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"CREATION vs EVOLUTION"

THE DISCUSSION IS ON ONCE AGAIN, IN A BIG WAY!

There are simply too many people, many of them sophisticated scientists, who do not believe that the life of man is in biological succession to that of the beasts of the field.

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The question is being pressed upon thoughtful people, "Is evolution true?" "Is there a God who created man in His own image, and nature on a lesser level?" "Is there a hierarchy of value and intelligence in nature?" "How old is man, the world, the universe?" The Christian has a special interest in these questions because they touch not only science, but philosophy, logic, religion and theology. Indeed, it is a devious mind which can convincingly separate "science" from faith.

In considering the truth of these things, let us think for a moment about the evolutionary point of view. It would be well to consider this notion in the light of the known facts of science. Among them are the following:

1. There is no evidence that man has been in the world

more than 10,000 years. The earth shows abundant evidence of human habitation back to approximately 4,000 B.C. In an unbroken trail of data going back to that date, there are remains of cities, walls, foundations, potsherds, weapons, millstones, bones and skulls aplenty. Before that time, there is simply nothing, nothing!

It is true that some have picked up a fragment of bone or another piece of something and said, "This is 200 million years old." Why do they say this? How do they know? There is simply no method whatsoever by which such things can be dated. In addition, one instance of anything is statistically meaningless. Forgetting this and led by desire rather than data, the scientists accepted Piltdown man and Heidelberg man whose remains turned out to be simply hoaxes.

2. There is no verifiable method of establishing the age of anything at whose creation we were not present or which was not accounted by reliable witnesses.

A superficial examination of the geological world leads one to assume from appearances certain notions such as the idea of great age. "It took millions of years for the rock to be formed, the mountains, etc." says the geologist. In so speaking, he is stating not a fact of science but an attitude of faith. The article of faith in which he is evidencing his belief is called "the uniformity of nature." This article of faith presumes that, "Processes observed and measured in our verifiable time are the same in all time." But alas, this faith is false and every scientist knows that it is false. Science, itself, knows that all processes are variable. relative, influenced by the presence of moisture, pressure, light, radioactivity, cataclysm and a thousand known and unknown variables. Age, in a geological sense, therefore, cannot be measured--it can only be assumed. Assumptions about the distant past, being a posterior reasoning, are not even subject to a "law of probability." They are made "in mid air," based on data unproved because it must forever remain unprovable.

3. There is no evidence of permanent mutations in nature. Genetic changes have been noted within a given animal, plant or other biological entity. These, however, have all proved themselves aberrant and are always unreproduced in subsequent generations. Species do not change. Every biological strain has reproduced without exception after its kind. This is always the case.

There is, therefore, no "tree of life," an original trunk from which all species came. There are only trees of life. To insist on a genetic linkage between them is not science at all, it is rather a notion for which there is no evidence. It is in fact "faith" (read "presumption").

4. Evolution gives no explanation of the moral nature of man. If evolution is true, it is impossible to argue that anything is "right" or "wrong." Nevertheless, we "know" that one biological entity killing another in the animal kingdom is simply "a law of nature" and has no moral significance. When we are speaking of man, however, we assume the presence of moral values and, therefore, when one man kills another it is called "murder." Rational men, however degenerate they have become, simply do not admit that "the law of the jungle" has a valid application to human beings. However depraved a man may become, there is a light within his soul that knows that the words right and wrong have meaning, they are built into the fiber of our being.

If the evolutionist would face it, he must admit that, if his ideas were true, the difference between all entities in the universe are only accidental, chemical, and life cannot be built on any moral base whatsoever. It cannot be otherwise. The presence of moral values is an idea without foundation unless behind the creation is a holy and authoritative Being who has ordained moral law by which beings who know they are moral beings are supposed to operate. If we do not admit the existence of moral law, on what basis do we condemn the Nazis, the Communists, the Mau Mau who, apart from moral law, are simply doing what comes naturally?

In addition to this, time would fail to ask the evolutionist to explain nuances of personality, the human soul, the existence of such things as love, compassion, purpose, patience or self-sacrifice in the world. To explain these on the basis of accidental chemistry is an insult to human intelligence. In its simplist form, if evolution is true then man is an animal. The Christian knows that propositions such as the following are simply irrefutable:

1. Only creation explains the existence of matter. Evolution. after all is said, gives us no suggestion whatsoever as to how something was brought into being out of nothing. The evolutionist must inevitably believe in the eternity of matter both past and future. This, despite all his denials, is a huge step of faith for which he has no scientific basis whatsoever. How beautiful, by contrast, is the statement of Scripture that God created the heavens and the earth and He did so ex-nihilo, "out of nothing." The person who professes to know facts of antiquity which are more than that or different from that simply cannot make this profession from knowledge or science. He simply must insist that all of this happened by accident, thereby forgetting that even accidents have causes.

