

Forcing Change



Emerging Universalism

By Debra Rae

Editor's Note: Last month's edition of Forcing Change explored the rise of interfaithism. The lead article in this issue follows a similar vein but from another researcher's perspective, and as such, it offers important insights regarding the changing landscape of "faith" and "religion" in the Western world.

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Carl Teichrib, Editor

Better known as Dr. Seuss, Theodor Seuss Geisel authored a number of beloved children's classics.

"I like nonsense," Seuss exclaimed; "Looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope enables you to laugh at life's realities."¹

While I agree there is a time for every purpose under heaven,² charming, but fanciful thoughts, as his, best remain in works of fiction. You see, by definition "nonsense" refers to meaningless language and/or pointless behaviors – hardly the stuff of abundant, fruitful living in the real world.³

Precursors to 21st century politicians, early sophists attended more to self-serving rhetoric than to truth. Over time, sophistry came to be known as false reasoning. To this day, fifth century thought rears its unsightly head as a sort of cerebral political correctness called deconstructionism whereupon words take on whatever meaning one chooses for them. This *normalized nonsense* renders meaningful communication unrealizable.

Contemporary sophists forfeit common sense for outright absurdities and inconsistencies (i.e., nonsense). For example, United Nations "experts" freely redefine words to suit their own purposes. Consider the word, "torture." What constitutes the U.N.'s view of torture is not the practice of partial-birth abortion, as pro-life advocates contend, but rather it is accepting the inviolable dignity of human life that naturally *restricts* abortion (i.e., in cases of rape).⁴ Huh?

Proponents of said absurdity freely create language to win arguments, never to affirm truth. Your truth may not be my truth (and visa versa), but "What the hey; who's to say?" Right and wrong don't exist – only good or bad debate.



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Sadly, U.N. officials aren't alone in viewing life through the wrong end of a telescope. Another case in point is the American Psychological Association's nonsensical argument that children are "not typically harmed by adult-child sex."⁵ Balderdash.

Biblical Anchorage, Universalism and Interfaith Deception

Keep in mind that postmodernists embrace no meta-narrative ("big story") respecting the sovereign God of creation.⁶ The late Charles Colson rightly labeled this feckless mindset "a formalized expression of despair." Bereft of settled principles, a double-minded man or woman is nothing if not irresolute and wavering.⁷ In contrast, hope in the unchanging nature of God's purpose safeguards firm, secure anchorage for the soul.⁸

Having mistakenly legitimized universalism, Rob Bell was awarded the #1 spot for top religious stories of 2011.⁹ Ignoring that God is a god of justice, Universalists err by insisting we all are children of God; and a loving God would never condemn anyone to hell. Then again, Scripture instructs otherwise.¹⁰ In recent years, many Christian youth groups have been served bountiful banquets of a-biblical babble. By imbibing *The Irresistible Revolution*, written by Shaine Claibourne and Jim Wallis, ill-equipped Christians naively drop anchor in sludge.¹¹

Many today consider it passé to believe in the inerrancy of scripture. Without appearing overly opinionated, exclusive, and/or intolerant, they simply "live and let live," hear the narratives of many and, then, do what seems right in their own eyes.¹² A softer, gentler, milk-toast-of-a-gospel shushes fundamental warnings about hellfire and damnation.

Religious services officiated by the likes of Rev. Feargus O'Connor (Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths) feature readings from humanist sources along with scriptures of sundry faith systems. At their core, all religions are thought to share the ethical principle of compassion. Accordingly, inspired by progressive thinkers from the world's greatest religions, the U.N. *Charter for Compassion* (2009) affirms the Golden Rule and exalts empathy and compassion for all.¹³ Apart from divine empowerment, however, even well meaning do-gooders identify with the apostle Paul's dilemma, "For the good that I want, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not want."¹⁴ More often than not, compassion evades fallen humanity.

