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## THE LONG WAR

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting

There is a war going on in our society which has greatly intensified in recent years. All around us are war casualties: children and adults lost in hopelessness and despair, searching for answers, but in the wrong places.

This war is the age-old conflict which pits men and women, boys and girls, against their Creator. Some are active in their war against God, while most others are simply caught up in the flow. Some have willingly enlisted, others have been deceived into thinking that God is the enemy and the Bible is just an out-dated book of rules spelling bondage.

The battle rages on many fronts. Issues like abortion, pornography, drugs, and violence are continually before us. Society encourages us to do our own thing, to look out for "number one," and to "go for the gusto." Moral absolutes and Biblical standards have been replaced with relativistic value systems in which "everyone does what is right in his own eyes," yet people are at a loss when it comes to achieving real, lasting joy and fulfillment.

While the issues are numerous, the foundational issue really relates to the identity of God and our relationship to Him. Is God just an impersonal, universal force of which we are all part or is He the powerful, loving, personal God who created heaven and earth? Are we merely the result of time, chance and natural processes, or are we the creative handiwork of a wise and mighty God?

If we take the Bible seriously we have answers. Romans 1:20 tells us there is clear evidence of God right in what He had made. There is also ample evidence that the Bible is an accurate account of historical events. **The evidence is clearly visible** to anyone who has an open heart and mind. The war

can end in our own lives if we will just **believe**.

The Bible not only tells us of the creation of the world, but also about man's rebellion against his Creator and the physical and spiritual death that resulted. It portrays in living examples the heartache and despair brought about by this separation from God, then goes on to pronounce the "**good news**", that Jesus Christ, the very Creator of the world, loved His sinful creatures so much that He was willing to be born of a woman, to live a sinless life among them, and finally to allow them to put Him to death. This, then, is the "Gospel in a Nutshell." The Creator Himself dying for His sinful creatures. Have you submitted to His Lordship and accepted His offer of forgiveness? If not, isn't it time you stopped fighting a losing battle?



Any clues?? See *Spotlight on Science*

# NOTES & QUOTES

**\*\*Dr. Henry Morris' recent book, The Long War Against God (Baker Book House, 1989), is a fascinating, comprehensive treatment of the history and impact of the creation/evolution conflict. It has received well-deserved praise from various quarters:**

- It may well be the most important book of this century on this topic, or for that matter, on any topic. . . . The book is easy reading, even fast-paced, as you would expect an excellently written mystery thriller to be. . . . However, unlike a mystery thriller, this book was written by a man accustomed to documenting his claims, so it contains over 500 quotes and citations. Typical of his style, Morris largely avoids quoting Christian authors who agree with him, but provides most of his documentation from secular authorities in their respective fields. There is enough material here for hundreds of sermons and thousands of term papers. (Mid-America Creation Science Association News, March 1990)
- In a book so filled with information, the presence of three indexes -- subject, name and Scripture -- is a real help. Should the reader own the book, he can continue to use it as a source of information on topics as diverse as animism, the Big Bang theory, education, Gnosticism, languages, the New Age movement, placentophagia, the tri-unity in nature, and Zoroastrianism. The breadth of Dr. Morris' interests is quite remarkable! (Journal of Theology, March 1990)

**\*\*We highly recommend this book. It would make an excellent addition to any home or church library. (Available from Alpha Omega Institute, Box 4343, Grand Junction, CO 81502, \$24.00 includes shipping.)**

**\*\*The battle goes on, and one of the hottest battlefields is the public school. Already this year, we are hearing reports from students about ridicule and intolerance of Christian beliefs. Evolution is dogmatically taught as the only possible option, astrology is presented in junior high, moral standards are mocked, and students who hold to a Biblical standard are pressured to relax and "have fun."**

**\*\*And the war will continue, because there are those in our country who are committed to living and propagating a "no God" philosophy. For example, consider John Dunphy's position as stated in "A Religion for a New Age," The Humanist, Jan/Feb 1983, p. 26:**

- I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level -- preschool day care or large state university. The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new -- the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism, resplendent in its promise of a world in which the never realized Christian ideal of "love thy neighbor" will finally be achieved.

**\*\*Yes, there is a battle raging, but we are encouraged by the many Christian students who are boldly but respectfully standing up for their beliefs. Already this year, we've seen many of them writing reports, talking to their teachers, speaking up in class, and bringing their un-saved friends to Creation-Evolution seminars.**

**\*\*Christian teachers and students, hang in there! Your life and love can make a tremendous difference. Students are hungry for satisfying answers to the issues facing society today, and they are watching you. "Let your light so shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." What a challenge it is to live your life in a way which reflects the gospel and causes others to desire the joy and peace that you have in the Lord!**

**WALKING WHALES?**

by Michael Shaver

Whales are among the most fascinating animals in all of creation. These air-breathing, warm-blooded aquatic mammals have many features which seem marvelously designed to fit their environment. However, most evolutionists believe they arose from land animals through a series of gradual steps. If so, we would expect to find evidence in the fossil record.

