

The Dangers of Evolution

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The Three Big Questions of Life

There are three big questions of life that all people must and will contemplate throughout their existence.

1) Where did I come from?

This is the foremost question of the three and actually is the basis of the other two. The Bible clearly states that the earth and all that is here, including man, was created through intelligent design, not random chance. Below is just a sampling.

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Psalm 102:25 “Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
- Revelation 4:11 “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”
- Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

2) Why am I here?

When a person arrives at an answer that they are the result of Intelligent Design, they are left with a life-struggle in discovering what that Intelligent Designer has in store for their own life. This is where the second question is introduced to the sequence of contemplations. Why am I here? If we are the result of a Creator, then there is an internal obligation of the created to seek out the will of the Designer. This is why the Creation Account was the basis the gospel obligation to God as preached by the apostles.

- Acts 4:24 “...O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM...”
- Acts 14:15 "...Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them.”
- Acts 17:24-29 "The God who made the world and all things in it....”
- 1 Pet 4:19 “...entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.”
- 2 Pet 3:4 “...just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

3) Where do I go when I die?

When a person answers the first question using the basis of creation and answers the second question as obligation to the Creator, then the final question will come into focus. Where do I go when I die? If you have taken the path that the Creator has spelled out in the word, then there can be assurance of a life after death. *John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.* Not only does this make a difference in the individual lives of those that take that path, but when a society follows the same the entire civilization will be improved.

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The Evolution Effect

- Just imagine what happens when a person substitutes Evolution for Creation on the first question. Where did I come from? When that answer is “random chance of nature”, the resulting effects will be disastrous on that individual. If we came into being through “survival of the fittest”, “natural selection” and “primordial slime”, then we can follow that principle in answering the second question.
- Why am I here? I am here to survive. Can all you get and get all you can. *Isaiah 22:13 “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die.”*
- With that as the setting the person faces the third question. Where do I go when I die? If you came from slime and have the choice to live like slime, then we have slime at best in the future. *1 Thessalonians 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.*
- What happens when a society on large part embraces the evolutionary theory instead of Creation? That is what the remainder of this lesson will focus on.

The Downward Slope of Society and Evolution

To best summarize some of these effects of the “Evolution Saturation” of our society, we must turn to Romans chapter 1.

A) Romans 1:18:23 -Truth-Suppression

Romans 1:18-23 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

- *Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.* It most definitely takes faith to believe in the creation account, for nobody alive today was there when it occurred. *Job 38:4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding...”* On the other hand we cannot deny the difficulties in trying to reason away the overwhelming evidence of Intelligent Design.
 - Ps 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
 - Ps 139:14 I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well.
- From the genetics of every creature on the planet, to a new born baby’s handprint, to a simple single-cell amoeba, we can see the workings of a Designer. Over the next couple lessons of the series we will be discussing this in much greater detail. God made us in such a way so as to reason the information and come to a sound conclusion. In order to consistently come to the conclusion that there is NOT Intelligent Design places the “Evolver” on a path of Truth-Suppression. The danger in that is we fail to embrace truth, making it relative to what we feel and not what reality truly is. We as a society become a “Relativistic” people rather than “Absolute” thinkers. We have long since reached this stage in our civilization. *Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

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B) Romans 1:20-21 -Atheistic Elitism

Romans 1:20-21 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- When a people embrace Evolution as their religious basis, they are left to fend for themselves in their struggle for their own way. *2 Timothy 3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* When you suppress the truth of Creation, shutting out all reality for a lie, then you must come up with something pretty good to feel better about it. This is where that Atheistic Elitism emanates from that we find infecting our society today.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
 - Isaiah 5:21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!
 - 1 Corinthians 3:20 “THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS.”

C) Romans 1:22-23 -Rampant Idolatry

Romans 1:22-23 Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

- In a society that has embraced Evolution as the basis, idolatry will run rampant. If there is no Creator to focus upon, then all “created things” must fill that void, for it still remains. Idolatry is the great equalizer, for it puts all creatures on the same level, whether it be man, birds, four-footed animals, creeping things or whatever else is present.
- *Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* When this principle is ignored and replaced by idolatry, animal worship will once again become prominent just like the many times it has in the past.
- Do you want to know what is fueling the animal rights movement that has enveloped the earth? Look no further than the fruits of Evolution. How can the same activist that holds a “Save the Seals” sign be pro-abortion? It isn’t about truth. It is about Atheistic Elitism and the rampant idolatry that Evolution breeds. Replace Intelligent Design with Evolution and watch where it takes us as a society.

D) Romans 1:24-27 Biological Confusion

Romans 1:24-32 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women

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exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

- With that in mind it is necessary to go back to a passage from the Creation Account. *Gen 1:27-28 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* From the very beginning in the Bible account we have been told that it was male and female. They did not have to possess a degree in biology to figure out what "Be fruitful and multiply" meant. It is the way of biology, one man and one woman equals a baby.
- What happens if you do not believe in Intelligent Design? If one believes we arrived here through random chance mutations that defied biology, then biology no longer matters. Do you want to know what has contributed heavily to the anti-biological homosexual movement that is running rampant in the world today? You guessed it, the religion of Evolution. In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus said "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,⁵ and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? If you don't have the first quote, you will never discover the second.
- When a society widely embraces the religion of Evolution, the truth is suppressed, atheistic elitism if brought forth, idolatry is rampant and biological confusion follows.

E) Romans 1:28-32 Complete Devaluing of Life

Romans 1:28-32 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

- With Evolution firmly in place for the new national religion, the truth being suppressed, atheistic thought revered, idolatry promoted and the laws of biology ignored, there is nowhere to go but down. When a people are given over to a depraved mind that refuses to recognize their existence at the hand of a Creator, there is utter collapse.
- What is the ripened fruit of the religion of Evolution? Pornography, abortion, euthanasia, irreverence, gossips, wall street corruption, dirty politicians, murderers, thieves, liars, slanderers, child molesters and a thousand other sins that you can think of.

In summary, we have been experiencing the fruits of Evolution for quite some time. The pattern that Paul revealed was not a new one to this time period, but a long established model of a culture that refuses to recognize Intelligent Design.