Two evolutionists and a creationist are walking through the park on a beautiful sunny day. As could be expected, they are at an impasse in their heated discussion about evolution and biblical creation. Finally, out of frustration, the creationist asks the evolutionists if it's okay with them if he prays for a resolution to their stalemate. They laugh at him, saying they don't believe in God anyway, but they tell him to go ahead. Moments after the creationist prays, storm clouds gather overhead, lightning flashes across the darkened sky, and a thunderous voice comes out of the clouds: "The creationist is right!" The creationist, of course, is overjoyed ... until one of the evolutionists says, "So? It's still only a tie vote."

Why am I telling you this story? For one thing, I am using it to make the point that evolutionists cannot be convinced against their will that the Bible's account of creation is true. As the saying goes: "A man convinced against his will ... is of the same opinion still." Only the Holy Spirit can change someone's heart and make him willing to approach the Bible in complete confidence that it really is the inspired Word of God and authoritative source of truth.

## **Personal Application and Interaction**

- 1. Just because a scientist can explain how something works does not mean that it explains the "why" or the "purpose." Random chance has no inherent purpose.
- 2. Have you ever entered into a discussion using known facts, only to have your listener totally dismiss your position? What did you do then?
- 3. Correlations of facts help to understand some things, but taken too far to prove an idea can lead to ridiculous statements.
- 4. Considering the Bible's assessment of the human race, how would you respond to your listener who feels their good deeds will outweigh the bad and God will let them into heaven?
- 5. Thinking of the 30 different words for "death" in the Roman language spoken in Jesus' day, how would you offer hope to a listener with a similar attitude today?



## **The Light Turned Yellow**

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