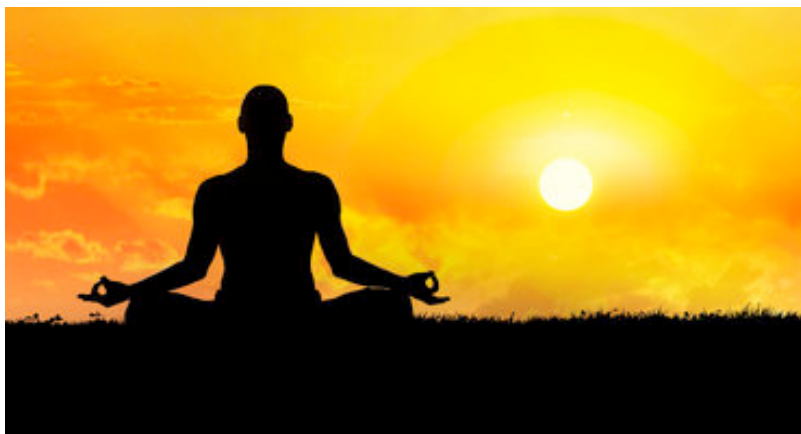
Lacking a spiritual compass, religious Universalists accept that all religions (or none) provide equal enlightenment; all represent valid pathways to God. Sadly, even "the elect" fall prey to interfaith deception.¹⁵ Case in point: Carlton Pearson.

Raised in a traditional Christian home, and educated at Oral Roberts University, Pearson relies heavily on German "higher criticism" and espouses a non-literal view of the Bible. One of America's 10 Most Influential Black Ministers, Pearson now proclaims a new Gospel of Radical

Inclusion that wrongly exchanges universal salvation for personal redemption and social justice for spiritual purity.¹⁶

From April 30 to May 2, 2014, a mainstream evangelical, church-leadership conference drew thousands of pastors and church workers to Carrollton, Texas for an event called Catalyst Dallas. At an afternoon workshop, attendees engaged in “centering prayer,” a mystical practice of Eastern spirituality. So-called “theology of the heart,” acted out thusly, may well emphasize intimacy with God; but it nonetheless misses the mark.¹⁷ Whereas biblical meditation engages the mind, contemplative prayer empties it.¹⁸

Enter, the groundbreaking global Prison Yoga Project. By introducing Karma Yoga and Mindfulness Meditation into prisons, rehabilitation facilities, and community programs, participants reportedly “reconnect more deeply with themselves and others.” The project’s self-transformative message shifts need for God Almighty to the Self – this, by means of Eastern spirituality – and thereby counterfeits the plan of God for personal salvation.¹⁹



While describing themselves as “spiritual,” increasing numbers of Westerners embrace “no religious affiliation.” With creed, commandments, and ritual increasingly falling by the wayside, many accept any brand of spirituality that floats their metaphorical boat. Unfortunately, vain attempts to build an unattainable world of tolerance, justice, security, and peace will end in sudden destruction.²⁰

Today’s burgeoning ecumenicalism wrongly mixes universalism with humanism and Eastern philosophies: Having convened in Detroit (January 2014), the *World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation* featured Hindu dancers cavorting all the while Muslims droned “the Call” and Jews blew their shofars. This merge-and-splurge display of empty religiosity serves only to morph traditional faith systems into oblivion. Apart from the God of the Bible, emerging, pie-in-the-sky esotericism threatens to deceive multitudes; and that’s precisely what it will do.

“Yellow Brick Road”

In cadence with the likes of Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, and Tin Man, scores of unwitting folks skip merrily down the yellow brick road in pursuit of “the rainbow over the stream and the fellow who follows a dream.” Popularized in the late 18th century, and all the rage today, the dream of Universalism requires no redemption from sin, or atonement for it. Hell and damnation are unthinkable. How could a loving god possibly conceive of perdition, or condemn anyone to it? Dismissing cries for justice, Christian Universalists insist that, because all are children of God, all will be reconciled to Him and eventually be conformed to divine perfection.

