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Warning: Bridge Out!

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Imagine you are driving on a curvy mountain road. As you round a corner you see a sign: "STOP! Bridge out ahead!" You manage to stop just in time to avoid certain death. With sweating palms and pounding heart, you thank the Lord for protection and for the person who posted the warning.

Suppose, however, you miss the warning or choose to ignore it. Maybe you don't think it applies to you; perhaps you don't believe in gravity, or you just don't want anybody telling you what to do. Whatever the reason, you find the Law of Gravity holds true despite your apathy, ignorance, rebellion, or unbelief.

Our society today is fast approaching the "bridge out!" Our Creator has ordained unchanging laws by which His universe operates and has lovingly erected "warning signs" in nature and in His Word, but too many people are spurning these "warning signs," and society is heading for disaster. If we are to have a just and orderly society, we **must** realign our lives with His law before it is too late.

Our Founding Fathers knew this. Their writings show that they believed their job was not to "make" law, but to discover and apply God's eternal law. This Biblical base began to be eroded in the 1860's, though, when C. C. Langdell of the Harvard Law School began applying Darwinism and uniformitarianism to social law. Soon "legal positivism" became the undergirding philosophy of law in the U.S.

There are 5 major tenets of legal positivism: 1. There are no God-given principles of law; 2. Man is the author of law; 3. Law evolves; 4. Judges guide the evolution of law; and 5. The "casebook" method is the "scientific" way to study Law (i.e. students study the opinions of judges, not the eternal, unchanging principles of the Word of God).

For over 100 years now, the law schools of this country have been controlled by evolutionists teaching these tenets. As a result, most of our "lawmakers" and judges have ceased looking for God's law and have seen their job as *creators* of laws for an "evolving" society.

The impact of this evolutionary thinking on our legal system has been far-reaching. If the Creator is rejected, there can be no absolute standard of right and wrong. If everything is evolving, then values too must evolve, so everything is relative -- what's "true" today might not be "true" tomorrow, and what's "right" for you might not be "right" for me.

Society, then, is faced with a dilemma -- if there is no unchanging standard on which to establish laws, how will it maintain order? Many people think "democracy" is the answer. However, unless each individual is submitting to the higher rule of the Creator, rule by the majority inevitably ends in suppression of the minority. On the other hand, rule by a few elite depends entirely on the character of the individuals, and in a fallen world, it's easy to see how this leads to despotism. In either case, arbitrary rules which change constantly do not gender respect by the governed, so law-breaking becomes rampant. Increasing lawlessness leads to anarchy, which eventually leads to totalitarianism.

The only sure base for a just and orderly society is the Biblical base, rooted in the truth that there is a Creator and His Law is absolute. In our society bent on flying down a road with the creation bridge out, it's time to heed the warning. Let's turn back to law based on the righteous Creator instead of on evolving laws before we hurtle to certain death. [Ref: Doug Phillips, National Homeschool Sports Tour., Estes Park, CO, 3/96].



Notes & Quotes

■ This country was founded on belief in God the Creator, and our laws were founded on the Bible and the application of Scripture found in the works of Sir William Blackstone and others. Listen to these quotes from Blackstone: (Ref: Doug Phillips, Homeschool Legal Defense Association)

□ Man, considered as a creature, must necessarily be subject to the laws of his Creator, for he is entirely a dependent being ... And, consequently, as man depends absolutely upon his Maker for everything, it is necessary that he should at all points conform to his Maker's will.

□ The doctrines thus delivered we call revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in holy scriptures. Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human law should be suffered to contradict these.

□ Men do not make laws. They do but discover them. Laws must be justified by something more than the will of the majority. They must rest on the eternal foundation of righteousness.

■ Things have changed in our society, though. Witness these statements by some people in more recent times:

□ I see no reason for attributing to man a significance different in kind from that which belongs to a baboon or a grain of sand. (Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendall Holmes, cited in Understanding the Times, p. 506)

□ The Constitution is intentionally incomplete ... for the participatory evolution of political ideals and government practices. (Oliver Wendall Holmes cited by Doug Phillips)

□ A rational and coherent system of ethics must grow out of the exploration of the relations between man and society. It will not be a permanent system; it will not teach us what ought to be forever, any more than science teaches us what is forever. Both science and ethics are activities in which we explore relations which, though permanent in the larger sense, are also in constant evolution. (Jacob Bronowski, cited in The Best of Humanism, ed. Greeley, p. 91 as cited in Understanding the Times, p. 505)

□ There proceeded during the 19th Century under the influence of the evolutionary concept, a thoroughgoing transformation of older studies like ... Law. ... (Julian Huxley, cited in John W. Whitehead, The Second American Revolution, p. 46)

□ The Declaration [of Independence] speaks of natural law as an endowment by a creator, whereas I speak of it as the result of human-kind's evolution as a social animal. (Julian Wadleigh cited in Understanding the Times, p.509)

■ Many more evidences could be cited, but space does not permit. It is certainly clear that the evolutionary worldview has even affected the legal system of the nation, though, isn't it?

■ Rep. Mark Paschall's morning prayer for the Colorado House of Representatives on May 6, 1996, caused a stir among some representatives who accused it of being "racist" and "a sick political statement." We can't judge the motives of Paschall's heart, so we can't say whether it was just a "political statement," but we can certainly agree that we as a nation have forgotten our Creator and are in need of repentance. We only wish more of our legislators would express a similar attitude of dependence on God. Here is Paschall's controversial prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father -- Glorify your name in all the Earth, let your praise ring forth from the depths of the seas -- to the highest heaven. For you alone are holy -- you are supremely other. There is no one who can be compared to you.

As we behold you in our mind's eye we are reminded of our own sinfulness. We have all acted independently of your will for our lives and have become dominated by the lust of our eyes, by the lust of our flesh, and by the pride of life.

