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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8

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Humanism Still...

Deism, Atheism, and Evolutionism vs Christianity & Fundamentalism

by: Tom Willis

Two issues ago, I wrote an article entitled Deism Again, focusing primarily on three examples of contemporary Deism: Hugh Ross, Phillip Johnson and Michael Behe (and their supporters). We got one or two "Take me off the mailing list" replies, but most comments were more like "Right on" and "Keep on keeping on." Nevertheless, I felt the message was incomplete... interesting, useful to some, but still sort of just hanging out there. I hope to add a little more meat herein.

Like everyone who takes a real interest in the origins topic, when we formed CSA, I felt we would have a great impact. We have had such an impact on many individual lives, many have testified to that fact. And we've even had an impact, with our fellow toilers in the vineyard, on society at large. But, as I'm sure anyone truly in ministry will tell you, there remains that group of folks we have been unable to lead even close to the light, much less into it.

How is all that related to our topic? Well, it is, I believe. As "Creation Science" has made progress in its defense of Biblical Creation and its assault on evolution, like other successful movements, it has attracted quite a number of camp followers. "Camp followers," you recall, is a term applied originally to the prostitutes who followed armies around. While many followers of the Creationist Army **are** prostitutes, **the chief characteristic of camp followers is that they do not have the same strategic objectives as the army they follow.**

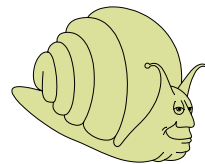
For example, mature Christians in the Creation army know that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," **not by evidence!** We realize that God used evidence only to get people's attention for the Word. While many have said they were saved as a result of our work, I realize that "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." -1Cor 3:6-7

Furthermore, I realize that evidence is also used to encourage the Church, to silence unbelief, and to condemn those who are perishing. I, furthermore, realize that "The evidence of His eternal power and deity is manifest in the things that were made" (Romans 1), and this has been true in every age.

But, Hugh Ross has claimed ("Fingerprint of God") that only in the last few years did (what he calls) *science* have the ability to prove the existence of God. He further claims (James Dobson Show) that when he talks on a college campus, 75% of the folks who hear him want to sign up for Christianity. This, of course, would make him by far the most successful evangelist in history, greatly exceeding Moody, Wesley, Graham, et al, as well as Peter, Paul, Steven, Phillip... and Jesus. Remember, Many people saw so much evidence that the world could not

contain the books if it were all written down, and the evidence Jesus showed them was far more convincing than any of the tripe dished out by Ross. Yet the vast majority of these folks not only did not become Christians, they were the ones who killed Jesus. If Ross is converting all these folks to Jesus, one might well ask, "Which Jesus?"

Phillip Johnson made it clear in his first book that he believed, when the great majority of non "fundamentalist" Christians learned the truth (from him) about evolution, they would rise up and drive evolutionists back into the caves where they belong. He has undoubtedly learned, though probably not acknowledged, that the great majority of non "fundamentalist" Christians don't even buy his books, much less rise up and drive evolutionists anywhere. (Continued next page)



Creation Safaris

1998 Safaris Started with a Bang ...

27 cars and 127 people on Fossil Hunt #1!! **66 People on the Ha Ha Tonka Weekend, 48 on the 4-day Western Kansas Geology Safari.** Here is an interesting remark:

Janie Johlman was explaining to Penny Willis what a great outing the Western Kansas Safari was when Penny asked her "How did the kids like it." She said, "I wondered the same thing, so I turned around on the way back and asked them. The oldest **burst** into tears and wailed 'I don't want it to end!' So I guess he liked it too."

Coming Soon...

June 20 - Greater Kansas City Geology, 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Tour interesting geologic formations, fossil hunt, fellowship, education.

July 25 - K.U. Natural History Museum - 9AM - 4PM

August 22 - K.C. Fossil Hunt #2 - 1PM - 4PM

Sept 25-27 - Ozark Cave Outing - Overnite in rustic cabins, campfire, Smores, worship, hymns, hiking, visit two caves... great family outing.

Oct 17 KATY Trail (Mo. River Bluffs) Bike Trail - 9:00AM-5:00PM

November 12 - Squaw Creek Game Refuge 9AM - 5PM. Migration, Bald Eagles, Geese, Ducks, Deer, Hiking, Picnic, Devotion, Seminar

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Michael Behe, meanwhile, believes in evolution, but rejects evolution... or something like that.

