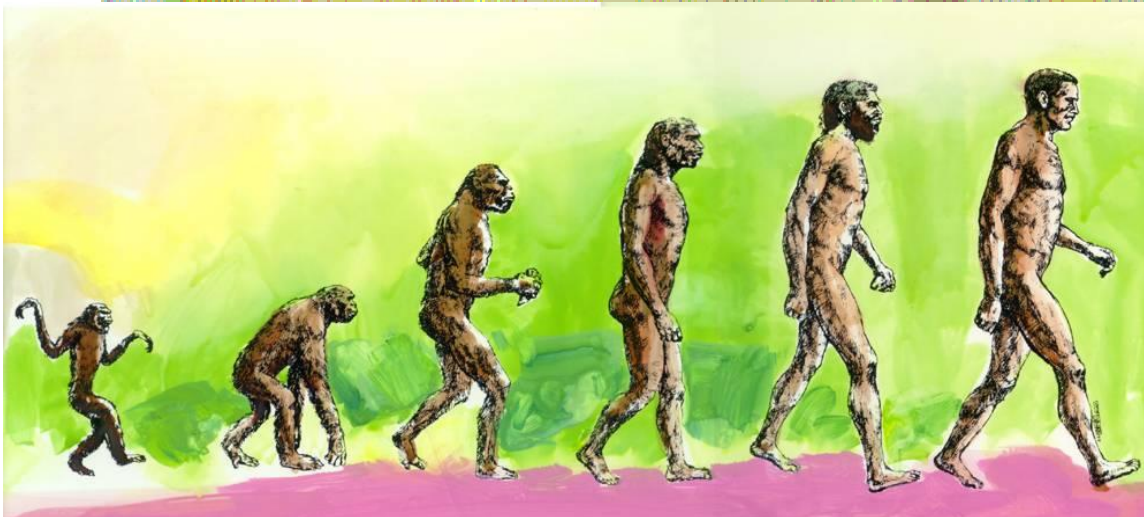


# The Impact of Evolutionism On Ethics

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**Ideas Have Consequences!**



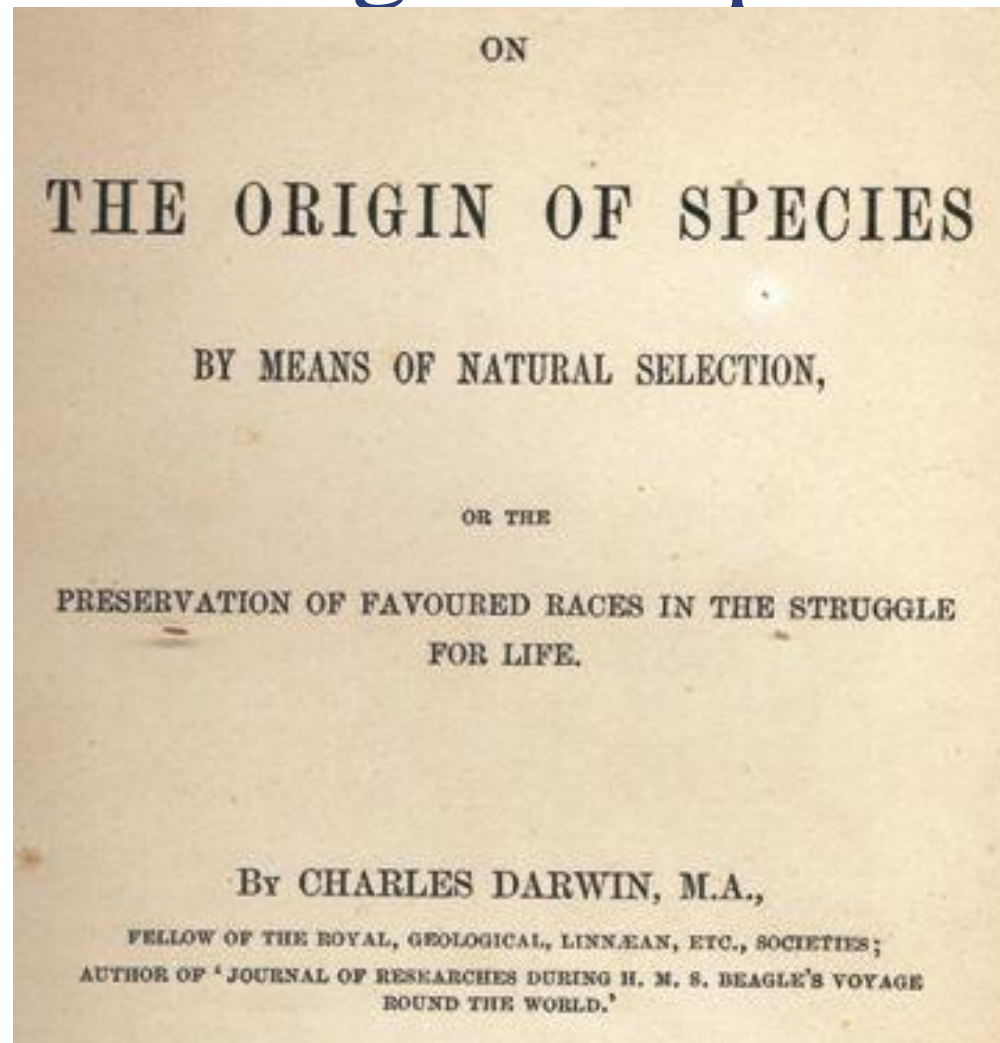
# The Impact of Evolutionism

- Ideas Have Consequences
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- Influence of Evolution on Society
- Ethics and Evolutionary Thinking
  - Life, racism, morality, rights, family, education, business ethics
- Summary and Conclusion



# Ideas Have Consequences

# The Origin of Species





# Quotes from Darwin

“To suppose that the eye ... could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.”

- *Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection or the preservation of favored races in the struggle for life*

“A married man is a poor slave, worse than a Negro.”

- *Charles Darwin, The Autobiography of Charles Darwin*

“Whether requiring deep thought, reason, or imagination, or merely the use of the senses and hands ... the average power of man must be above that of women.”

- *Charles Darwin, Descent of Man*

# Some Common Misconceptions

- Skeptics and unbelievers think:

“The Bible is an antiquated religious book, filled with scientific fallacies and mistakes reflecting the naïve cosmology of the primitive tribes of the Near East.”

Evolution is Science



- Even some professing Christians think:

“The Bible is a book of true religion dealing solely with spiritual subjects and that, where it seems to touch on matters of science and history, it must be interpreted spiritually or allegorically, rather than literally.”

Creation is Religion





Evolution vs. Creation

NOT

Science vs. Religion

But

A War of Worldviews!

# The Meaning of Evolution

1. Artificial Selection ←

- Plant and animal breeding

2. Change ←

- Evolution of a coastline (random)
- Evolution of a car (designed)

3. Micro-Evolution ←

- Small variation within prescribed limits of complexity
- e.g., finch beaks by mutation and natural selection

4. Macro-Evolution ←

- Particles -> people

5. Molecular Evolution ←

- Origin of life – assumes a mutating replicator

Only 1, 2 and 3  
have been observed

4 never observed!

5 is impossible!



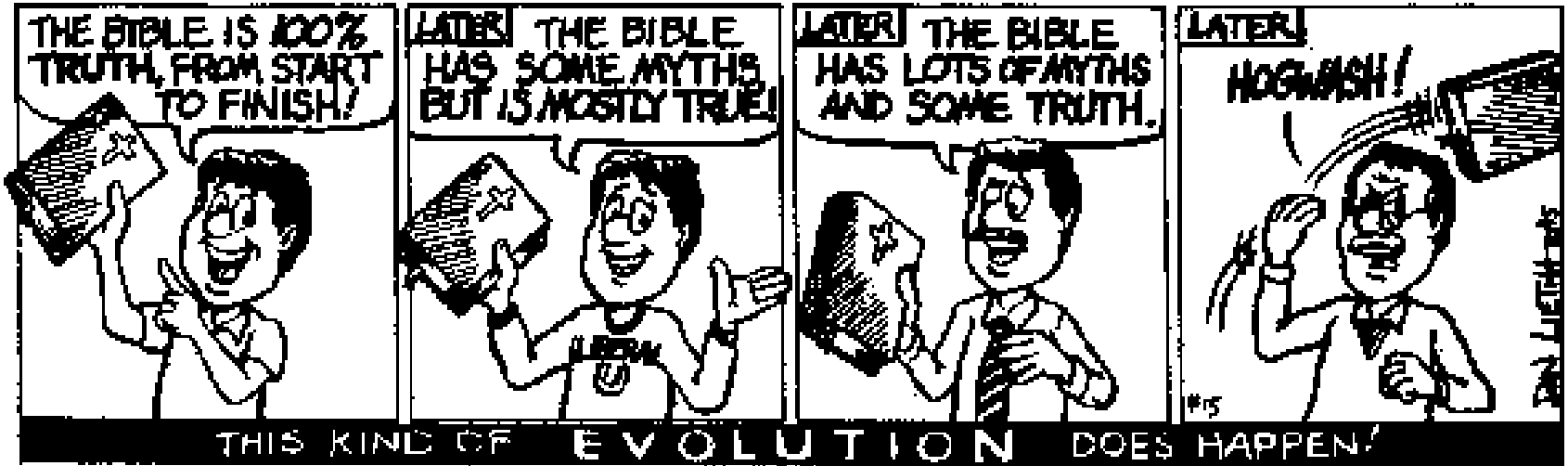


# The Pervasive Influence

- “A person’s philosophy of origins will inevitably determine ... what he believes concerning his destiny, and even what he believes about the meaning and purpose of his life and actions right now ...” **Morris** (*Creationist*)
- “Evolution has an impact on every aspect of man’s thinking: his philosophy, his metaphysics, his ethics ...” **Ernst Mayr** (*Evolutionist*)
- “Evolutionary theory has been enshrined as the centerpiece of our educational system, and elaborate walls have been erected around it to protect it from unnecessary abuse.” **Jeremy Rifkin** (*Evolutionist*)

