

Lifestyle Evangelism is . . .

. . . Truthful (Part 2).

Although we might lament the fact that we do not base our beliefs on empirical data, this lack may not completely be a bad thing. Our difficulty with science is that science is not always correct. As Christians, we have the same empirical data as science has, and yet we may come up with completely different conclusions.

The theory of evolution is one such example. The theory of evolution is an unproven theory which states, among other things, that human beings have evolved from lesser beings. Now, if you follow science, you may have noticed that this theory has changed from time to time, from textbook to textbook. As new research disproves parts of the theory, new parts are added. The one question to ask someone who *understands* and *believes* this theory would be, “Were you there?” If not, then how can you know?

As Christians, we have the Bible. Now, the Bible is not a science book, but it is God’s Word to us. God was there at creation. He had all the events recorded for us. His version of creation has never changed. All the rest of His writings are true and the facts and data of science fit very easily and well into this explanation of the beginning of the world.

As we understand that the Bible is true and is God’s Word, then we understand why things are the way they are in our world today. We live in a sin-filled world. Sin entered the world in the Garden of Eden. Because of sin, there is death and dying. But God immediately stepped in and promised to send a Savior, a Messiah.

When we get to the New Testament, we can believe it as well because, just as God was faithful in telling us the truth in the Old Testament, He continues to be faithful and to tell us the truth in the New Testament. The only other option would be that God is a liar, we are still in our sin, and we are doomed to eternal death.

Thanks be to God that He has given us faith through and in His Word (and through the waters of Holy Baptism) and that He continues to keep us and strengthen us in His Word.