American author and pastor Rob Bell assuages worry, for even after death, he postulates, everyone will be cleansed. To that end, Universalists teach unconditional election, irresistible grace, and perseverance. “Christian” Universalism renders “free will” meaningless and Jesus, unnecessary. Simply live and let live. In the words of Millard Fuller (founder of Habitat for Humanity), “The New Order of the Spirit is confronting and challenging us” – not to repent and convert, but rather to “follow your bliss.” Nice work if you can get it, yes?

Firmly rooted in Gnosticism, Universalists pooh-pooh the compulsory plan of biblical salvation.²¹ Theirs is a higher knowledge, blending speculation and imaginings from a medley of diverse sources (Greek, Roman, Jewish; theosophies and mysteries of the East). Neo-Gnostics bypass objectivism (truth/reality) for transcendent experiences.²² The apostle Paul warned Pastor Timothy of “the *gnosis* [knowledge], which is falsely so called.”²³ Notwithstanding, in the 2nd century, Gnosticism spread like California wildfire. Holding a variety of opinions, both religious and philosophical, it derived certain of its features from the *Kabbalah*, a mystical, magical interpretation of the Bible. *Kabbalism* was at first an oral occult tradition from which Gnosticism emerged.²⁴

The burgeoning “new consciousness” also springs from growing awareness among Westerners of the inherent wisdom emanating from the East. Evolving “truth” is tailor-made for a religiously pluralistic, international community.

Cosmic humanist Lucile Green concedes that Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Shintoism may well differ, but together they portray our world as “multidimensional.” Learning through them, she continues, “builds the foundations of a new world order” distinguished by one-world economics, global governance, and religious pluralism.²⁵

Consider also that the catchy motto of the United Religions Initiative²⁶ is “unity in diversity.” But the Bible commands believers to withdraw from – not join – those who march out of rank.²⁷ With no rightful promise of salvation, so-called collective wisdom ostensibly ensures equal rights and religious inclusion for all. Never mind that light has no fellowship with darkness.²⁸

With magnetic appeal, utopian coexistence entices nominal Christians, most non-monotheistic world religionists, and left-leaning political moralists. Exchanging the cinched waistband of sound doctrine for an adjustable drawstring of comfy compromise, Christian Universalists make room for what promises to be a veritable smorgasbord of tasty religious delicacies.

Another religion that fits the global order is the Persian transplant devoted to ecumenical syncretism, the Bahai, as this cult ignores flagrant contradictions between and among major faith systems. Quasi-Islamist adherents of Bahai know nothing of eternal flames where sinners are forever confined. While undercutting Christian orthodoxy, these cultists clothe themselves in Western terminology – this, for broader appeal – and self-identify as superior. Their mission, after all, is to unify all faiths into a common world brotherhood.²⁹

For most pluralists, however, none of the many paths to liberation or illumination reign supreme. With or without Jesus, theirs is a collective salvation. Even President Barack Obama wrongly insists, “I am saved only if we all are saved.”

Sadly, deconstructing biblical orthodoxy only to replace it with “one’s own truth” opens the floodgates to deception. Case in point: Speaking at an annual leadership conference at Willow Creek Community Church, Tony Blair opined, “God’s spirit moves through us and the world at a pace that can never be constricted by any one religious paradigm. Be very wary of people who think theirs is the only way.”³⁰ (Jesus, for instance?)³¹

Chrislam

Not long ago, the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston teamed with Christian communities in Atlanta, Seattle, and Detroit to advance their own brand of “ecumenical reconciliation” between Christianity and Islam. Predictably called Chrislam, this strain of inclusive ecumenicalism qualifies mutually inharmonious texts – namely, the Bible and the Qur’an. Since a seeker eventually will discover “the superior path,” Universalists minimize irreconcilable differences or trivialize mutually exclusive dogma. Accordingly, when common ground is reached between Islamists and Buddhists, the result is called Buddlam. Syncretizing Islamic doctrine with Hindu beliefs produces Hindlam.³²