# Evolution Is At The Foundation

## CREATIONWISE



"Evolution is at the foundation of communism, fascism, Freudianism, social darwinism, behaviorism, Kinseyism, materialism, atheism, and in the religious world, modernism and neo-orthodoxy"

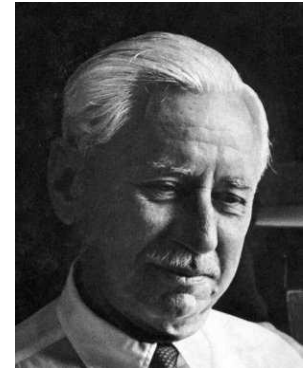
-Henry Morris 1963, *Genesis Flood* p. 24



# What Do Evolutionists Say?

# Quote From Secular Historian

- Humanist philosopher and historian **Will Durant** admitted:
  - “By offering evolution in place of God as a cause of history, Darwin removed the theological basis of the moral code of Christendom. And the moral code that has no fear of God is very shaky. That’s the condition we are in. . . . I don’t think man is capable yet of managing social order and individual decency without fear of some supernatural being overlooking him and able to punish him.”





# Quote From An Atheist

- **Richard Bozarth** in an article published in the *American Atheist* magazine states that:
  - “Christianity has fought, still fights, and will fight science to the desperate end over evolution, because evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason Jesus’ earthly life was supposedly necessary. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and this is what evolution means, then Christianity is nothing. ... What all this means is that Christianity cannot lose the Genesis account of creation like it could lose the doctrine of geocentrism and get along. The battle must be waged, for Christianity is fighting for its very life.”
- Evolutionists themselves recognize the gravity of the battle between evolution and creation

# Quote From Evolutionist

- Sir Julian Huxley, grandson of Thomas Huxley, addressed the 1959 Darwinian Centennial conference in Chicago with these words:
  - “Darwin pointed out that no supernatural designer was needed; since natural selection could account for any known form of life, there was no room for a supernatural agency in its evolution. . . . we can dismiss entirely all ideas of a supernatural overriding mind being responsible for the evolutionary process.”



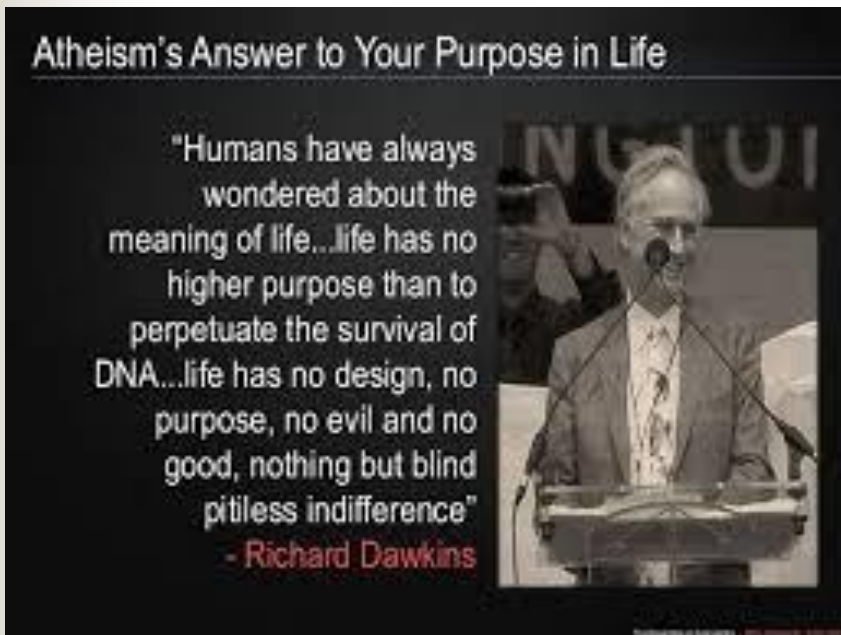


# Quote From Another Evolutionist

- Aldous Huxley, brother of Julian Huxley, wrote these words in “Confessions of a Professed Atheist”:
  - “I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning, consequently assumed it had none and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics. He's also concerned to prove that there's no valid reason why he should personally not do just what he wants to do. For myself, as no doubt for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneously a liberation from a certain political and economic system and a liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.”

# Dr. Richard Dawkins

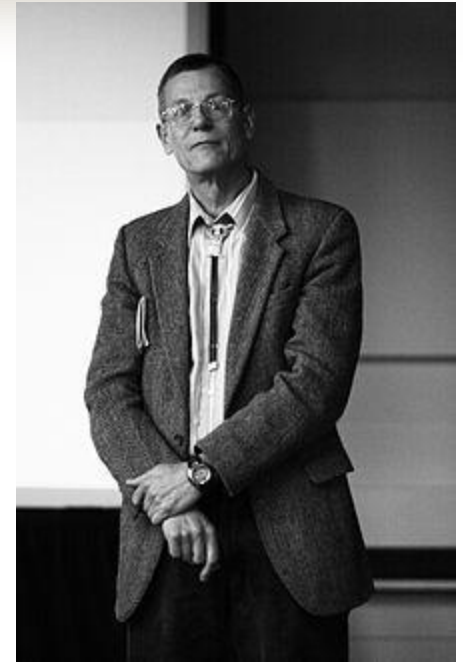
Outspoken British atheist & evolutionary biologist



“It is absolutely safe to say that if you meet someone who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid or insane (or wicked, but I’d rather not consider that).”



# Dr. William Provine



- Professor of Biological Sciences at Cornell University

“Let me summarize my views on what modern evolutionary biology tells us loud and clear ... There are no gods, no purposes, no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That’s the end for me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life, and no free will for humans, either.”

- Science cannot address intent, purpose, value or ultimate meaning



# Key Influencers of Evolution

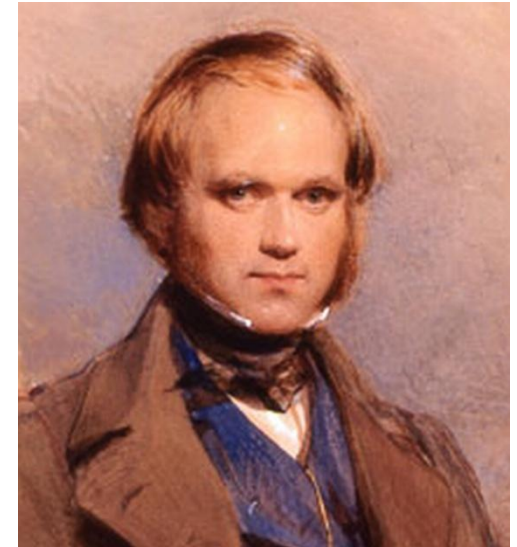


# Modern Evolution Movement

- Key influencers:
  - Charles Darwin, Herbert Spencer, Francis Galton, Thomas Huxley, Ernst Haeckel,
  - Friedrich Nietzsche, Sigmund Freud
  - Karl Marx, Adolf Hitler, Vladimir Lenin
  - Bertrand Russell, Voltaire
  - John Dewey, Jean Paul Sartre
- The impact on our society is pervasive
  - Science, education, politics, religion, culture
- Secular humanism is a direct result of the philosophy of evolution
- We will look at some specific evils resulting from the philosophy of evolution

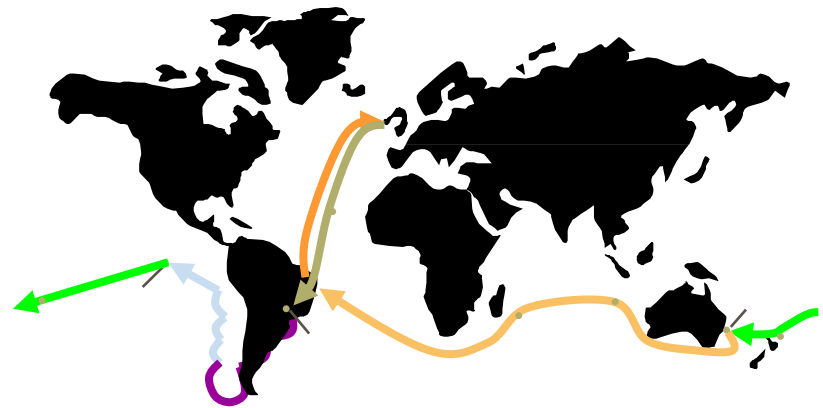
# Who Was Charles Darwin?