We ask your forgiveness and your mercy because we know we have earned your wrath and fiery judgment.

We have worshipped creation and multiculturalism instead of you, the Creator, who is blessed forever.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have developed legal plunder into an art and called it social justice.

We have killed our unborn and called it expedient, compassionate choice.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

We have in essence, divorced ourselves from you. Forgive us, Lord!

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Try us and see if there be some wicked way in us. Cleanse us from every sin, and lead us in the way everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, for his glory. And his name sake. AMEN! (As cited in Colorado Christian News, June 1996)

■ So many Americans have forgotten that this nation was founded on a belief and dependence on God, the Creator, and that our foundational documents were based on the Bible. Have we made a deliberate choice to abandon the true God for other gods, or have we wandered away because of evolutionary teaching, deception, forgetfulness, or apathy? Scripture says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Do we, as a nation, want God's blessing? Then it's time to "choose this day whom we will serve," and "to humble ourselves and pray and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways." How foolish it is to fight against the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth!

Spotlight On Science

Origin of Comets Still a Mystery

When the current revival of the young earth creationist cosmology was young, Henry Morris and John Whitcomb penned **The Genesis Flood**. In the scientific portion the book they included an account of several indicators of a young earth and cosmos, among which was a passage about comets. Comets are icy snowballs which circle the sun in long, elliptical orbits. They loose mass with every pass as the solar wind tears at them to produce the characteristic tail. "Since comets are very definitely a part of the solar system, the natural inference would be that the maximum age of the comets would also be the maximum age of the solar system, the two having come into existence at approximately the same time."

Evolutionists, committed to a view of the universe as vastly old in order to render the random development of life at least cosmetically plausible, have postulated a source of resupply of the comets. The idea is that the comets are young in an old solar system, but that the comets were only lately nudged out of their ice-box. There are two general orbital patterns, hence two different proposed sources of resupply, the "Oort Cloud" (for the farther out, long-period comets) and the "Kupier belt" (for the closer-in, short-period comets).

The Genesis Flood was written over thirty years ago. How has it stood the passage of time? In **Science News**, "Second Look Finds No Comet Reservoir," (06/22/96, p. 395) is an update on the search for the Kupier belt. Using the Hubble Space Telescope, headlines were made last year claiming that 30 comet-sized objects apparently belonging to the Kupier belt were seen. The finders emphasized that "they had relied on statistical methods to determine that some of the faint, barely detectable blobs in the Hubble images were in the Kupier belt" (**Science News** 5/13/95, p 293). Did another young-earth chronometer bite the dust? The June update discusses the re-examination of that same patch of sky. This time they found nothing. Thirty "comets" vanished.

Finding the Kupier belt, if it does happen, won't "prove" the universe is old, just as *not* finding it doesn't necessarily prove that it isn't out there hiding with the missing neutrinos, Oort cloud, and other phantoms of evolutionary theory. Perhaps the cloud will be the source of the impacts described in the book of Revelation (in which case evolutionists will wish there were no Kupier belt after all). But note how your tax dollars go to buttressing the evolution model, in this case searching for the cloud. Note how philosophic bias (the age of the cosmos) dictates the research. Note how the alternative is not even comprehensible to evolutionist researchers: what Kupier belt?

[By Mike Shaver, 7/5/96. Thanks for another interesting and informative article, Mike!]

Evolution and the Laws of Science

Science textbooks usually begin with definitions of common terms like law, hypothesis, and theory. **Laws** are typically defined as statements describing the relationship between various observed phenomena or observations that have been made so often they are accepted as being universally true. They *describe* events but do not *explain* them. In contrast, **hypotheses** are "educated guesses" which attempt to *explain* observations. **Theories** are broader explanations which have been tested many times and correlate findings from many areas of research.

Science changes as new discoveries are made, so neither laws nor theories can be "proven" without a doubt. Some laws of science have held up well to the test of time, though. For example, the Law of Gravity is upheld every time you drop something. The First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics have also been affirmed time and again: matter and energy are interconvertible but have never been observed being created or destroyed, and spontaneous reactions involve a net increase in disorder. Likewise, there have been no observed contradictions to the Law of Biogenesis -- all observations confirm that life comes only from pre-existing life.

What about Evolution, though? Some books call it a "Law;" others a "Theory," but remember, to be considered a Law, the phenomena needs to be based on so many observations that it is accepted as universally true. Who has ever seen a reptile turning into a bird, or an ape-like creature turning into a man? Who ever saw non-living chemicals spontaneously turn into a living cell? Who was there to document the birth of the universe?

Unfortunately, textbooks continue to indoctrinate students with the "evidences of evolution." They camouflage the issue by defining evolution simply as "change," or "change in gene frequencies." They extrapolate from color changes in moth populations or increased resistance to penicillin in a bacterial population to Evolution as the "unifying theme of biology." They assume that homologies and "vestigial organs" indicate common ancestry and draw evolutionary "sequences" even though the intermediate steps are missing.

In reality, Evolution is not a scientific law at all. It is a belief about the past just like Creation is. While either idea can be used to interpret the "evidence," neither can be "proved" scientifically -- both require the exercise of faith.

The human mind is very creative. It can always come up with an alternative to avoid simple faith in God's Word. Calling Evolution "science" makes this rejection of the Genesis account seem more acceptable, but according to Romans 1:20, "... the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

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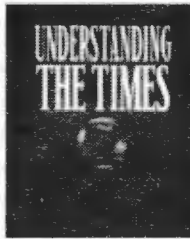
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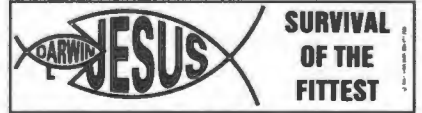


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