Although the Bible establishes that God *is* love, the Qur’an omits any such reference. In a manner of speaking, Chrislam jams Christianity and Islam into a top hat and, with wave of a magic wand, pulls out “love” by its proverbial ears. Because the “love” concept in Islam differs significantly from that of Christian love, this love-rabbit, so to speak, is barely recognizable. In biblical Christianity, perfect love casts out fear; the two (love and fear) are mutually exclusive—you know, like oil and water. That said, Moroccan scholar Fatema Mernissi explains the centrality of fear within Islam. Many modern Muslims fear Allah and his Imams, the foreign West, democracy, freedom of thought, and individualism.³³ Turning a blind eye, Christian

Universalists presume to link arms with Muslim “brothers” while mindlessly swaying to the melody and lyrics of “Give Peace a Chance.”

The question remains: How can two walk together except they are agreed?³⁴

Truth be told, they can’t. All three doctrinal mutations dilute the essence of their respective religions; sadly, all portray God as indecisive.³⁵ To the contrary, the God of the Bible exhibits “no shadow of turning.”³⁶ The Greek word for “turning” likely references “revolution of the heavenly orbs.”³⁷ The Septuagint³⁸ applies the same term to fluctuations in the heavens.³⁹ By turning upon its axis, the earth changes its relationship to the sun and thereby alters shadows. Not so with the immutable God of the Bible.⁴⁰ He alone is without variableness or shadow of turning.⁴¹

Common Ground Project

A world-renowned humanitarian, the late Mother Teresa, embodied Universalism. Acknowledging different ways of following God, she helped a Hindu to become a better Hindu, a Muslim to become a better Muslim, a Catholic become a better Catholic. According to her theological grid, the god in one’s mind is the god one must accept; and Jesus inhabits us all.⁴² If you follow Buddhist practices, you ostensibly get to Buddhist heaven. In like fashion, if you follow Muslim practices, you’re guaranteed Muslim paradise,⁴³ especially if you strap on a bomb for detonation in some public forum.

Today, the key proponent for pluralism is His Holiness, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama (picture below). Thought to be a deity, this affable Tibetan monk hinges human survival on interfaith cooperation.⁴⁴ In May of 2010, he joined a panel of select scholars who together launched the Common Ground Project.⁴⁵ Planned over several years by HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan, along with the Dalai Lama, the project nurtures spiritual relationships across diverse faith traditions.

Universalist efforts, as these, trump biblical truth with commitment to “tolerance,” which at best is highly selective. Almost anything goes, but to reject the “many paths” dogma is *not* tolerated. While on a lecture tour, Israeli journalist and Jewish theologian Avi Lipkin was sentenced in accordance with Swiss anti-racism law. Why? He characterized minarets as “nails in the coffin of the West.” Rather than submit to re-education in some mosque (called “community service”), Avi opted for a jail sentence.⁴⁶ Even for Universalists, tolerance apparently has its limits.



The God Who Does Not Change

Despite bogus claims to the contrary, the broad road of collective consciousness in no way ensures religious “harmony” and “solidarity.”⁴⁷ Neither time, nor ideologies, nor clever tactics can redefine or distill truth. It’s not subject to my belief, or yours. Instead, truth is the very essence of God,⁴⁸ who changes not.⁴⁹

Better to buy the Truth and sell it not⁵⁰ than to cast it aside for some Utopian dream that never will be realized.⁵¹ **FC**

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Roots and Fruits:

Evolution and the Christian Response

by Dr. Robert Gurney.

One way of discovering the true nature of a theory is to study its 'roots and fruits' – that is, its *origins* and *consequences*. We shall see in this article that evolution's origins are anti-Christian and anti-biblical, and its consequences appear to be uniformly evil. There are several reasons why Christians should oppose the theory of evolution, and these are just two of them.

