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

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Is Creation Relevant? - Part II

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In the May-June 2004 issue we gave a survey of the overwhelming Biblical evidence that young-earth creationism is central to the entire Bible. It is emphasized by Jesus, every New Testament and many Old Testament books. Our conclusion is that there is no such thing as "old-earth Christianity," nor can there be any validity to the claim, in whatever form, that creation is not important to the Gospel. The writings of Moses are used in the establishment of virtually every doctrine, and are used by Jesus and NT speakers and authors to certify the mission of Jesus Christ. Key summary statements include *And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead* Luke 16:31.

Is Creation Relevant to Nations?

The Church is supposed to provide both salt and light to the world, which obviously includes nations. *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men* Matt 5:13. Whenever the Church, or what passes for it, strays from Truth to embrace compromise, theory or tradition, it loses its ability to confront the world. This happened during the days leading up to Darwin, for over a century afterward, and is still happening today.

Consider, only one secular effect when the Church loses its flavor is that, when it begins to invent Scripture, it shows its disdain for the Scripture as a source of truth. Concomitantly, it loses its ability to hold Scripture up as Truth in other areas because of its own manifest disdain for it. *If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?* John 3:12, another Scripture we quoted last issue. Jesus, and the world rightfully ask, "You manifest disdain for Scripture when it is convenient, are you then silly enough to try to hold it up as a standard only when it agrees with you?"

But belief, or unbelief in Biblical Creation has other major effects on nations (Cultures, People Groups, etc.). There are really only ...

Four Basic Life Questions

- ◆ Where did I come from? (Origins)
- ◆ Why am I here? (Meaning and Purpose)
- ◆ Where am I going? (Destiny)
- ◆ How shall I conduct myself along the way? (Morals)

Christianity offers the answers illustrated below. 1. Origins: Our life is caused by the creative acts of an intelligent living being. 2. Just as only the creator of a tool knows its purpose, human meaning and purpose can only be ascribed by the Creator. Human opinion about human purpose is a meaningless exercise. 3. Destiny of humans is known and entirely dependent on our reaction to Jesus. (Of course, much needs to be said here, but is not germane to the points I chose to make herein.) 4. Just as General



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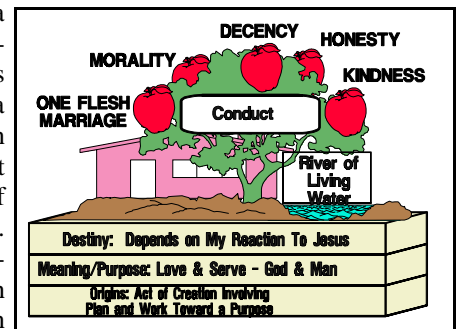
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Motors gives us a "Manufacturers Handbook" so God has given us the Bible as a source of information regarding our conduct and our treatment of other human beings. He expects our conduct to bear much fruit. When a nation turns from creation (of course, nations do not "turn," their citizens

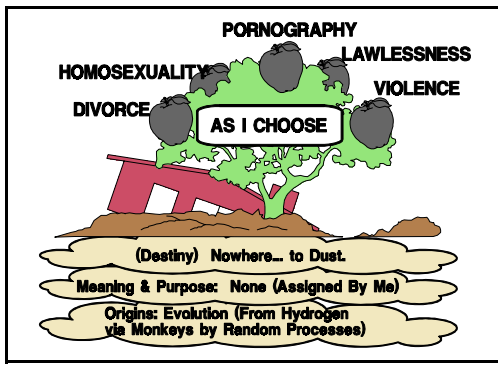
do), creation is replaced by pagan religious mythology. With "common folks" this tends to take the forms like the Greek, Roman, Hindu, New Age, Islam. But, among "educated classes" pagan religious mythology typically has evolution at its core. Since the world has largely adopted the Western model of "free public education," and since "the gate is wide... that leads to destruction," public education on all important questions becomes doctrinal dis-education. "Educated nations become evolutionist because it seems to be the only pagan alternative to Truth that can be made to sound scientific.

Evolution then, gives nations a different set of answers to the Basic Questions of Life: They now "know" that they evolved from hydrogen via monkeys by random processes. By definition, random processes do not have purpose, therefore, the product of random processes can have no purpose. This does



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not just happen, nor is it only satanic in origin. Absence of meaning and purpose, means that guidelines can not have come from a god, because, either there is none, or the one that seemed most plausible,



The Structure and Fruit of Evolutionism

Yahweh, "obviously didn't get His science right, or cannot communicate." This lack of purpose does have some undesirable baggage, no destiny! But, in return, lack of purpose gives lost mankind what they sought in the Garden of Eden, autonomy from God and his "undesirable" rules. Autonomy from God, makes it easier to achieve both Man's and Satan's original goal... "I am god!" Ultimately, this is the fruit of every pagan religion.