- Born in 1809
- One of 6 children
- His father was a Dr.
- His mother died when he was 5 years old
- His grandfather Erasmus was a scientist, who wrote on the topic of evolution
- Educated by Unitarian minister
- Obtained B.A. in Theology, his only advanced degree - how ironic!



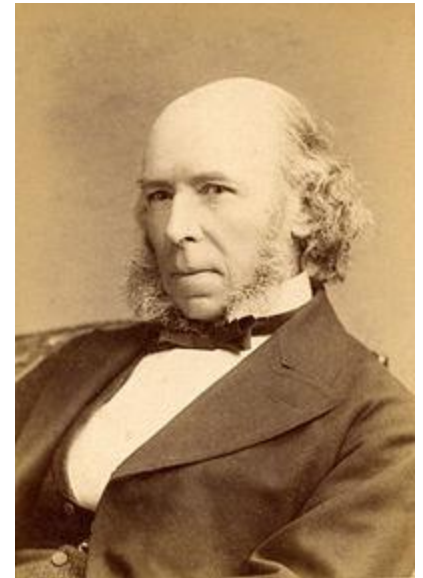
# Charles Darwin (1809-1882)

- Darwin sailed off aboard HMS Beagle as chief naturalist to explore the world
- After 5 years at sea he became convinced of evolution
- Lead very reclusive and isolated existence after his trip
- Suffered physically for the rest of his life
- Bible-believing -> theistic evolution -> progressive creation -> evolution



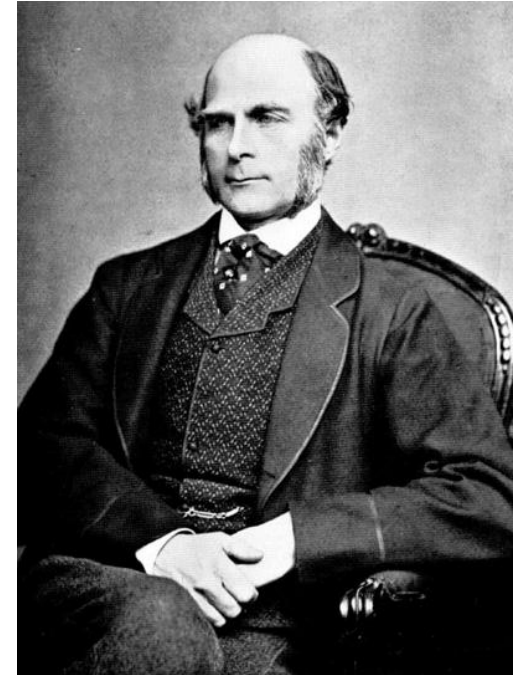
# Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)

- One of Darwin's prominent disciples
  - A radical eugenicist
  - Coined the term "survival of the fittest"
  - Popularized the term "evolution"
- Spencer's books used as college texts
  - Influenced top business leaders
  - Robber barons of 1900's
- Initiated Social Darwinism
  - Eliminate less fit/weaker individuals
  - Used to justify worst impulses of men
  - Inspired communism
- Resulted in elimination of God as Creator and Judge



# Francis Galton (1822-1911)

- Darwin's cousin
- Founded evolutionary eugenics
- Eugenics encouraged the following:
  - Racism, Ethnic cleansing, Abortion to eliminate the “unfit”, Infanticide, euthanasia, Stem Cell research, ...



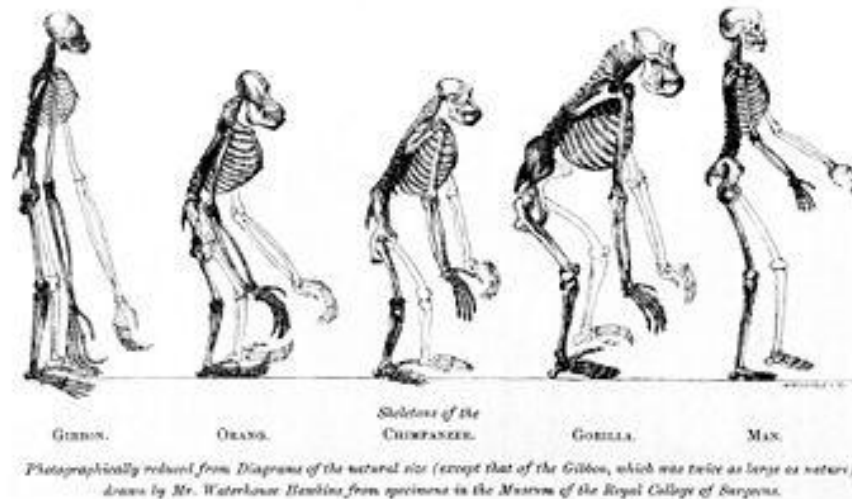
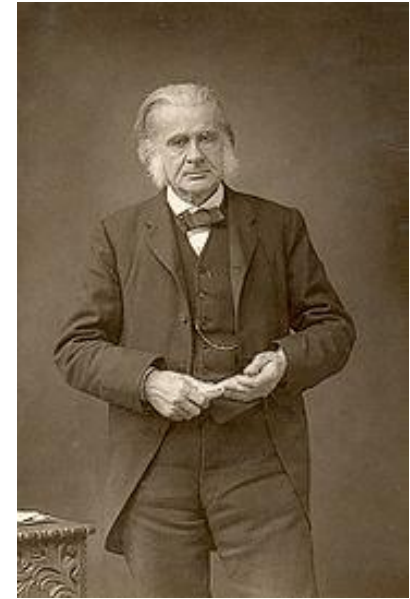
## EUGENICS

“IS THE STUDY OF THE AGENCIES UNDER SOCIAL CONTROL, THAT IMPROVE OR IMPAIR THE RACIAL QUALITIES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS EITHER PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY.”

SIR FRANCIS GALTON.

# Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)

- “Darwin’s Bulldog”
- British biologist
- Promoted Evolution
- Coined the term “Agnosticism”
- Taught descent of humans from apes

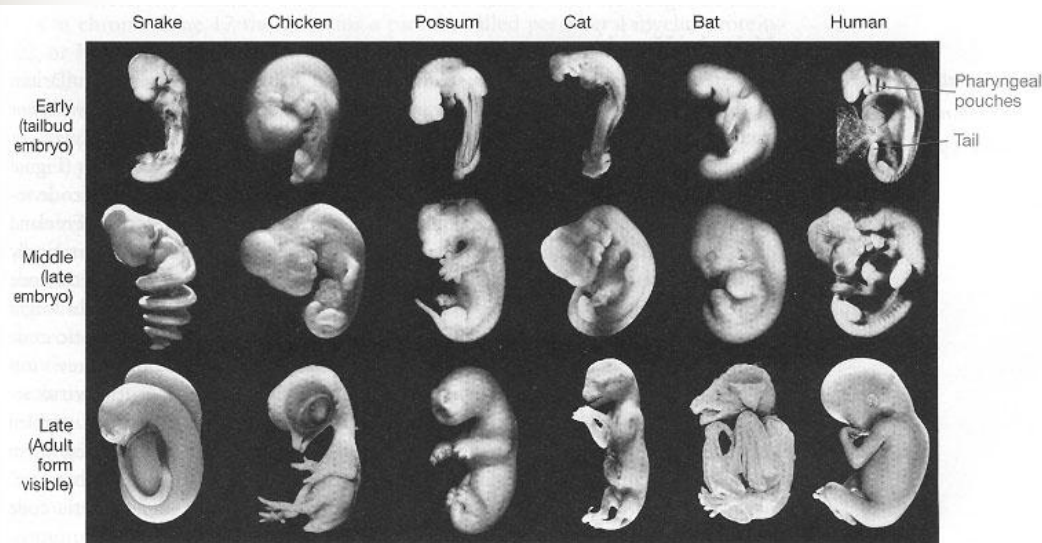
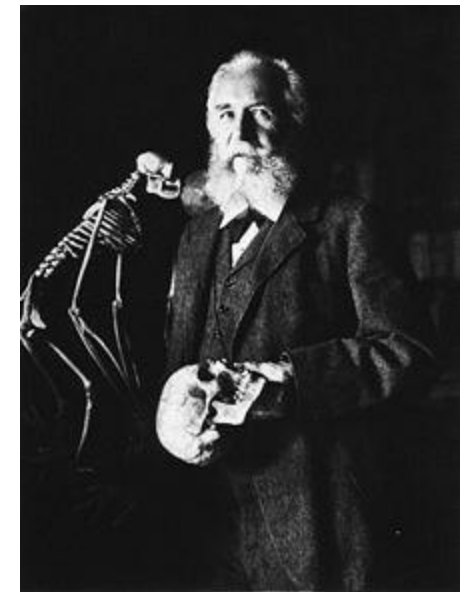


**Evidence as to Man’s  
Place in Nature** by  
*Thomas Huxley (1863)*

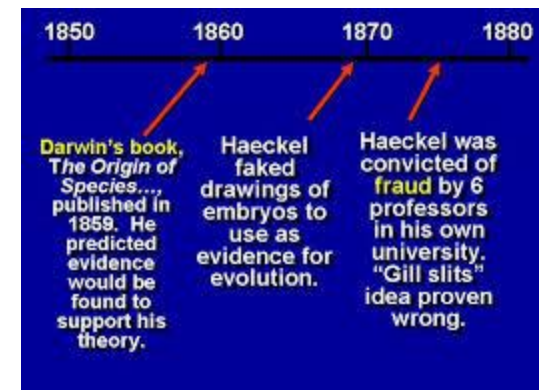


# Ernst Haeckel (1834-1919)

- “Darwin’s Bulldog” in Germany
- Evangelist for Evolution
- Prof. of zoology & marine biologist
- Infamous for faked Embryo drawings



**Figure 2.13 Developmental homologies** Embryos from different vertebrates show striking similarities early in development. Note that the early embryos shown here all have pharyngeal pouches and a tail. From Richardson, et al. (1998).