2. **Only** creation explains order in the universe. By observing the facts of our world we see that the sun shines, the grass grows, the rain falls and nourishes the world. Food is produced and animals and people live. Apart from this order, this beautiful arrangement, we would all die or, more correctly, we would never have lived. To explain this, the scientist gives us a meaningless expression like "Elan Vital" or "Life Force" or "Natural Selection" or something. By so doing he is explaining nothing--but merely giving an arbitrary name to a process within nature which, when we think of it, must come from outside of nature. This because the second law of thermodynamics insists that all natural processes are running down and cannot be sustained from within themselves.

3. Only creation explains the difference between man and animals. One of the most obvious, apparent, undeniable facts of our existence is the chasm between the animal world and the world of man which is simply unbridgeable. We conduct our lives on the most apparent of all facts, that man is "something special." He has

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But especially, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Isaiah 26:3-4).

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God-consciousness, self-consciousness, discrimination between "is" and "ought" and many other qualities unknown to the animal world. Say what we will, animals are not like this.

4. Only creation explains man's moral nature. One of the most hopeful, reassuring truths ever made in the history of the world is the announcement in the Word of God that He created man in His own image. Therefore, the life of man is not in succession to the beasts of the field, but rather his heart beats in consonance with the loving heart of the eternal God. Because man has a moral nature he is conscious of such things as good and evil and he, unless his heart has become darkened, is conscious of his obligation to do good and eschew evil. People who are not conscious of this are named in the Bible as "natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed" (II Peter 2:12). Man's consciousness of his moral nature is the basis of all law, all sanity, all purpose and all reason in life. It is true that some human "beasts" are attempting to destroy this nature. In their foolishness, they forget that if they succeed, like a cancer which is destroyed when it kills the body on which it feeds, they themselves will die.

Within the moral universe in which we live, the existence of sin and death is only explained by creation. If one believes in evolution, he hardly can also hold that Adam was a real individual. In this, he contradicts the Scripture which says, "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin" (Rom. 5:12). The existence of sin and death is not a "normal function of life." It is rather an aberrant phenomena, an invasion of good by evil. The problems of humanity are explained by the evolutionists as "insufficient development" which will be corrected by future progress. The Christian pursues no such delusion, knowing that man's problems are a result of sin which is only corrected by redemption through the blood of Christian truth and Christ. evolutionary ideas are, therefore, mutually exclusive. No consistent evolutionists can affirm the moral nature of man, without which all else is instantly absurd.

5. Only creation offers a valid human destiny. If man is merely the result of an impersonal evolutionary process, he cannot hope, cannot aspire, cannot anticipate with any certainty that his personal life will be a continuing thing. He cannot affirm that there is any ultimate Judge in history and must deny that there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. He can, therefore, only build his life on Ingersoll's hopeless foundation of "unyielding despair." He was born without reason and will die without hope. With evolution, life itself is, therefore, without eternal meaning, an accident of a purposeless history.

The marvelous Christian

doctrines, therefore, of creation, the fall of man, redemption in Christ, personal salvation and eternal hope--these are not preposterous propositions that were invented by irresponsible and demented minds. These are articles of faith which we believe because of Divine revelation and they have become the anchor of our hope. We believe in the existence of a God who loves us and who does and will preside over our eternal destiny.

Christian The will. therefore. pray that the evolutionists and the atheists of our world will deviate into sense. They will pray that, during that brief deviation, they will believe the Gospel and receive also the hope of eternal life. The world is not evolving, it is degenerating. It will never produce its implied promise of an evolutionary Utopia. Rather, it will bring to pass by its preposterous science and lack of moral conviction an awful hour called "The Great Tribulation." In the dark hours to come, man will despair even of life as he sees where the false faith in Darwinian fictions has brought The myth of natural him. selection will bring the world to the brink of its own destruction. which destruction will only be prevented by the intervention of Jesus Christ, who created the universe in the first place. To believe in that Creator now is to see Him as a friend in that great day.