Declaring yourself "god" and free from God's rules always seems better than it is. "Oh boy, I can choose whatever I please!" Amazing how stupid we men are. If one can choose whatever he pleases, does that not apply to all? If there is no God who has set the rules, then who does, and by what standard? In our prideful ignorance, it always seems so easy to us. "Golly, we all agree on the basic ethics of life" (evolutionist philosophers routinely claim this when debating this issue with creationists). But, in fact, everybody does not agree. For example, some are fundamentalist "survival of the fittest" folks, so the most fit should kill or take from the least fit.

Some like more sex than the opposite sex seems willing to deliver, so they choose rape, or any partner who will deliver it, ignoring, the plain warning from God, *"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another; males with males working out shamefulness, and receiving in themselves the recompense which was fitting for their error."* (Romans 1:27 MKJV) Their bodily gift then turns out to be contagious and infects others.

Politicians spout "the old morality" as long as it wins them votes, but they soon change when they find other sources of votes. Soon society becomes so corrupt that there is no light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. The nation implodes, leaving it vulnerable to the "barbarians" from without, or the nation becomes "the barbarians." This scenario has repeated itself throughout history. Obviously, in many cases, evolutionism was not the dominant religious myth. But, it certainly has been in Europe since the early 1800's, albeit not completely in its present form, which is continually evolving.

Now, it must be added that just any "creationism" is not the antidote for pagan evolutionism. Depending on how you count years, an antibiblical "creationism" dominated "Western Culture" for about 1260 years, in the form of a spiritually resurrected Roman Empire which quickly became one of the most vicious in human history. But, here is a key to understanding this phenomenon. In the "creation structure" illustrated on the previous page, Meaning, Purpose and Guidelines for Conduct all come from the Creator's Handbook. In the case of the "resurrected Roman Empire," the leadership of the empire believed that whatever they said was not just equivalent to, but took precedence over the "Manufacturers Handbook." This view, and the fact that so many gullible people believed (or at least

pretended to believe) it, enabled the leadership of the empire to establish any "truth" it wanted. Thus, it was "creationist" by pretense only. Effectively, it was as Humanist as any atheist club, making any "law" it chose. This effectively gave the Empire the same freedom from God's Laws as the pagans who preceded (Roman, Greek, Mede, Persian, Babylonian - whose intellectual ranks contained many evolutionists) and the evolutionists who followed (French, British, German, Communists, etc.). I left America off the list because, for awhile the citizens largely pursued Biblical Creationism. Thus, while America was not free of sin, it did display a different spirit than much of the world. It should also be noted that for all its flaws the "Roman Empire" in the 1260 years from about 538 to 1798 is reputed to have killed from 50 to 60 million people. The evolutionist empires of the last century (considering only Germany and the Communists) killed over 150 million people in less than 80 years. My math indicates that the evolutionists outperformed the aberrant "creationists" by 1,875,000/yr to 47,619/year, nearly 40 to 1!

There is also another interesting comparison between evolutionist empires and aberrant "creationist" ones. Eventually the resurrected Roman Empire was defeated when the Reformation held high the Bible as the standard of Truth, and Humanists, wearing crosses, finished the Empire off with the sword. As Jesus predicted, "The Empire" killed millions of reformers, but the Word of God is "the Sword of the Spirit," and it eventually prevailed. This scenario is less likely with evolutionism empires. Evolutionism has no source of Truth... nothing but direct intervention by God is likely to deter it.

Such an "intervention" does not have to be obvious "Acts of God." It could take the form of something as novel as global assault by Islam. It would certainly not be the first time God has used Islam the way He has used other pagans, to punish His people. By this I do not mean to imply God has no people among the Muslims, he probably has many. I simply mean He can, as He has before, use Islam to severely punish Humanism in the form of apostate Christianity. Muslims pretend they do Allah's work, but their pretenses, like countless others, are irrelevant.

The foregoing was not a diversion. It is, I believe, important to face the fact that "creationism", much less "intelligent designism" is not the answer to Man's problems, nor is pseudo christianity. Only creationism that honors the creator by honoring His Word and his provision for Mankind (i.e., only True Christianity) has any helpful power (see Romans 1:18-25). Furthermore, I am not saying "a return to Biblical Truth will save our nation." One reason is that anything close to universal acceptance of Truth is not going to happen. Another is that God has his own agenda and timetable. It is entirely possible that "saving our nation" is not in His plan.

But that in no way diminishes the point of Part II, which is that any true conviction (faith) is followed by personal action. "True creationism" honors the true Creator, by basing human life on the Manufacturers Handbook, good fruit **will follow!** But, there is never any guarantee how many people will be in this category, nor how God will deal with those who are not. Therefore, even if millions take my words to heart, I still do not feel qualified to predict the results. Conversely, a nation founded on evolutionism is a nation destined to become barbarian, to be overrun by barbarians, or both. The evidence of this is all around us. Anyone who cannot see it is described in *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* (2 Corinthians 4:4 KJVA)

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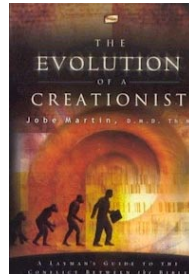
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