The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of

By Ian Taylor

The history of the rise of humanism in Europe is the record of society's change in the way of thinking from being God-centered to becoming man-centered. This change was partially a reaction against the authoritarian rule by theologians who used Scripture to interpret nature but relied upon the writings of Aristotle to make those interpretations. [More than just a reaction to theologians, the change was also the "birth pangs" of the end-times rebellious spirit of man. He was rebelling against theologians, kings and all authorities, including God. Ed] This change in thinking began in the sixteenth-centuries and has continued into the present day but two names are recognized by historians as being more responsible than any other for initiating this humanist world view. Those two names are Francis Bacon and René Descartes. For example, the Harvard political historian Mark Henrie writing in 1987 said:

"...modern rationalists with their complete skepticism about and animus towards existing social arrangements are most directly the heirs of Francis Bacon and René Descartes, who defined knowledge as universal human agreement based upon an infallible technique available to all: the scientific method. This narrow theory of knowledge is largely responsible for the prevalence of a mechanistic metaphor for reality and for the modern triumph of moral relativism, a perennial philosophical heresy which only in our age has presumed the robes of sacred truth."

Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) gave the world the scientific method, sometimes known as the Baconian method, tentatively at first in 1605 then more forcefully in his Novum Organum in 1620. This was further amplified in his Advancement of Science published in Latin in 1626 then finally in English in 1640. The French philosopher-scientist, René Descartes published his "scientific method" anonymously at first in 1637 as the Discours de la Méthode. Known as the "Cartesian method" this [Descartes claims] had been received as an inspiration thirteen years earlier in 1619. Each of these scientific methods differs slightly from the other but the first step common to both is for the investigator to rid his mind of preconception or bias. This sounds perfectly laudable but is, in fact, quite contrary to human nature and in practice is seldom, if ever, achieved. More significantly, by making this the first demand, Scripture is abandoned as the basis for inquiry and, by default, is replaced by human reason. This is the foundation for humanism and was introduced by the Baconian and Cartesian scientific methods. However, it is not the purpose of this essay to compare these scientific methods or to comment upon their deceptive nature but rather to trace and compare the source of each idea. In the case of Descartes, this is rather well documented but in Bacon's case the documentation is more obscure. Both men received their inspiration at about the same time and we will consider Bacon first since he was the older man. Historian James Spedding produced a seven-volume work on the life of Francis Bacon in 1861 and this has become the definitive work. However, much more information has been unearthed since that date and the darker pages of Bacon's life have slowly been revealed. In the late nineteenth century, the correspondence of Anthony Bacon, the brother of Francis Bacon, was discovered in the archiepiscopal library of Lambeth Palace, London. In his commentary on this material, Historian Alfred Dodd noted that Francis Bacon not only had great poetical gifts but had confessed to taking the goddess Pallas Athene as his Muse and inspirer. Athene was the Greek goddess of wisdom and knowledge represented in mythology and classical sculpture with the spear of knowledge in her right hand ready to destroy the serpent of ignorance writhing at her left foot.

Several other researchers working in the late nineteenth century made another surprising discovery about Bacon. Francis Bacon moved in the Royal circles of Queen Elizabeth I and at this time it was not unusual for written communications to be in cipher. Bacon was a master in the use of cipher and the researchers, including Dr. Orville Owen in America and, working independently Elizabeth Gallup in England, broke the code used by Bacon. Owen relates how at an early age Bacon was inspired after he had accepted Athene as his Muse:

"A heavenly voice came to him which said: "The Divine Majesty takes delight to hide his work, according to the innocent play of children; surely for thee to follow the example of the most high God cannot be censured. Therefore put away popular applause, and after the manner of Solomon, the king, compose a history of thy times and fold it into enigmatical writings and cunning mixtures of the theater..."

Another nineteenth century researcher, Constance Pott, unearthed a motherlode of documents which show the intimate association of Francis Bacon and the Rosicrucians of Germany and the Freemasons of England. From one such cache Pott explains that there are over sixty letters which show that Francis Bacon was the recognized head of a secret society bound together to advance learning and to uphold religion. In this century Alfred Dodd has produced massive documentation to show that this secret society of which Bacon was the father, was in fact, Freemasonry. He further shows a direct relationship between Freemasonry and the Royal Society of London. More recently, the works of the Italian philosopher-historian, Paolo Rossi, have been translated and in his book Francis Bacon makes the statement:

"It [Bacon's programme] recurs with further alterations in the Novum Organum and De Augmentis, but he did not set it down to its final consistent form till the New Atlantis, in a passage describing Salomon's House, where it is no longer presented as a project but as a Utopian dream. Indeed, this plan, never visualized during Bacon's lifetime, marked the birth of scientific humanism for the founders of the Royal Society and later for the Encyclopedists; and through humanism it has inspired some of the more progressive forms of European culture."