Roots

The idea of evolution is actually very old. The pagan Greeks, for example, wrote about it some 2,700 years ago. But the modern theory, together with the present-day concept of vast periods of time, has its roots in the anti-Christian 'Enlightenment' of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (the same is true of liberal theology). Many of the pioneers of these ideas were deists. Deists do not believe in divine revelation; so they do not believe that the Bible is the Word of God. Their 'god' is very different from the God of the Bible. He/it is a remote being who started the universe, but left it to run itself, operating according to natural laws.¹

Various theories were put forward, resulting eventually in the full-blown long ages, anti-Flood geology of Charles Lyell (1797-1875) and then the theory of evolution of Charles Darwin (1809-1882). Lyell was a deist who wanted to "free the science [geology] from Moses."² He was greatly influenced by another deist, James Hutton (1726-1797). Hutton proposed a radical uniformitarianism in which he insisted that only present-day processes at present-day frequencies and magnitudes should be used to interpret the rock record – and Lyell developed this idea further.³

Darwin studied theology for a time, but he turned against Christianity and became a deist or possibly an agnostic.⁴ He was much influenced by Charles Lyell, and by his own grandfather, Erasmus Darwin (1731-1802), who was an anti-Christian deist and evolutionist.

Charles Darwin's theory did not arise primarily out of his scientific observations. He accepted the deistic, uniformitarian worldview of his friend and mentor, Charles Lyell, and then he interpreted the data in accordance with that worldview.⁵

Thus the roots of these ideas (of vast ages and evolution) are clearly anti-Christian.

Fruits

What about the fruits of these ideas? The list of evil fruits seems almost endless. They catalogue untold misery and suffering. Whole nations and societies – countless millions of people – have been affected for evil. Science itself has been corrupted and its progress hindered.⁶

The theory of evolution (with the billions of years that it requires) is *the* foundational belief of secular humanism (atheism). It enables humanists to deny the existence of God and their accountability to Him. It means that they can create their own standard of morality and do “what is right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25).

Nations and societies which adopt this evolutionary philosophy see a breakdown of family life, broken homes, sexual immorality, lack of respect for the sanctity of human life (including that of the unborn child) and increasing crime. The theory of evolution is foundational to the doctrines of Marxism and Nazism, which produced the cold-blooded murder of millions. These murders include 77 million in Communist China, 62 million in the Soviet Gulag State, 2 million in the Khmer Rouge killing fields and 21 million non-battle killings by the Nazis.⁷

It is the basis of the most appalling practices of eugenics (the ‘science’ of ensuring superior human populations). This included Hitler’s killing of many disabled people, and the forced sterilization of hundreds of thousands, including many thousands in the USA.⁸

It has also fuelled racism of various kinds, involving the ruthless elimination of those regarded as inferior.⁹ Australian aboriginals, for example, were slaughtered because they were considered to be subhuman.¹⁰

The theory of evolution has also contributed to the loss of faith or lack of faith of millions. Witness the millions of atheists and agnostics in countries that used to be ‘Christian’, but have been or are dominated by communism or secular humanism. There are countless stories of individuals brought up in Christian homes who say they lost their faith through evolutionary teaching.

Another fruit of the ideas of vast ages and evolution is the tendency to slide into ‘liberal’ theology. This entails dismissing Genesis as history, which undermines the very notion of salvation in Jesus Christ, “the last Adam.”

Christian Responses

Many Christians share my view that the theory of evolution, together with its billions of years, is actually a satanic deception. Jesus said,

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.” (Matthew 7:15–20)

The fruits borne by the theory of evolution are uniformly bad, but the fruits borne by believing the biblical account, consistently applied, are uniformly good. Belief in the biblical account has effects which are the exact opposite of those caused by belief in evolution. For example, it discourages racism. According to the Bible, all human beings are closely related, being descended from Adam via Noah, who lived less than five thousand years ago.¹¹ It also

encourages the advance of science, because it accepts that the whole creation has been wonderfully designed by a rational God.¹²

But what about Christians who accept the theory of evolution and/or billions of years, and try to reconcile them with Scripture? One clergyman who is a theistic evolutionist said to me, “Darwin did not know that Hitler and Stalin would use the theory of evolution to justify their actions.”