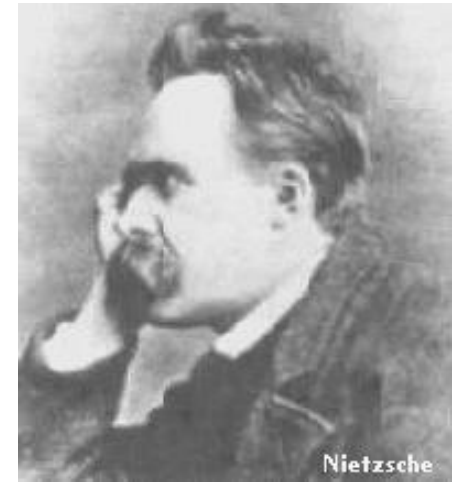
# Haeckel Quote

“Now, if instituting comparisons in both directions, we place the lowest and most ape-like men (the Austral Negroes, Bushmen, and Andamans, etc.), on the one hand, together with the most highly developed animals, for instance, with apes, dogs, and the elephants, and on the other hand, with the most highly developed men—Aristotle, Newton, Spinoza, Kant, Lamarck, or Goethe—we can then no longer consider the assertion, that the mental life of the higher mammals has gradually developed up to that of man, as in any way exaggerated.”

Ernst Haeckel, *The History of Creation*, pp. 364, 365.

# Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)

- Considered to be the author of the “God is dead” movement
- German philosopher
- Despised religion, Christianity in particular
  - “I call Christianity the one great curse, the one enormous and innermost perversion, the one great instinct of revenge, for which no means are too venomous, too underhand, too underground, and too petty.”
- Most imaginative and articulate modern spokesman for atheism





# Friedrich Nietzsche - 2

- Set the stage for mass murders in the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Heavily influenced Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini, the three “devils” of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Hitler used Nietzsche’s philosophy as his motivation to obliterate the weak and inferior (helping evolution along)
- Hitler personally gave Mussolini a copy of Nietzsche’s work
- Influenced Sigmund Freud and Bernard Shaw
- Provided motivation for the “God is dead” movement



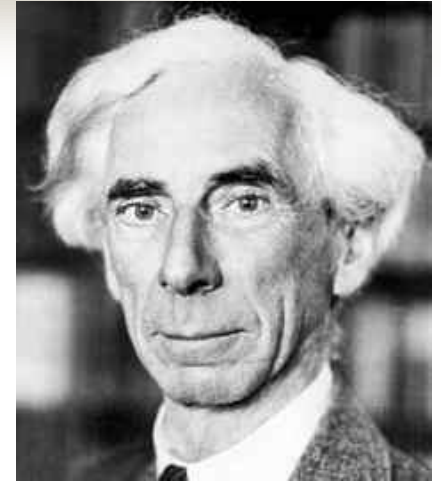
# Frederich Nietzsche - 3

- Yet he was the son of a Lutheran pastor, grandson of Lutheran pastors on both sides
- Predicted that “God is dead” would result in:
  - 20<sup>th</sup> century would become the bloodiest century in history
  - Universal madness would break out
- Tens of millions were killed by Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, and others in the past century – 20<sup>th</sup> century has seen no end of meaningless bloodshed
- Nietzsche himself spent his last 11 years insane

# Atheist Influencers

## ■ Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

- British mathematician
- Spent his whole life studying and writing about philosophy
- Even wrote a book on “Why I Am Not a Christian”
- Died in unyielding despair, and utter hopelessness



## ■ Voltaire (1694-1778)

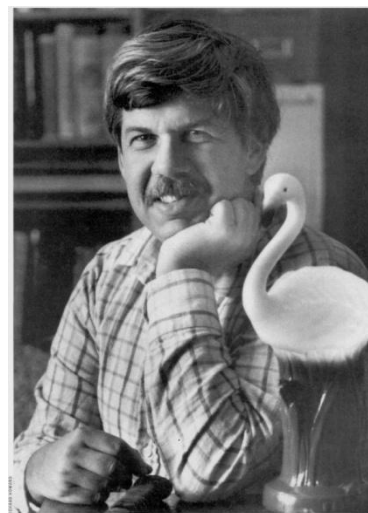
- French philosopher
- Predicted the end of belief in God in his lifetime
- Died in despair, without hope
- Fifty years after he died, the house in which he lived was used as a bookstore to sell and distribute Bibles



# More Evolutionist Influencers

## ■ Stephen Gould (1941-2002)

- Modern leading evolutionist  
[*now deceased*]
- Admits that we can't see evolution in progress
- Evolution is based on faith, not fact



## ■ The philosopher **Janus Koestler** noted that:

- “The public continues to believe that Darwin provided all the relevant answers by the magic formula of random mutations plus natural selection - quite unaware of the fact that random mutations turned out to be irrelevant and natural selections a tautology.”



# Impact on the 20<sup>th</sup> Century



# Nazism and Evolution

- **Hitler** believed in struggle as a Darwinian principle of human life
  - Struggle forced people to try to dominate others
  - This justified the extermination of the Jews
  - Used evolution to rationalize his hatred of the Jews
- “If nature does not wish that weaker individuals should mate with stronger, she wishes even less that a superior race (like the Germanic race) should intermingle with an inferior (like the Jewish race.) Why? Because, in such a case her efforts, throughout hundreds and thousands of years, to establish an evolutionary higher stage of being, may thus be rendered futile.”

*From Mein Kampf*





# Nazism and Evolution - 2

- Hitler considered Germans a superior race
  - Intermarriage of Germans with Jews would jeopardize an evolutionary higher state for Germans
  - State had the responsibility of declaring unfit for reproduction, anyone who is ill or genetically unsound
  - Justified the massacre of millions of people
- “Hitler is an uncompromising evolutionist, and we must seek for an evolutionary explanation if we are to understand his actions.”

**Sir Arthur Keith** (an evolutionist)

# Adolph Hitler and Evolution

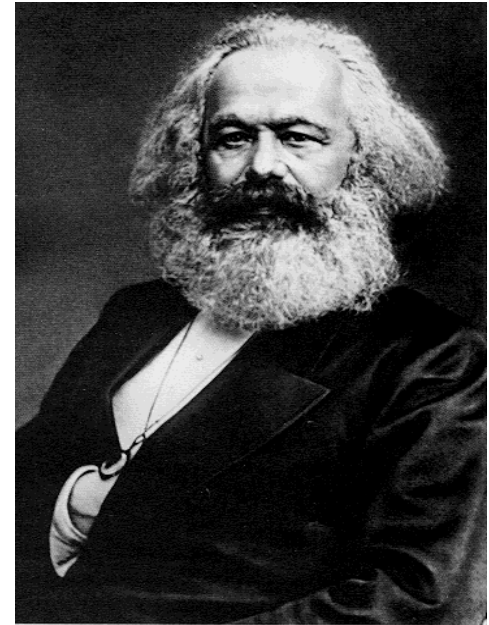
- [1940] Formed his racial and social policies on the evolutionary ideas of survival of the fittest and the superiority of certain ‘favoured races’ (as in the subtitle of Darwin’s book). Hitler’s reign resulted in the murder of six million Jews as well as many blacks, gypsies, the retarded, and other groups deemed unfit to live. The evolutionary ‘science’ of eugenics provided him with justification for his decrees. \*\*



\*\* CMI Article on Darwin’s Impact

# Communism and Evolution

- **Marx**, father of theoretical communism stated that Darwin's theory has "support from natural science"
- Scientific basis of Marxism was evolutionism
- His theory was based on atheism
- Urged the complete destruction of religion, especially Christianity
- Men, being mere animals, were expendable



# Karl Marx and Evolution

- [1860] The ‘spiritual father’ of the communist system, Marx was an avid adherent of Darwin. He combined his social and economic idea with evolutionary principles. Marx wrote that Darwin’s book ‘contains the basis in natural history for our views.’ His disciple Lenin applied utter ruthlessness and terror in Russia—the term ‘rivers of blood’ has commonly been applied in describing his reign. \*\*



\*\* CMI Article on Darwin’s Impact

# Leon Trotsky and Evolution

- [1918] Fanatically committed to Darwinism and Marxism, communist leader Trotsky was brutal against the Christian church. He said that Darwin's ideas 'intoxicated' him, and 'Darwin stood for me like a mighty doorkeeper at the entrance to the temple of the universe.' With no Creator's laws to restrain him and the justification of evolution, he felt free to use any means to attain power and political ends. \*\*