In summary, we see that Francis Bacon dabbled in the occult workings of the Rosicrucians, sought wisdom from the Greek..."
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take Him at His word. I knew I could previously but was again strengthened in my confidence in God.

The real challenge was on Sunday morning. Easter Sunday is a time when you expect a message that is traditional, concerning the Resurrection of Christ. How could creation/evolution tie into Easter?

Again, God surprised us beyond our imagination. What a powerful, relevant and appropriate message. The church was packed. A lot of visitors had come. Many of them were people we had wanted to reach and this may be our only chance for an open door with them. If this was not good, relevant and used by the Spirit of God, they may never return again.

Praise God, it was excellent. In fact so much so, it became the center of conversation around the dinner table in a public restaurant by those who we had concerns about reaching. Not only were the comments positive, but very vibrant as they expressed how they were challenged and appreciated the practical approach “being so relevant to the Resurrection of Christ.”

What did Glenn (better yet, God) do to make the message so very meaningful? He used several very practical and vivid object lessons to relate clearly how we have both purpose and value as a result of the creative work of God. “Value and purpose come from the designer and creator and not from the thing/person being created. The living Christ is relevant to our value and purpose, today, in becoming a believer in Christ and in being a victorious, active and effective believer for Christ.”

Glenn, thanks again for doing an excellent job in sharing effectively throughout the conference. You were not only excellent in being a victorious, active and effective believer for Christ,”

James Keller, Pastor Bethel Baptist Church, Topeka, KS

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1995 Creation Safari's
Family Outings That Honor The Creator

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1. **Astronomy Safari** meet at The Berry Patch, 22509 S. State Line Rd. From KC south on 69 Hiway or Holmes Road to 223rd St. Then to State Line, then South 1/4 mi. to entrance.

2. For **Safari Details**, call or write to request a copy of the brochure: "1995 Detailed Safari Information," which will give you costs, meeting place, time of departure and return, what to bring, safari registration information, etc. **Costs: CSA does not charge for safaris.** However, some of the places we visit do have entrance fees. Obviously some of the safaris have other costs associated with them such as lodging.

Please call or write to register the names of each adult and child safari participant.

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**Audio Tape of the Month:**
**The Origin of Life:**
The Myth of Chemical Evolution
by: Tom Willis

In Chapter 2, America's #1 Biology text clearly calls spontaneous generation of life a myth, but in Chapter 13, it calls it science. A student who paid attention and believed this text would emerge schizophrenic. Fortunately, most don't pay any attention in school. In this lecture we discuss which chapter was right.

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, July 11, 1995

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

"The Bondage to Decay and Its Life Applications"

by: Glenn Kailer

When man sinned, God cursed the entire creation with what Paul called "the bondage to decay," a basic change in the entire universe. Science, always thousands of years behind the Bible, finally named it the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics. Many people have heard of it, but few understand its application to everyday life.

The Advanced Institute in Creation Science

The Biotic Message

A Video from the International Conference on Creation

by: Walter J. ReMine, M.S.

One of many frequently parroted arguments by evolutionists is: "If evolution isn't true, why do life forms look so much like they evolved?" ReMine offers a simple, but thorough response: "Life forms do not look like they evolved, in fact they look so much like they were created that it seems obvious that they are a "Biotic Message" to unbelievers.

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Quotable Quotes

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called"

1 Timothy 6:20

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Ape Men: Science or Myth?

by: Bob Farwell, B.S.

Public institutions all over the world blatantly depict ape-like creatures rising through time from their knuckle-walking past to become "hominids" whose descendants now design computers and aircraft. What are we to make of these incessant claims? What really is the evidence behind them?

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Runaway Subduction as the Driving Mechanism for the Genesis Flood

A Video from the International Conference on Creation

by: John R. Baumgardner, Ph.D.

"Plate Tectonics" is one of the names for one of the key evolutionary hot-buttons in recent years. It involves the notion of the earth's crust broken into "plates" which are "drifting" apart due to magma coming forth from the mid-oceanic ridge. Dr. Baumgardner fits the data of the earth's crust into an enormous computer model and discovered that, rather than "continental drift," we probably had a "continental race" lasting only a few months.

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