It is true that Lyell and Darwin did not foresee the full consequences of their theories, but they could have guessed. After all, the full title of Darwin’s book is *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, Or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*, and in *The Descent of Man*, he wrote:

“At some future period... the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace throughout the world the savage races. At the same time the anthropomorphous [having or suggesting human form and appearance] apes... will no doubt be exterminated. The break will then be rendered wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as at present between the negro or Australian and the gorilla.”¹³

The important thing to understand is that Lyell and Darwin were deliberately seeking to exclude God from science, and they knew very well that their theories would destroy belief in the Bible, the God of the Bible and the morality rooted in the Bible.¹⁴

Some Christians say that Darwin’s theory cannot be hostile to Christianity, because he mentioned the Creator in his book. However, this concept is totally foreign to the entire ethos of the *Origin*, so the mentions would appear to have been “a sop to mollify the Christian community.”¹⁵ For example, Darwin added his famous words ‘by the Creator’ (in the last sentence of the book) to the 2nd (1860) and later editions of *Origin*. But privately, in a letter to Joseph Hooker, dated March 1863, he wrote, “...I have long regretted that I truckled to public opinion & used the Pentateuchal term of creation, by which I really meant ‘appeared’ by some wholly unknown process.”¹⁶

As mentioned, Darwin himself was anti-Christian, and to the extent that his thinking may have included a deistic ‘God,’ it was not the God of Christianity.

Another very common response is to say that evolution is simply a biological process, and the Nazis, Marxists and others misused the theory to justify their actions. There is nothing wrong, such Christians say, with the process itself. But this argument is illogical and unbiblical. The theory’s evil fruits are bound up in its very nature. If God created by means of evolution, it means that He used a process of millions of years of death, disease, violence, suffering and waste. And it involves the ruthless elimination of the weak by the strong. If God used such methods, why shouldn’t we? In fact, Nazis and Marxists thought that they were just emulating nature in their ruthlessness. Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who masterminded the deaths of millions, was saturated in evolutionary thinking, and believed that his actions were not

merely defensible – they were commendable. He was cooperating with nature, improving the human race.¹⁷

Actually, the scientific evidence against microbes-to-man evolution is so powerful that the theory of evolution has no right to be called a ‘theory’. Scientists normally use this word to mean a well-substantiated explanation of the data. An example is Einstein’s Theory of Relativity. The theory of evolution is really just a hypothesis based on a naturalistic worldview and a naturalistic definition of science – the arbitrary assumption that everything can and must be explained without reference to God and the supernatural.

The ‘roots and fruits’ of the theory of evolution indicate very clearly that it is a satanic deception. The Bible’s teaching supports this conclusion, as do the real facts of science. A further indication is the fact that ‘the world’ seems to have a special hatred for biblical creation. It does everything in its power to exclude and suppress it, and to impose the evolutionary worldview. Some Christians may believe in evolution and/or millions of years, but that does not change the unpleasant facts described in this article, nor the implications of those facts. **FC**

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The Theory of Evolution



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The public has been told for many years that evolution is a scientific fact. NASA even issued a report, *Earth System Science: A Program for Global Change*, which repeatedly presents this view. For example, on page 14 is included the assertion that some 3.5 billion years ago, primitive living cells evolved the process of photosynthesis and transformed the earth's atmosphere into one dominated by free oxygen. The problem with this type of pronouncement is that even evolutionists Harry Clemmey and Nick Badham have acknowledged in *Geology* (March 1982) that there was oxygen in the pre-Cambrian atmosphere, which would have made it impossible for amino acids, life's basic elements, to bind together!

Evolution is supposed to have begun by chance, but the statistical odds against one protein molecule forming by chance would be 100160 to one *against* that happening. Moreover, Cambridge University's Sir Fred Hoyle (originator of the Steady-State Theory of the Universe) has remarked: "The notion that not only biopolymers but the operation programme of a living cell could be arrived at by chance in a primordial organic soup here on earth is evidently nonsense of a high order."