Several years ago, a find in Pakistan was heralded as "the best evidence of the evolution of whales from land animals." (See **Think and Believe**, March/April 1987.) It consisted of only a few teeth, a small patch of a jaw and one small portion of the skull ... not very impressive, considering all the major changes which would be needed to convert a four-legged land-dwelling mammal to a streamlined, efficient sea creature.

Now, a new find in Egypt is being advanced as evidence of the transformation. **U.S. News and World Report** (7/23/90) depicted a whale standing on tiny little hind legs -- but **what is the evidence?**

**Science** (7/13/90) carried a more detailed description of a "serpentine" creature nearly 50 feet long with a small appendage about two feet long extending from the pelvis. An artist's reconstruction depicted this appendage as a leg. Does this find provide a link to the land stage of whale development? Not necessarily.

According to the evolutionist who discovered the "leg," it is "... too small relative to body size to have assisted in swimming and [it] could not possibly have supported the body on land." The authors say the "serpentine" body form suggested it moved with "anguilliform locomotion," like a snake.

Were these "legs" just useless leftovers from evolution then? Apparently not. In fact, they appear to have been adapted for large muscles. The scientists themselves noted that the "legs" might have been used "as guides during copulation, which may otherwise have been difficult in a serpentine aquatic mammal."

So what is the status of the ancestry of whales? There is still no conclusive evidence of a transition between land and sea. The "evidence" that does exist is quite fragmentary and open to various interpretations. Considering the fantastic fit of whales to their environment, the account in Genesis seems more "scientific" than the evolutionary guesses.

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**PALEONTOLOGY**

by Mark Twain

What a noble science is paleontology! And what really startling sagacity its votaries exhibit!

Immediately after the Nathan murder, twenty practiced detectives went and viewed the dead body; examined the marks on the throat and on the head; followed the bloody tracks; looked at the bloody clothes, the broken safe, and the curious, unusual, mysterious "dog." They took note of the stolen diamond studs and set a watch on the pawnbrokers, and they set watches upon all the known thieves and housebreakers, and upon their fast women. They had the detectives of all the wide world to help them watch and work, and the telegraph to facilitate communication. They had the testimony of fifty witnesses in point and conveniently at hand for reference, a knowledge of everything that transpired about the Nathan mansion during the entire eventful night with the exception of the single hour during which the murder was committed. Thus we perceive that the mystery was narrowed down to a very small compass, and the clues and helps were abundant and excellent. Yet what is the result? Nothing. The "dog" has told no tales, the bloody tracks have led no whither, the murderer has not been found. Why, it is not even known whether there was one murderer, or twenty -- or whether men or women did the deed -- or how entrance was gained to the house or how exit was accomplished!

The reader perceives how illiterate detectives can blunder along, with whole volumes of clues to guide them, and yet achieve nothing. Now let me show him what "science" can do. Let me show what might have been done if New York had been intelligent enough to employ one deep paleontologist in the work instead of a dozen detectives. -- Let me demonstrate that with no other clue than one small splinter off that "iron dog," or a gill of the water the bloody shirt was washed in, any cultivated paleontologist would have walked right off and fetched you that murderer with as unerring certainty as he would take a fragment of an unknown bone and build you the animal it used to belong to, and tell you which end his tail was on and what he preferred for dinner.

(From Mark Twain's, "A Brace of Brief Lectures on Science," in **Life as I Find It**, 1871. Things haven't changed much today, have they?!)

## A Thanksgiving

During this Thanksgiving season, we want to take time to thank you for your support of this ministry. We have received so many letters recently from other ministries telling of their dire financial straits. We are indeed thankful to be able to say we owe nothing but a debt of love and appreciation. Alpha Omega Institute has taken out no loans and the Lord has blessed. Yes, we have remained small and many potential projects are on hold, but we believe the Lord provides for what He calls us to do. In due time, He will provide for expansion as he chooses.

Many of you have responded to the Lord's prompting. Thank you for listening to Him. We never know from month to month what is coming in and can only hope and pray for the next month's provision. That is difficult at times, but He has worked through you to us. Thank you!!

We are also thankful for Mary Jo's recovery from major surgery. She is doing well but still needs to regain her strength. Please pray for her.

Finally, we are thankful for many tremendous opportunities to spread the word. We have seen some great results and interest is very high!

**Thank you and God Bless!**



*Let's  
all  
give thanks*

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