\*\* CMI Article on Darwin's Impact

# Joseph Stalin and Evolution

- [1930] The world's worst mass-murderer studied at Tiflis (Tbilisi) Georgia, theological college. A friend later said Stalin became an atheist after reading Darwin. He was expelled from the college at 19 because of his revolutionary connections. After understanding that evolution provided no basis for conscience or morals, he felt free to torture and murder to whatever extent he chose to achieve his communist goals. \*\*



\*\* CMI Article on Darwin's Impact

# Communism and Evolution

- **Mao Tse-Tung** regarded Darwin as the foundation of Chinese scientific socialism
- Darwin gave respectability to naturalism and atheism
- Communists believed in evolution through revolution
- Stalin's Russian purge killed millions
- Mao Tse Tung killed 30M+ in the cultural revolution of the 1960's
- The Khmer Rouge killed 2M in 1979-80





# Pol Pot and Evolution

- [1975] The death in 1998 of Cambodia's Pol Pot marked the end of one of the world's worst mass murderers. From 1975 he led the Khmer Rouge to genocide against his own people in a bloodthirsty regime which was inspired by the communism of Stalin and China's notorious Mao Zedong. Chairman Mao is known to have regarded Darwin and his disciple Huxley as his two favourite authors. \*\*



\*\* CMI Article on Darwin's Impact

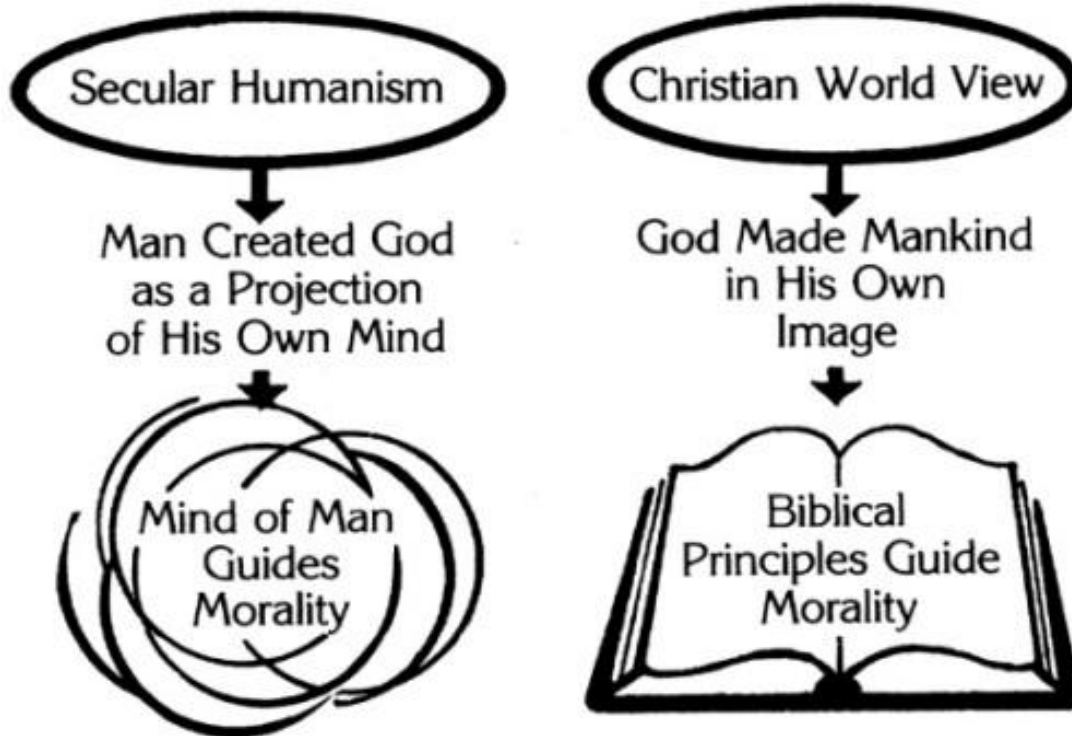
# The Romanian Experience

- Creation message now being sent to Romania (*by Creation Moments*), a country where children:
  - Are dying of AIDS and malnutrition
  - Are being abandoned by parents
- Children are reminder of godless communist dictatorship
  - Fewer than 1000 communists in Romania in 1944 when Stalin overran the country
  - Ceausescu had waged an all-out war against Christians
- Communist rulers are now gone
  - But the scars remain and **the effects of the godless propaganda are still evident**



# Influence of Secular Humanism

## ACADEMIC FREEDOM CONFLICT



# Secular Humanism

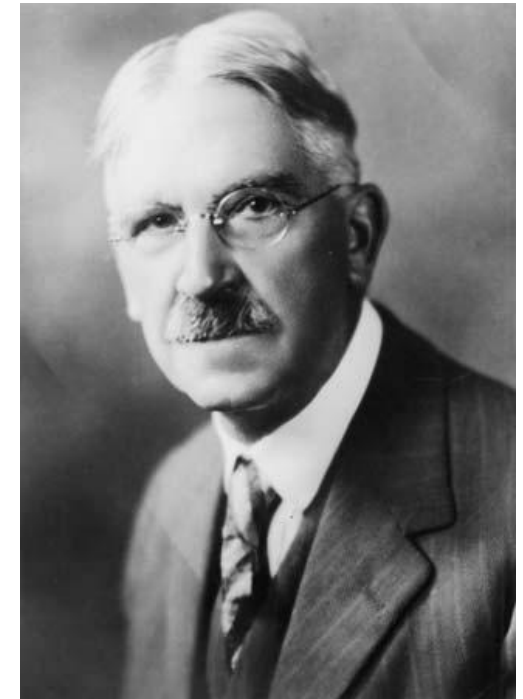
- Humanism is any view that recognizes the value and dignity of the individual and seeks to better the human condition [*a noble goal*]
- Secular humanism views mankind as an integral part of nature and thus denies the human soul
  - Limits values to what has value for man
  - Ethics and morals become situational
  - Denies the existence of God
- The ultimate humanist objective is socialist world government, with the humanist elite in control
- The UN agency, UNESCO, is particularly influential in this movement



**Freethinking  
Inquiring  
Secular  
Humanists**

# Influence of Humanism in Schools

- **UNESCO document:** “The school should therefore use the means described earlier to combat family attitudes.”
- **Horace Mann**, an early US educator, proposed the removal of the Bible from the schools to “increase genuine educational progress”
- **John Dewey** (1859-1952) reformed the American school system to conform to humanist ideals
  - The Bible was banished and so was prayer
  - Signed first Humanist Manifesto in 1933
  - Received socialist honors for aiding Trotsky at his Moscow trial
  - Introduced Darwin’s theory into the American school system





# Influence of Secular Humanism

“Education is thus a most powerful ally of humanism. What can the theistic Sunday schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”

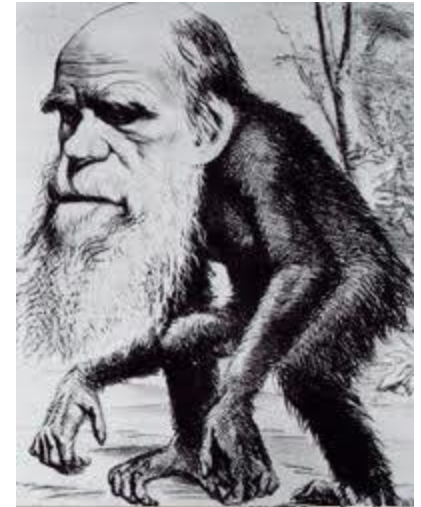
Charles Francis Potter, *Humanism, A New Religion*, 1933.

“There is no God and no soul. Hence there are no needs for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, the immutable truth is also dead and buried. There is no room for fixed, natural law or permanent moral absolutes.”

John Dewey, *Humanist Manifesto*, 1933.

## ... Still More Influences ...

- The Scopes “monkey” trial in 1925 was a watershed event in education
  - Evolutionary interpretation of natural science is taught in schools, to the exclusion of any other interpretation today
- **Chawla**, 1964, a humanist wrote:
  - “Darwin’s discovery of the principle of evolution sounded the death knell of religious and moral values. It removed the ground from under the feet of traditional religion.”



# ... And Yet More Influences ...

- Secular humanist values taught in our public schools
- Totally incompatible with creation and Christianity
  - **Eph. 6:12** “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”
- A belief system that man is the culmination of billions of years of upward progress, his well-being and continued improvement being our greatest concern
- Dominates our media and schools
- Most people are unaware of its roots, its definition, and its implications
- The U.S Supreme Court has even declared that Secular Humanism is a religion!