From the writings of Dave Breese

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST? by Ed Hindson

The world is again holding its collective breath. World leaders are asking: "Will the 'Roadmap to Peace' work this time?" The Palestinians insist they are willing to call off twenty months of hostilities and call a truce if Israel will proceed with its announced agreement to allow for the creation of a Palestinian state. The current *intifada* has claimed over 3,000 lives.

Ever since the rebirth of the nation of Israel in 1948, there has been a growing awareness among Christians that God's timetable has been moving toward the great climax of biblical prophecy. The miraculous return of the Jews to their biblical homeland after 19 centuries cannot be dismissed as inconsequential in light of God's sovereign plan for His ancient people. Theoretically, they could be driven out of the land of Israel and return again one day in the future. But this seems highly unlikely in light of the significance of their return after 1,900 years.

In the meantime, the renewed call for Palestinian statehood has raised speculation about the possibility of peace in the Middle East. Some see this as a necessary step to insure peace, while others see it as a dangerous compromise with those who have called for the annihilation of the state of Israel. The issue has been raised about whether or not the Bible predicts a Palestinian state. Others have wondered how all of this relates to the prophetic picture of the End Times, but the ultimate questions will revolve around the future of Israel and its place in biblical prophecy.

KEEPING ISRAEL IN FOCUS

Dr. Randall Price has observed: "If we believe that God is active in the affairs of His world, directing people and events according to His plan, then we should be looking at the (Jewish) people and that place (Israel) where the fulfillment of these things will occur."

There are only a handful of prophecies about the future of the Church. The Bible predicts the growth of the Church (Matt. 24:14), and the Rapture of the Church to Heaven (John 14:3; I Thess. 4:16-17).

The major focus of biblical prophecy concerns the nation and people of Israel. Prophetic passages dealing with the Tribulation Period (II Thess. 2:3-8), the signing of a peace treaty (Daniel 9:25-27), the invasion of Israel by Gentile forces (Zechariah 14:12-13), and the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16) all focus on the nation of Israel and its significant place in the great End Times drama.

INTERPRETING PROPHECY

Dr. Price provides the following guidelines for a proper interpretation of biblical prophecies:

1. Interpret current events in light of the Bible, not the Bible in light of current events.

2. Fulfillment of most prophetic events related to Israel will not take place until after the Rapture.

3. Does the biblical text provide enough data to draw a correspondence with current events?

4. Distinguish between the last days of the Church and the last days of Israel.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

The general picture of the future is clearly stated in biblical prophecy. What is not always clear is how the specific pieces of the prophetic puzzle will actually come together in the end. Given our present perspective, it may seem that certain current events will imminently fulfill certain prophetic predictions. But as time moves on, those assumptions may prove premature. Let me suggest several considerations:

1. There is no predicted event that must be fulfilled before the Rapture takes place. Jesus could come at any time to call His Bride home to Heaven. Our Lord's commands to "keep watching" and "be ready" (Matt. 24:42-44) still apply.

2. There are, however, certain events that may yet unfold before the Rapture. There is no biblical limitation on such possibilities as nuclear war, international terrorism, a Palestinian state, or the rebuilding of the Jewish temple. These may not happen prior to the Rapture, but we cannot exclude that possibility on the basis of Scripture alone.

3. As time marches on, the prophetic picture continues to become more clear. We can see that some things that still seemed vague twenty or thirty years ago are now clearer, such as the development of a global economy or the rise of a world government.

4. We cannot predict the future based on current events alone. Our only clear guide to the future is biblical truth. World leaders will come and go. Soon there will be a whole new set of players giving rise to new speculations about their possible roles in the End-Times drama.

5. The Bible itself is the only clear guide to understanding the future. God has given us "great and precious promises" and "a more sure word of prophecy" to give us a certainty about the future (*II Peter 1:4,19*). True biblical prophecies are expressed by the Holy Spirit, to predict the future as God sees it. One of those prophecies warns us to beware when they say, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 8:11).

Ultimately, we know how the story will end. Israel will eventually agree to a peace treaty enforced by the leader of the Western powers (Daniel 9:26-27). The benefits of that peace will be short-lived. Satan will indwell the world leader and empower him to become the Antichrist of the Last Days. After three and one-half years, he will break the treaty, invade Israel, and demand that he be worshipped as God (II Thess. 2:3-4). This will launch the next three and a half years of Great Tribulation that will culminate in the return of Christ and the defeat of the Antichirst (Rev. 19:11-21).

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