In my judgment, these men are camp followers, and none of them has the same objectives as the army (of Creation Scientists and other Christians) they are following. They seem to believe in some God, apparently one of their own design. This is why I suggested they were Deists. It is vital to remember that Jesus, in his last major prayer, prayed for his disciples (and, explicitly, all who followed them), that the Father would "*Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.*" **But these men all ignore, reject, or pervert the Word, as well as rejecting, and attacking as "fundamentalists," anyone who does believe it.**

But, one of the things I really failed to convey in the last article, is that Deism is really only a special case of the more general category: **Humanist**. Now, we really could use fewer names on our mailing list, but before you call or write, let's be sure we are together on some definitions.

Fundamentalist - Each time they use this word to categorize those who don't agree with them, as do their secular humanist counterparts at the local atheist clubhouse, they demonstrate their ignorance of Church history, and the meaning of the label Fundamentalist. The *fundamentalist* movement was instigated by some folks who published some papers attempting to lead us back to what they called the *fundamentals* of Christianity. It is probably true that some of the things advocated by some of these *fundamentalists* were not Biblical. It is also true they largely preferred literal as opposed to figurative interpretation of the Bible, but then so did Jesus, Paul, Peter, virtually all New Testament writers, the Reformers, and nearly all early Church leaders until so many unbiblical doctrines had been admitted into the Roman Church (the dominant "Christian Church" of the era) that literal interpretation had to be abandoned for "figurative." Thus, much of what the *fundamentalists* advocated would be accepted by anyone who read the Bible and believed it. However, the word *Fundamentalist* has been converted into a dirty name used to label anyone who actually believes his religion. Thus we read in the newspaper about *fundamentalist* Christians opposing abortion, and *fundamentalist* Muslims throwing bombs. In the origins debate, anyone who believes the Bible is automatically labeled a *fundamentalist* by most opponents. Phillip Johnson and Hugh Ross are *Christians* are particularly fond of the "F-Word" as a label for Christians who don't agree with them. In fact, they seem to use it at least once in nearly everything they publish. I suspect, though I cannot judge their motives with certainty, that they regard it as their ticket to membership in a large fraternity of anti-Christian *Christians*.

Humanist - Contrary to the widely held belief, *Humanist* does **not** mean *Atheist*! Nor does it mean "Someone concerned about humans." *Humanist* was originally applied to *Christians* who were explicit, or de facto followers of Thomas Aquinas. Thomas taught that only man's soul was fallen, not his mind. This led him and his followers to conclude that the Church could learn much from pagan *science* and philosophy. It also led to much other nonsense. Consider Kepler's claim that his astronomy research was merely "thinking God's thoughts after him." But God says, quite emphatically, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." -Isa 55:9. Kepler went on to claim, "... we astronomers are priests of the highest

God in regard to the book of nature." Francis Bacon: "There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error; first the volume of the scriptures, which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the creatures, which express His power." While these statement sounds very *religious* to those who do not discern what is behind them, and what logically follows, they were in fact **foundational Humanism**. By claiming that the "*book of nature*" was equal to Scripture, and that scientists could "*think God's thoughts*," and that scientists were *priests* regarding the "book of nature," anyone who chose to call himself a "scientist," merely because he spent a lot of time speculating about the nature of nature, became a self-annointed priest who's opinions were equal to Scripture. Thus, **Humanism** began as a pseudo-Christian replacement of the authority of Scripture and God's Church, with vain and idle philosophy, which was called by its perpetrators, "*science*." To this day, *Humanists*, shout the "S-word" [*Science*] at anyone with whom they disagree. They universally seem to believe that, regardless of the absurdity of their position, if they scream the S-word loud enough, their beliefs are, ipso facto, superior to all others.

What is Science?

Since the time of Bacon, Newton, Kepler, Galileo, et al, we have been told that these folks who call themselves scientists were, in fact, giving us great progress, and shedding light on our world, and its meaning. There are some things you ought to know about *science*, before you swallow that line:

1. It is often claimed that *science* has given us many marvelous inventions that have improved our lives: air-conditioning, airplanes, computers, etc. **This is fraud.** Even a brief study of the industrial revolution and the technological explosion since, will reveal that *theoretical science* had little or nothing to do with it. **Engineers** gave us the industrial and technological revolution!!! By *engineer* I do not mean a college degree, or job title. I mean a person who looks at a job that men do and works diligently, often for decades, to "improve" the way we do it. Thus, engineers gave us the printing press, steam engine, cotton gin, gasoline engine, airplane and computer. Theoretical science not only had little to do with them, it usually followed them. For our discussion, it is irrelevant whether technology is truly an improvement. My point is, whether you like it or not, engineers, not theoretical scientists, gave it to us. *Theoretical science* remains what it has always been... philosophy. And much of *theoretical science* is arrived at by philosophers observing what engineers are doing, then proposing a speculative explanation for why it works!
2. *Science* is often claimed to be "a special way of knowing," **a methodology by which man arrives at knowledge. This is absolute fraud.** The *scientific* method of proof is, in fact, not a way to arrive at knowledge at all. The closest you come to truth using the method is when you prove a theory false! You never prove one true. If you believe any "scientific theory," you believe it on faith (See Real Scientists Just Say NO!).
3. Of the five common "Methods of Proof," Scientific Method, Legal Method, Mathematical and Logical Deduction, Statistical Inference, and the Berean Method (See our book: Real Scientists Just Say NO!), the *Scientific Method* may well be the worst. (*Continued next page*)

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4. **No one practices the *Scientific Method*.** Practiced truly, the method requires experiments and/or observations **designed to prove the hypothesis is false** (or theory, regardless what some of your books may have claimed, there is no difference, both are guesses). I was associated with "institutions of higher learning" for 16 years, and a research consultant for a major university. In all that time, I never saw the scientific method practiced.
5. **The *Scientific Method* has never included a way of arriving at a decision!** The legal method has a judge's or jury's decision. Logic and mathematics use rigorous deduction, which can be, and usually is, tested by others. For example, one fellow in the last two decades, proposed a proof of "Fermat's last theorem." His proof was summarily rejected because of logic errors. However, another submitted a proof, which after exhaustive review, was accepted by the entire mathematical community. Statistics includes a formal hypothesis acceptance strategy, and an even stronger rejection strategy. But, the so-called *scientific method* has no such acceptance strategy. **Scientific theories are published in magazines or books. If someone buys the magazine or book and teaches it in a classroom, the theory is called *science* in that class!!!**

Since *Humanism* has always claimed to be based on *science*; the opponents of Biblical Literalism, like Ross and Johnson, never assert Biblical authority for their claims, but always *science*. *Science* is in a perpetual state of change, never arriving at truth; but Jesus promised, "*If you abide in my words, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*" It follows that... if you base your life on the teachings of Humanists, your foundation, rather than being the Rock of Ages, is the sand of philosophy.

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How Does It Apply Discussions of Origins?

by: Tom Willis

Many people do not want to spend any time on this topic... until after they hear it competently discussed. Then they realize it is foundational to the Creation/Evolution debate. In college it is called "Philosophy of Science," in seminary, "Epistemology." But this is not quite like either approach. Properly taught, it could be titled: "Science, Faith, and Myth - How Do You Tell Them Apart... and Are You Really Sure?"

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by: Calvin Myers, Ph.D.

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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, July 7, 1998

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

Evolution versus Creation

The Battle for the Minds and Hearts of Our Children

by: Tom Willis

While the origins controversy does involve *science* to a small extent, the fuel for the flames is religious and political. And the real source of that fuel, as well as the hot air that fans the flames, is not, nor has it ever been, "the religious right." The real heat is generated by a rather small bunch of fanatical, religious zealots, whose goal is to take over society and to establish an anti-Christian, Fascist, world state. The chief political vehicle for the assault is control of the minds of the children.

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Mountain Building and Continental Drift

A Video from the International Conference on Creation

by: Mats Molen, M.S.

Biblical and Geologic evidence for a former presence of huge subterranean water-filled caverns which became sediment-filled, depressed the lithosphere, which started melting, rose and pushed up mountains. Philosophical constraints like "God of the gaps" are analyzed. Earlier creationist research and models are reviewed and incorporated. (T94036)

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Dinosaurs

by: Bob Farwell

Two of the great myths of *modern science* are that dinosaurs lived 65 millions years ago and their (largely) extinct life status is some sort of *great mystery*. Using humor, science, history, and the communication skills of a good teacher, Bob deals with these myths very effectively.

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The Origin and History of the Solar System

A Video from the International Conference on Creation

by: Wayne Spencer, M.S.

Much has been written on the solar system from the perspective of evolution and billions of years. Spencer critiques the two most popular *theories* in the light of evidence, and offers a creationist model and history involving thousands of years and two possibilities for a solar-system-wide catastrophe. (T94037)

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