# Influence of Evolution on the Sciences



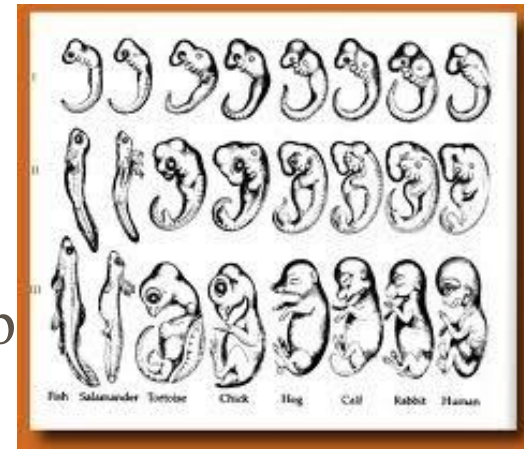
# The Influence of Evolution

- Far beyond being used as an explanation of the origin of the species
- Many regarded the outcome of the Scopes trial in 1925 of little importance at the time, including Bible-believing Christians
  - Left to the professionals, the geologists, etc.
  - Gospel did not seem to depend on any cosmological model

# Scopes Trial in 1925: Scientific “Evidences” Now Discredited

“Evidence” – why each was discredited

- Neanderthal man – fully human people
- Piltdown – ape jaw joined to man’s skull-cap
- Nebraska – based on fossilized pig’s tooth
- Embryonic recapitulation – Haeckel forged embryo drawings
- Peppered moth – colors shifts, now shifted back
- Vestigial organs – not evolutionary leftovers, but part of our immune system



“Evidence” still in textbooks, but admitted to be faulty!



# The Impact of Evolution

- One's view of evolution **DOES** matter, as evidenced by the last 150 years
- Evolution is **more** than a biological or geological hypothesis
  - Evolution is a world view!
- A person's philosophy of origins will inevitably determine:
  - His beliefs concerning his destiny
  - His beliefs concerning the meaning and purpose of his life
  - His actions in the present world

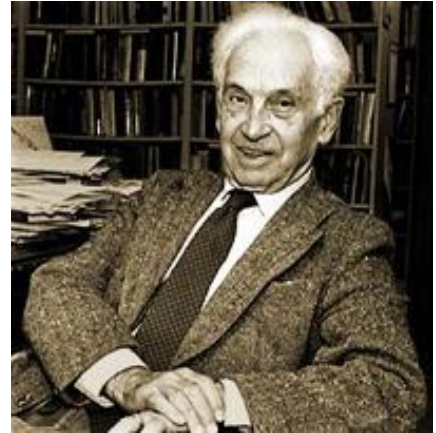


# Spreading Impact of Evolution

- Evolution is imposed on every area of our lives
  - Church, theistic evolution, culture
  - Morally, socially, mentally
- Evolution provides an “apparent” way for a man to escape his responsibility to God
  - No judge before whom we must all appear
  - Man is responsible only to himself
  - Whatever helps evolution helps society

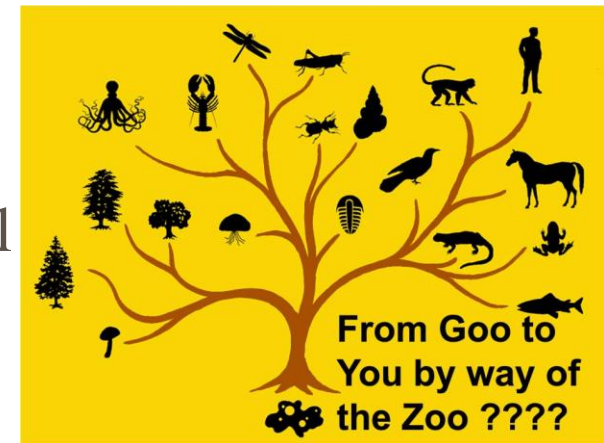
# Evolution and Science

- **Professor Mayr**, the Harvard biologist, stated that:
  - “Today, of course, there is no such thing as the theory of evolution; it is the **fact** of evolution. ... The only arguments now are over technical problems, but the basic fact of evolution is so clearly established that no scientist worries about it any more.”
- Evolution is pervasive in every area of science:
  - Biology, physical, earth, social



# More on Evolution and Science

- **Biological sciences:**
  - Text books portrays life evolving from non-life at every grade level
  - Yet Pasteur proved that life does **NOT** come from non-life
- **Physical sciences:**
  - Science says that every effect must have an adequate cause
  - Yet the “big bang” had **NO** cause
- **Earth sciences:**
  - Geological column
  - Paleontology (study of fossils)



**CAUSE  
&  
EFFECT**



# From a Geology Book (London)

“Condensation of part of the vast cloud of cold dust and gas that gave rise to the Solar System initially formed a molten Earth surrounded by a thick and dense atmosphere of cosmic gases ... made up largely of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide ... As the globe slowly cooled, crystallisation of minerals ... began to make a crust ... to build a new atmosphere ... water vapour condensed and fell as rain ... the first oceans collected in low-lying areas ...”



44 Semi-molten surface of the Earth 4500 million years ago



45 Solid crust with meteorite craters 4000 million years ago



46 An early ocean 3800 million years ago





# Evolution and Science

- Biology
  - Life processes, anthropology
- Physical sciences
  - Physics, astrophysics, astronomy
- Earth sciences
  - Geology, paleontology
- Social sciences
  - Philosophy, psychology, sociology
- Ethics and Religion



# Influence of Evolution on Society



# Evolution and Social Sciences

- Quoted from a weekly in higher education:
  - “The social and conceptual revolution that we are now witnessing ... can be traced back to Darwin.”
- **Sigmund Freud**, the psychologist, banished God from the soul, like Darwin banished God from life
- Evolution is taught as “fact” in all public schools at all grade levels
  - This should be of great concern to all Christian parents and pastors

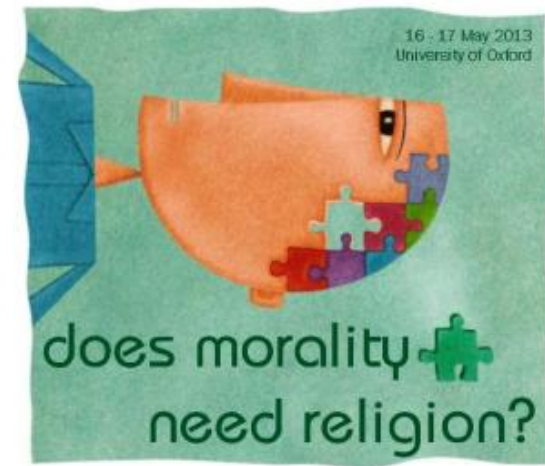


## Evolution and Social Sciences - 2

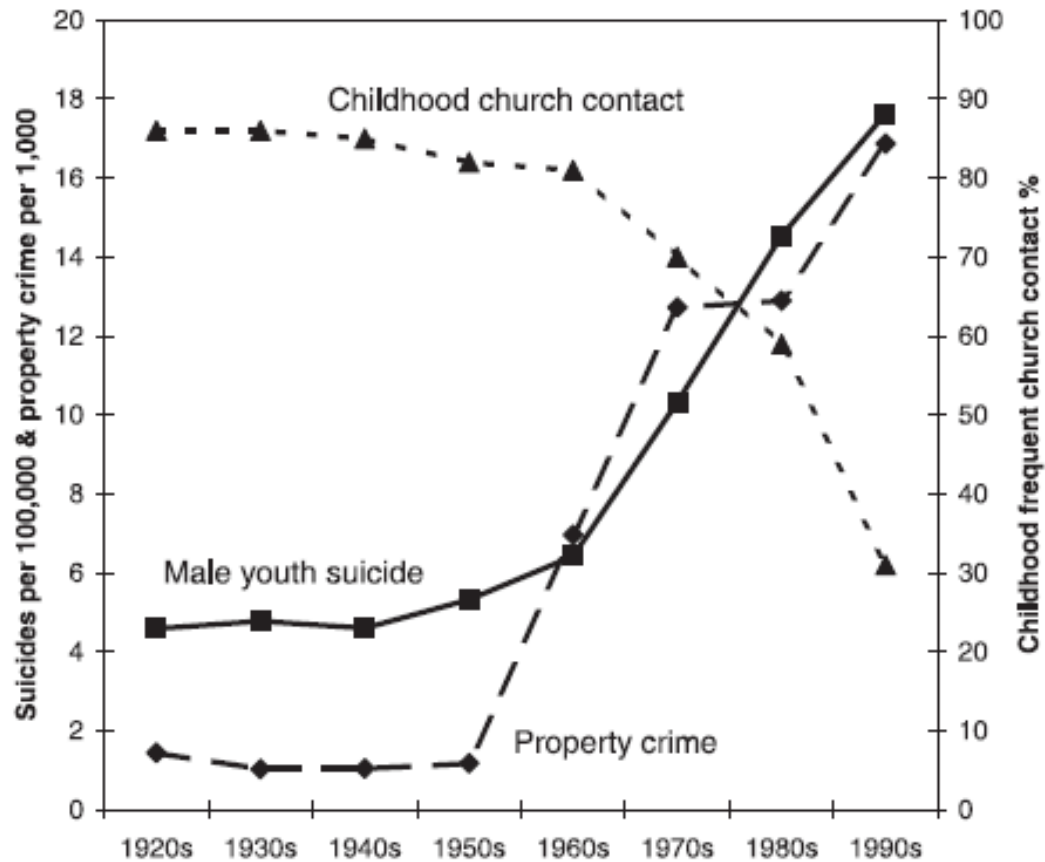
- We have **John Dewey** (of Dewey Decimal fame) to thank for this
- Historians such as **Toynbee** were dedicated evolutionists
- Philosophies of **Karl Marx** and **Friedrich Nietzsche** were heavily influenced by evolution
- **John Dewey**'s philosophy was built on Darwinism and pantheistic humanism

# Ethics and Religion

- Rejection of the Bible and other religious authority removes all divine constraints toward honesty, purity, charity, etc.
- Evolution becomes the basis for the new “scientific ethics”
- Almost all “religions” have accommodated evolution in one form or another



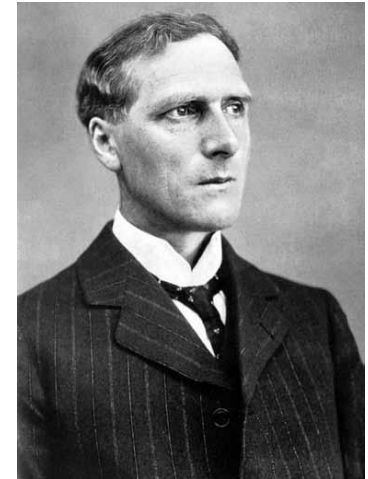
# Church Attendance and Social Problems



# More on Ethics and Religion

## ■ Sir Arthur Keith:

- Scottish anthropologist, 1866-1955
- Author of “Evolution and Ethics” and “A New Theory of Human Evolution”



- “... the conclusion that I have come to is this: the law of Christ is incompatible with the law of evolution - as far as the law of evolution has worked hitherto. Nay, the two laws are at war with each other; the law of Christ can never prevail until the law of evolution is destroyed.”

