 22, 12:02 pm

<sup>59</sup> <https://youtu.be/3jzhPbvYnZY>, Retrived on 19<sup>th</sup> Sep, 22, 7:48 pm

<sup>60</sup> Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*.

<sup>61</sup> Zakir Naik, Dr., *The Quran and Modern Science*, p:45

<sup>62</sup> Tahir-ul-Qadri , *The Creation of Man*, Lahore, Minhaj-ul-Qur'an Publications, 2001, p:24

Qur'anic concept and contemporary thoughts in this regard which may prove a helpful tool to understand the creation of man with respect to Islam and science. Yes, of course, any religion, any society, any research, any class or any scientific thought in the world, if is according to Qur'an then it can be concluded that it is an established truth. But if not, it becomes clear that this hypothesis should be rejected because the Qur'an also declares:

"سَنُرِيهِمْ آيَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَتَّى يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ" <sup>63</sup>

We will soon show them Our signs all around the world and in their own selves, until it dawns on them that indeed this is the truth. <sup>64</sup>

## Conclusions

- 'Evolution' is a fact that cannot be accepted or rejected in one stroke. Human embryological development, the phases of the creation of man, and even his civilization demonstrate the developmental progress with the passage of time. In spite of this, it is hard to believe the nonsense that man is a purified or evolved form of another species.
- The Qur'anic concept of creation, compared with biological evolution, is a complex and often controversial topic. While some Muslims embrace the scientific theory of evolution, others declare it as incompatible with religious beliefs.
- Every scientific theory is not a system of belief termed as 'Islamic Shariah'. In fact it is a process of recovery which can be proved as a reality or a mistaken concept. That's why, it can't be declared as an established truth. The case is applied to human evolution theory.
- Evolution theory belongs to phenomenology only, which is interpretation of the man. It may be beneficial or not but Qur'an is a miracle and its sacred concept can't be judged by Science.
- Science is being used to promote Atheism, but Science itself is providing challenges to evolutionists' propaganda techniques.

## Recommendations

- From the perspective of the Qur'an and Sunnah, the general observation is that although in the light of Quranic verses, satisfactory research has been done in the sense of "Evolution of Human Life." Therefore, there is a strict need to expand

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<sup>63</sup> Al-Qur'an, Fussilat 41:53

<sup>64</sup> Al-Hilali, Taqi-ud-din, *The Noble Quran*, p:651

this scope of research on "human evolution" in terms of the sacred sayings of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W).

- 'Human Evolution' is the most crucial discourse between Islam and bioscience. So, it is mandatory to satisfy the demands of justice to find out the aspects in which evolution took place, and remarkable research is needed to resolve the misconceptions about human evolution before making a final statement.
- Different experimental research has been observed to support Darwinian theory, as the Urey Miller Experiment is at the top of the list. That's why laboratory work is also needed to provide solid proof to oppose the theory more strongly.
- It is also an ethical obligation of a researcher to go through a deep analysis of Islam and bioscience to conclude this sensitive matter.

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