There are many different species of crab, and most of them have shells to protect them. But one species — the Hermit Crab — has no shell of its own. Instead, it uses the discarded shell of other sea creatures.

This unusual crustacean takes great care when choosing its second-hand home, picking a shell that is a good fit. When the shell becomes too cramped, the hermit crab will move house, and find a larger shell. The crab’s body is twisted to fit the coiled shape of the shell. Even its legs are ‘move house’, and find a larger shell. The crab’s body is specially designed for living in the borrowed shell: two pairs are used twisted to fit the coiled shape of the shell. Even its legs are used as a ‘door’ to protect it when it’s inside the shell.

Hermit crabs have a strange relationship with another sea creature — sea anemones. They have stinging barbs that explode when touched, but hermit crabs often carry sea anemones with them, stuck to their shells. In fact, when they move to another shell, they often take their ‘lodger’ with them and plant it on their new home! This arrangement works well for both animals. The anemone protects the crab from predators, and is rewarded by food scraps left by its host.

The origin of the hermit crab is difficult for evolutionists to explain. Did the crab’s ancestors lose their shells? There is no evidence they did, and it would be of no evolutionary advantage to lose a shell, then have to find a substitute home. And what about their specially-shaped body, specially designed legs — and that puzzling relationship with sea anemones? Surely gradual evolution can’t account for all of this? The Hermit Crab looks like the good design of a wise Creator.

We have seen how some scientists rule God out of their thinking because it doesn’t fit their worldview. They are then committed to finding naturalistic explanations for everything, no matter how absurd these explanations may be. This is in great contrast to the scientists who gave birth to our modern scientific disciplines. They weren’t afraid to say they couldn’t see God’s hand in nature, while many modern academics seem willing to go to great lengths to deny it.

The world needs young scientists who refuse to be told what they have to believe and what conclusions they must draw from their research. Maybe you are one of them? If so, don’t be intimidated into rejecting the God who created you, and gave you an enquiring mind. Belief in Him helps, rather than hinders true science. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.” (The Bible, Psalm 111, 10). And if you put your faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for you, you will not only receive God’s forgiveness, but also the gift of the Holy Spirit, “who will guide you into all truth.” (The Bible, John 16: 13).

Don’t be Intimidated!

Many secular scientists don’t want us to think for ourselves — they tell us what to think! Then they ridicule anyone who dares to disagree. This is especially true when it comes to evolution. The late Professor Stephen J. Gould wrote, “Thinking humanity accepts the fact of evolution.” And Dr Richard Dawkins has suggested that any person who doesn’t believe in evolution is “ignorant, stupid or insane.” Don’t be intimidated by such comments. You have the right to weigh the evidence and form your own opinions!

Surely all scientists believe in evolution? Isn’t belief in God and the Bible unscientific?

That’s the myth. Here are the facts:

There are thousands of scientists in the world who are Christians, and see no conflict between their faith and their research. No part of the Bible — including Genesis — is any less true for them.

All the elements of modern science were Bible-believers.

The Hermit Crab

“Science brings men nearer to God... The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator.”

—Louis Pasteur, who proved that life can’t come from non-living matter.

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Erica What did the dog say when the boy pulled its tail? That’s the end of me!

Prof. Louis Pasteur (1822–1895)


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The fact that all the founders of our main scientific disciplines were Bible-believing Christians proves that science and belief in God can go hand-in-hand. These brilliant pioneers saw no conflict between their faith and their work. Those pictured here are just a few of many. In fact, modern science flowed from Christian faith and belief, and from people who felt they “thinking God’s thoughts after Him.” Among all the scientists who have ever lived, only a tiny minority were atheists. So why do so many modern scientists pretend that God can have no place in their research?

What is science?

“SCIENCE: (knowledge obtained from) the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical world, especially by observing, measuring and experimenting, and the development of theories to describe the results of these activities.” (Cambridge Advanced Learners’ Dictionary).

The word ‘science’ comes from the Latin scientia, derived from the verb scire meaning ‘to know’.

So, is evolution science?

No one has ever observed evolution happening. We see variations within species but no evidences for the origin of new species. We do not observe evolution directly, however we can observe changes in living organisms over time. There are only a few animals that survive for many years, but no scientists have ever seen an organism change into a different one.

RULING GOD OUT!

“Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer, such a hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic.” —Scott C. Todd, *Nature*, Sept. 30th 1999.


These two scientists are allowing their world-view to restrict their research, and ruling out one line of enquiry even before they begin. What a contrast between them and those great pioneers of science!

The book that shatters a myth!

People who insist that no true scientist could believe in the Bible’s account of creation couldn’t be more wrong! In Sydney several years ago, a public lecture was given on the evidence for the biblical version of creation. A research scientist stood up and said that he didn’t believe that any scientist with a PhD would believe this. Dr John Ashton — who has a PhD — was present, and he decided to investigate. The result was the book *In Six Days: why 50 Scientists choose to believe in Creation*. It contains 50 chapters, each written by a scientist. They include biologists, physicists, geologists, zoologists, chemists and geneticists. Here are a couple of quotes: “The evidence points to an intelligent designer of the vast array of life, both living and extinct, rather than to unguided, mindless evolution.” —Dr Nancy Darrell (botanist). “When I consider the great questions of origins from a broad perspective, the biblical model makes most sense to me; it leaves fewer unanswered questions.” —Dr Ariel Roth (biologist).

Dr Ashton had no difficulty in finding 50 scientists with PhDs, who believed that God created the world in six literal days. In fact, he had more than enough, and a follow-up volume, *On the Seventh Day*, has been published.