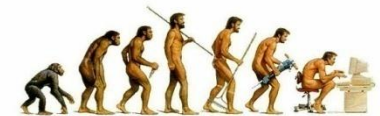


# Ethics and Evolutionary Thinking



# Some Results of Evolutionary Thought

- “Recapitulation Theory” - growth of the fetus rapidly repeats evolutionary history
- Freudian psychoanalysis – presumes animal ancestry of man
- Social Darwinism - survival of the fittest applied to economic and social structures
- Racism, Nazism and the Master Race
  - Subtitle on ‘Origin of Species’ book: “The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life”



# Implications of Evolutionary Thought

- Cheapening of human life
  - Abortion -> euthanasia ->infanticide
- Movement away from law based on Biblical concepts to popular will
  - Relativistic thinking
- Unwarranted elevation of animal life
  - Animals should have human rights
- Overly zealous ecology movement
  - Global Warming, Climate Change
- “Change” is the norm

Say NO to Euthanasia & Abortion





# Evolutionary Worldview

- “The concept of evolution was soon extended into other than biological fields. Inorganic subjects such as the life history of stars and the formation of the chemical elements on the one hand, and on the other hand subjects like linguistics, social anthropology, and comparative law and religion, began to be studied from an evolutionary angle, until today we are enabled to see **evolution as a universal and all-pervading process.**”
  - **Sir Julian Huxley** (1887-1975), British Eugenicist
- “[Evolution] is a general postulate to which all theories, all hypotheses, all systems must henceforth bow and which illuminates all facts, **a trajectory which all lines of thought must follow.**”
  - **Pierre Teilhard de Chardin** (1881-1955), Roman Catholic priest

# Atheism -> No Rules!





# “Belief in Evolution” Issues

- Life (abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, eugenics, stem cells, capital punishment, biotechnology)
- Racism (origin, favored, inter-racial marriage)
- Morality (moral relativism, immorality, homosexuality, pornography)
- Rights (war, civil disobedience, animal rights, ecology, environmentalism)
- Family (origin, marriage, monogamy, children)
- Education (parents, school, church)
- Business ethics (socialism, capitalism, ethics)

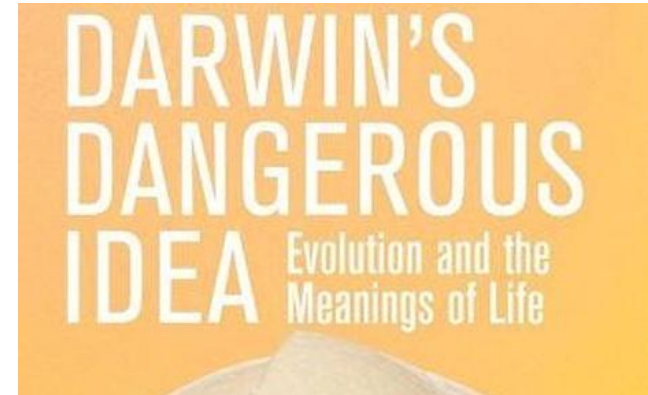
# Biblical Mandate on Life

- Who determines the rules? God or man?
- Sanctity of life:
  - Gen. 1:27, ... in the image of God he created
  - Gen. 9:6, Whoever sheds the blood of man
  - Ex. 20:13, You shall not commit murder.
  - Ex. 21:22-25, When men ... hit a pregnant woman ...
  - Ps. 139:13-16, You formed my inward parts ...
  - Is. 44:2, ... who formed you from the womb ...
  - Jer. 1:5, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you ...
  - Eph. 1:4, Even as he chose us in him before the foundation ...
- Today's medicine raises moral problems
- What is the impact of Evolution on sanctity of life?



# Evolution and Life

- Abortion – taking life of unborn
- Euthanasia – taking life of elderly
- Infanticide – taking life of “unfit”
- Eugenics – taking life of “unfit”, playing God
- Capital punishment – taking life of murderer
- Cloning/Stem cells – taking life of embryo
- Biotechnology – “improving” life



# Abortion and Evolution

- Embryo in womb goes through “stages of evolution” – called “**embryonic recapitulation**” by **Ernst Haeckel**,
- Women undergoing abortion are told that the embryo is only in the early stages of evolution (fish or animal)
- Late term abortions -> Infanticide -> euthanasia?





# Pro-Choice Arguments (for)

- Mother's body – she should decide
- Baby has right to proper care/love
- Too many unwanted babies now
- Woman and family have rights
- Result of rape
- Baby would be severely handicapped
- Giving up education and career
- Can't take care of baby
- Life does not really start until birth



# Pro-Life Arguments (against)

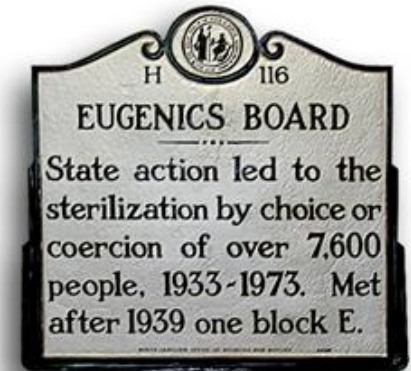
- Embryo is human from conception
- Precious gift from God
- Baby is defenseless
- Rights of the unborn
- Handicapped can lead full lives
- Abortion is murder
- Fetus can feel pain
- Unwanted baby can be adopted



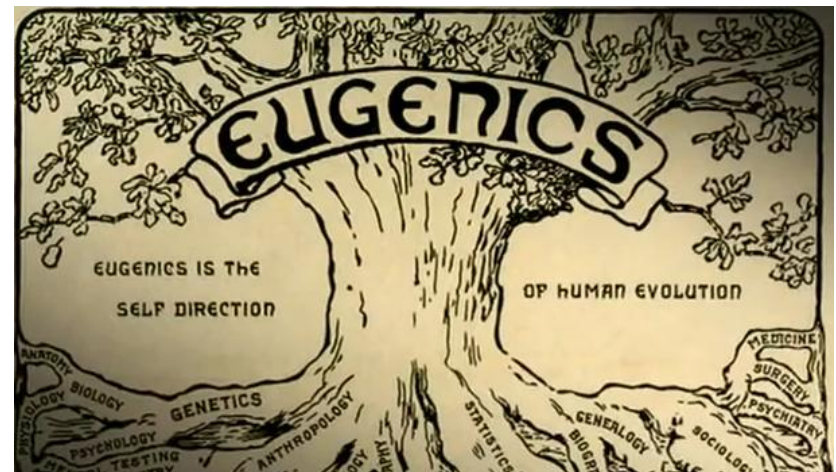
# Eugenics – Francis Galton

- “Consequently, as it is easy ... to obtain by careful selection a permanent breed of dogs or horses gifted with peculiar powers of running, or of doing anything else, so it would be quite practicable to produce a highly gifted race of men by judicious marriages during several consecutive generations.”