Dr. Paul LeMoine, who was an editor of *L'Encyclopedie Francais*, has concluded that "evolution is a fairy tale for adults."

There is simply no evidence that simple forms of life developed from dead matter, or that complex forms of life developed from simple forms. The problem that evolutionists face in this regard is one of "required immediate functionality of specialized organs" (a term I coined several decades ago). They propose that land plants simply evolved from marine plants, for example, ignoring the fact that land plants immediately need a vascular system not needed by aquatic plants. And if life evolved from the simple (e.g., a frog) to the complex (e.g., humans), why do frogs have more genetic material than humans? The scientific fact of the matter is that evolution violates the Second Law of Thermodynamics, which says natural processes always tend toward disorder, and the simple will never produce the more complex.

Another problem evolutionists face is that the fossil record does not provide us with transitional forms of life, which must be evidenced if life has evolved slowly supposedly over tens of millions of years (Darwinian evolution). The Smithsonian Institution has displayed a characterization of Archaeopteryx, which evolutionists have claimed is the transition from reptile to bird (but which actually has been proven to be clearly a warm-blooded bird with perfect feathers). This bothered the late Luther Sunderland, author of *Darwin's Enigma*, who gave me a copy of a letter he had received from evolutionist

Colin Patterson, Curator of the British Museum of Natural History (which has perhaps the greatest collection of fossils in the world), who admitted there is no scientific evidence of transitional life forms.

In *Algeny*, Jeremy Rifkin noted that in a November 5, 1981 speech before a group of experts on evolutionary theory at the American Museum of Natural History, Patterson revealed,

“Last year I had a sudden realization. For over twenty years I had thought I was working on evolution in some way. One morning I woke up and something had happened in the night; and it struck me that I had been working on this stuff for twenty years and there was not one thing I knew about it.

That’s quite a shock, to learn that one can be so misled so long... So for the last few weeks I’ve tried putting a simple question to various people and groups of people... Can you tell me anything you know about evolution, any one thing, any one thing that is true?... All I got... was silence... The absence of answers seems to suggest that... evolution does not convey any knowledge, or, if so, I haven’t yet heard it... I think many people in this room would acknowledge that during the last few years, if you had thought about it at all, you have experienced a shift from evolution as knowledge to evolution as faith. I know that it’s true of me and I think it is true of a good many of you here... Evolution not only conveys no knowledge but seems somehow to convey antiknowledge.”

Besides former Senior Paleontologist at the British Museum Colin Patterson, another individual questioning Darwinian evolution because of the lack of transitional life forms was Harvard University professor Stephen Jay Gould. In “Is A New and General Theory of Evolution Emerging?” (*Paleobiology*, January 1980), Gould stated: “The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions in organic design, indeed our inability, even in our imagination, to construct functional intermediates in many cases, has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution.”

In *The Panda’s Thumb* (1980) by Gould, he also stated,

“...Can we invent a reasonable sequence of intermediate forms – that is, viable, functioning organisms – between ancestors and descendants in major structural transitions? I submit, although it may only reflect my lack of imagination, that the answer is no.”

The fossils show only perfected kinds (e.g., turtles but no semi-turtles). Evolutionists argue that fish supposedly evolved into amphibians, but there are no fossils with part-fins and part-feet. The so-called “walking catfish” actually slithers and flops along on its belly. Failing to find any evidence of evolving new creatures, evolutionists fall back upon the “horse theories,” averring that the modern horse came from Eohippus. This is

not demonstrable, however, because after Eohippus, which had 18 ribs, Orohippus had 15 ribs, then Pliohippus had 19 ribs and the modern horse has 18 ribs.

