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“Science’s Rejection of Evolution”

by Dennis Marks

To say that evolution is the easiest thing to prove is a statement beyond reason and a product of blind faith.

Many will say that “all major scientists support evolution.” The fact is there are many scientists who believe in the biblical account. Here is just a small sample: Joseph Lister, antiseptic surgery; Louis Pasteur, bacteriology; Sir Isaac Newton, dynamics (discovered the laws of gravity, mathematics, co-discovered calculus); Johann Kepler, celestial mechanics, physical astronomy; Robert Boyle, chemistry; Georges Cuvier, comparative anatomy, vertebrate paleontology; Charles Babbage, computer science; James Clerk Maxwell, electrodynamics, statistical thermodynamics; Michael Faraday, electromagnetics, field theory; Ambrose Fleming, electronics; Lord William Kelvin, energetics, thermodynamics; Henri Fabre, entomology; George Stokes, fluid mechanics; William Herschel, galactic astronomy; Robert Boyle, gas dynamics; Gregor Mendel, genetics; Louis Agassiz, glacial geology, ichthyology; James Simpson, gynecology; Leonardo da Vinci, hydraulics; Blaise Pascal, hydrostatics; William Ramsay, isotopic chemistry; Matthew Maury, oceanography; David Brewster, optical mineralogy; John Woodward, paleontology; Rudolph Virchow, pathology; James Joule, reversible thermodynamics; Sir Francis Bacon, scientific method; Nicholas Steno, stratigraphy; Carolus Linnaeus, systematic biology; and Humphrey Davy, thermokinetics.

John Grebe, director of basic and nuclear research for Dow Chemical Co., offered \$1,000 to anyone who could produce just one clear proof of evolution. Holder of more than 100 patents, Dr. Grebe developed Styrofoam, synthetic rubber and Saran Wrap.

Sir Ernest Chain, co-holder of the 1945 Nobel Prize for developing penicillin, stated bluntly: “To postulate that the development and survival of the fittest is entirely a consequence of chance mutations seems to me a hypothesis based on no evidence and irreconcilable with the facts. These classical evolutionary theories are a gross over-simplification of an immensely complex and intricate mass of facts, and it amazes me that they are swallowed so uncritically and readily, and for such a long time, by so many scientists without a murmur of protest.”

P. Lemoine, president of the Geological Society of France, editor of the Encyclopedie Francaise and director of the Natural History Museum in Paris, concluded:

“The theories of evolution, with which our studious youth have been deceived, constitute actually a dogma that all the world continues to teach: but each, in his specialty, the zoologist or the botanist, ascertains that none of the explanations furnished is adequate. ... It results from the summary, that the theory of evolution, is impossible.”

Dr. Wernher von Braun, father of America's space program, in a Sept. 14, 1972, letter to the California Board of Education, said, “For me, the idea of a creation is not conceivable without invoking the necessity of design. One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all. In the world around us, we can behold the obvious manifestations of an ordered, structured plan or design.

We can see the will of the species to live and propagate. And we are humbled by the powerful forces at work on a galactic scale, and the purposeful orderliness of nature that endows a tiny and ungainly seed with the ability to develop into a beautiful flower. The better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all it harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at the inherent design upon which it is based.”

He also wrote: "There are those who argue that the universe evolved out of a random process, but what random process could produce the brain of man or the system of the human eye? ... To be forced to believe one conclusion - that everything in the universe happened by chance - would violate the very objectivity of science itself."

Raymond Damadian, inventor of the medical diagnostic device known as the MRI, joined the California Creation Research Institute's Technical Advisory Board.

Newsweek magazine, in a 1998 cover story entitled "Science Finds God," noted: "According to a study released last year, 40 percent of American scientists believe in a personal God - not merely an ineffable power and presence in the world, but a deity to whom they can pray."

In 1959, Dr. T.N. Tahmisian, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, was even more blunt: "Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact."

We could go on and on, but I think the point is made. Darwinian evolution is not science; it is the only tax-supported religion in the USA.

"Laying Aside The Old Self"

by Dennis Stackhouse

Addressing the Christians in Ephesus, Paul wrote: *"So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind"* (Ephesians 4:17).

The apostle begins by aligning his authority with that of the Lord; in other words, this is God's authoritative message. And that message is that Christian people are not to conduct themselves in the same way that people of the world (Gentiles or sinners) conduct themselves. There is to be a difference in the person who has dedicated himself or herself to following Jesus.

A further description of the Gentiles is given in Ephesians 4:18-19: *"Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness."*

What a horrible way of life this is. Can we imagine being darkened in our understanding and excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance we possess? And with hardened hearts, such will only continue because we would be callous (lacking pity, mercy or feeling), giving ourselves completely over to sensuality and the practice of every kind of impurity. Paul does not paint a pretty picture of the sinful lifestyle for his readers.

Fortunately, there is good news. Notice what we have in Ephesians 4:20-21: *"But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus."* Paul was very much aware that the Ephesians had been introduced to the pure gospel message when he was initially with them in Acts 19. They had heard about Jesus, they had been taught in Jesus and they discovered that truth is in Jesus. For that reason, Paul could continue to say in Ephesians 4:22-23: *"That, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind."*

Here is what Paul really wants the Ephesians, and us, to understand: there must be a noticeable difference between the life one lives prior to becoming a Christian and the life they live after becoming a Christian. The counsel Paul is giving any Christian is that *"you lay aside the old self"* because *"it is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit."* In other words, the former lifestyle is not consistent with the Christian walk. The Christian is to focus on *"being renewed in the spirit of your mind."*

The change in lifestyle must be visible to anyone we come in contact with. The conclusion, in Ephesians 4:24 is unmistakable: *"And put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."*

In very simple terms, the old self is to be laid aside as the Christian takes on the characteristics of God and Christ, living a life of righteousness and holiness that is inseparably linked to the truth found in God's word. If we want to be pleasing to God, the old self must die.