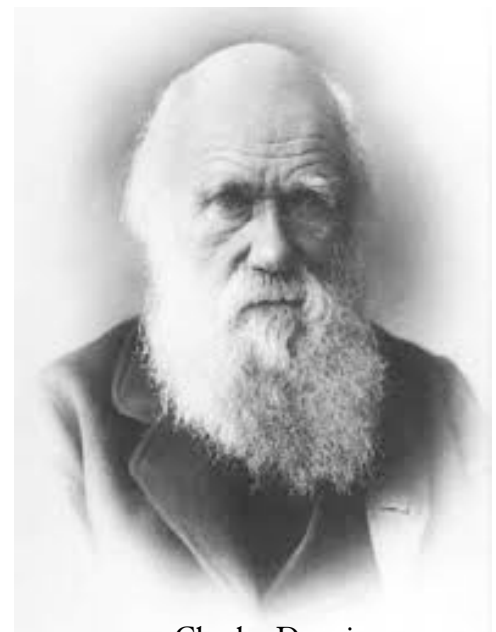
With the clear failure of evolution to demonstrate that the accumulation of micro mutations over long periods of time had produced many new kinds of creatures, some evolutionists next proposed the theory of “Punctuated Equilibria” (the old “hopeful monster theory”), which proclaimed that occasionally there were dramatic mutations which caused striking changes in creatures. This, however, was not supported by experiments with fruit flies, which were given doses of radiation speeding up their mutation rate by 15,000 percent and still did not turn into any other kind of creature.

While the fossil record does not show mutations changing fruit flies to bees, for example, it does show new creatures appearing suddenly and highly specialized (e.g., trilobites, coral, starfish, etc.) in Cambrian rocks. The fossils show fully formed (though varying in size) dinosaurs and flying Pterosaurs, but no half-dinosaurs or half-Pterosaurs.

Concerning the fossil record and man, there have been a number of so-called “missing links” discovered during the past century; however, they (e.g., Piltdown Man) eventually have been shown to be hoaxes, non-human or human, but not a combination of non-human and human. Evolutionists used to point to “gill slits” and “tails” in pre-born humans as proof of their theory, but we now know the “gills” are really visceral arches with blood vessels, and the “tail” is the coccyx with ligaments and muscles attached to it that control the anus.

Why did evolutionists make a religion out of something (theory of evolution) requiring such “faith” to accept when the scientific evidence was weighted against it? One reason was, and for some still is, a consummate desire to have naturalism replace supernaturalism. The second reason may be described as an elitist tendency, because as liberal Judge Braswell Dean has noted, the writings of Darwin were somewhat racist, with the full title of his famous 1859 volume being *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*. Another example of Darwin’s racism can be found in his *The Descent of Man* (1871), wherein he declared there would be a break “between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope, than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as at present between the negro or Australian and the gorilla.”

Today, the theory of evolution taught in our schools is considered by many as anti-Judeo-Christian (i.e., if man came from apes, then he can be treated like an ape relatively speaking, experimenting on or sterilizing him involuntarily, infanticide, euthanasia, etc.).



Charles Darwin

A great deal of scientific evidence against evolution may be found in *Evolution: A Theory In Crisis* by religious agnostic, molecular biologist Dr. Michael Denton. For example, he refers to “the difficulties associated with attempting to explain how a family of homologous proteins could have evolved at constant rates.” There is also an excellent series of videotapes titled *Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution* by Dr. Jobe Martin, who has written:

“The European Green woodpecker’s tongue goes down the throat, out the back of the neck ‘...around the back of the skull beneath the skin, and over the top between the eyes, terminating usually just below the eye socket.’ In some woodpeckers the tongue exits the skull between the eyes and enters the beak through one of the nostrils! How would this evolve?”

And the 2008 film *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* with Ben Stein also contains some useful information.

While there is conclusive scientific evidence for the adaptation of species to their surroundings, there is a great lack of evidence that every living entity is the product of a slow evolutionary process from a single source (Darwinian evolution) as is now taught in most public schools. I would strongly recommend that if schools are going to continue to teach the theory of evolution, we should demand that they also teach the scientific evidence against evolution as well. **FC**

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