- Galton, Darwin’s cousin

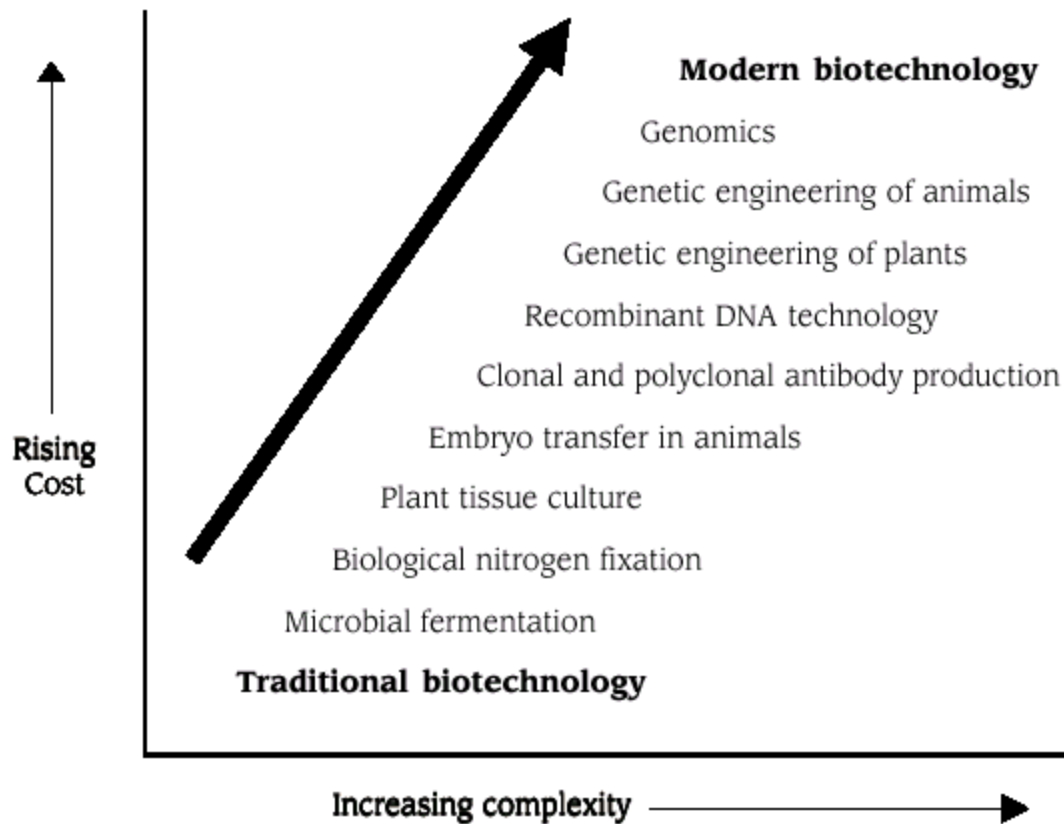


**EUGENICS**  
“IS THE STUDY OF THE AGENCIES UNDER SOCIAL CONTROL, THAT IMPROVE OR IMPAIR THE RACIAL QUALITIES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS EITHER PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY.”  
**SIR FRANCIS GALTON.**



# Biotechnology: “Improving Life”

Figure 2.1 Gradient of Biotechnologies



Source: Persley (1990) and Doyle and Persley (1996).

# Biblical Mandate on Race

## ■ Distinction between the races?

- Gen. 1:27, God created man in His own image
- Lev. 19:33-34, do not mistreat foreigners
- Mal. 2:10, has not one God created us?
- Acts 17:26, and he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth



## ■ Race prejudice

- Rom. 2:11, For God shows no partiality
- Gal. 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus
- John 3:16, for God so loved the world
- Rev. 7:9, from all tribes and peoples and languages

**RACISM**  
=  
**PREJUDICE**  
+  
**SOCIAL POWER**

# Evolution and Racism

- Based on **Recapitulation** theory
- “Mongoloid” became synonymous with mentally defective people
- “Mentally defective” was a throwback to earlier stage in evolution
- “Negroid stock is even more ancient than the Caucasian and Mongolian”, **Henry Osborne**, Natural History, April 1980.
- Justified treatment of slaves in this country, aborigines in Australia
- Even Darwin’s book “Origin of Species Through Natural Selection” had a subtitle “The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life”



# Evolution and Race

- “... even the most careful selection of the best can accomplish nothing, if it is not linked with a merciless elimination of the worst people.”
  - **Alexander Tille** (1866-1912), German Social Darwinist
- “The Negroid stock is even more ancient than the Caucasian or Mongolian, as may be proved by an examination not only of the brain, of the hair, of bodily characters, ... but of the instincts, the intelligence.”
  - **Henry Osborn** (1857-1935), American anthropologist



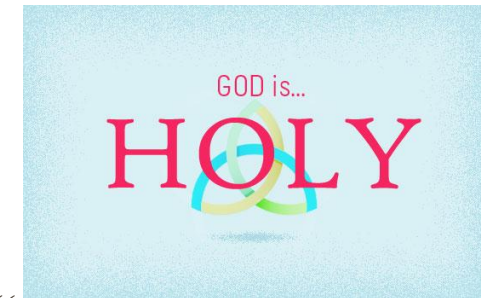
# Biblical Mandate on Morality

- Whose laws do we obey? God's or man's
  - **Mark 12:30-31**, you shall love the Lord your God
  - **Matt. 6:24**, No one can serve two masters
  - **Acts 5:29**, “We must obey God rather than men.”



- Righteousness

- **1 Pet. 1:16**, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
- **Mark 7:20-23**, And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, . . .”
- **Gal. 5:19-21**, Now the works of the flesh are evident
- **1 Tim. 1:10**, “The sexually immoral, . . . contrary to sound doctrine.”







# Evolution and Morality

- “I had motive for not wanting the world to have a meaning; consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is ... concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do, or why his friends should not seize political power and govern in the way that they find most advantageous to themselves. ... For myself, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation, sexual and political.”
  - **Aldous Huxley** (1894-1963) Philosopher and author
- “What we now call "morality" was evolved – as nearly all social and physical human attributes were – to aid us in survival and, ultimately, reproduction. This morality requires only that we be guided by our developed conscience (or "moral sense") – and not a God or gods.”
  - **David G. McAfee** (1989- ) (Modern) Atheist and author

# Can We Be Good Without God?

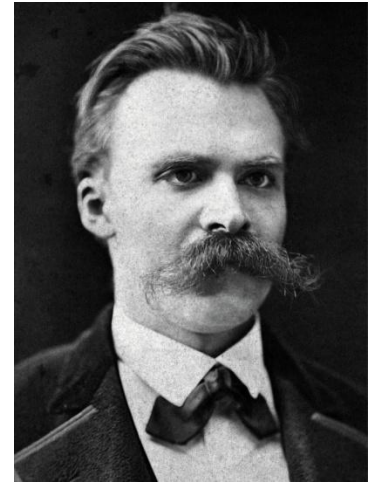
- Evolutionist ideas:
  - We're here to pass on our selfish genes
  - Survival of the fittest
  - Life is ultimately without meaning or purpose
- Evolutionist realities:
  - Can't live out such ideas
  - Must live as if morality is real
  - Need arguments to justify this
  - Personal preferences

Don't wonder at those  
who are good without God.  
Pity those who need God  
to be good.

God without man  
is still GOD but,  
Man without God  
is NOTHING. . .

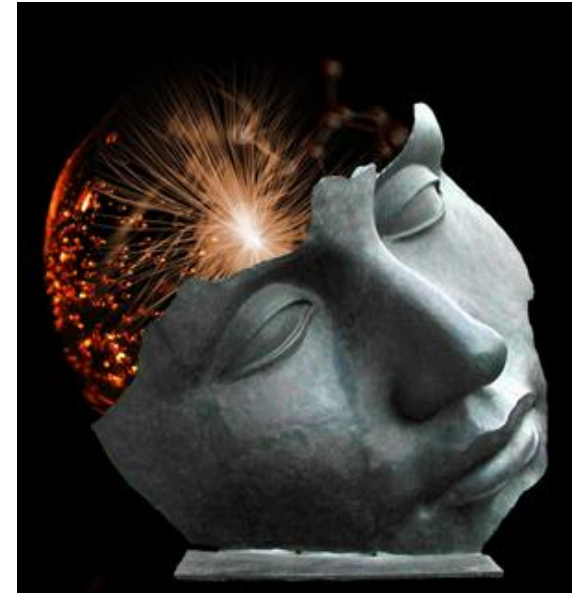
# Where Does Evolutionism Logic Lead?

- Nietzsche, “God is Dead” atheist  
“our moral judgments and evaluations are only images and fantasies based on a physiological process unknown to us”
- Richard Dawkins, New Atheist  
“Atheists and humanists tend to define good and bad deeds in terms of the welfare and suffering of others. Murder, torture, and cruelty are bad because they cause people to suffer”



# Evolutionary Philosophy Put Into Practice

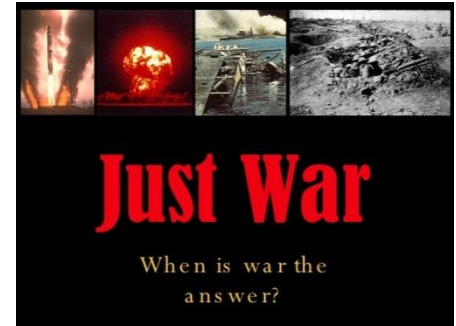
- Nazi genocide and euthanasia
- Millions killed by Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot
- Peter Singer (ethicist) supports:
  - Infanticide
  - Population extermination



Believing that man is nothing more than a cosmic fluke, they realize that this means that ultimately morality is just something that was put together in the human mind, a product of evolution which has no more real authority over our behavior than any other activity of the human mind.

# Biblical Mandate on Rights

- Man's dominion over the earth
  - **Gen. 1:26**, ... made in God's image, man given dominion over the earth and living creatures ...
  - **Matt. 6:26**, birds, are you not of more value than they?
- Protection of the weak
  - **Prov. 31:8-9**, protect rights of poor, needy, destitute
  - **Mic. 6:8**, do justice, walk humbly with your God
  - **Col. 3:11**, Christ is all, and in all
- Man subject to authority
  - **Eccl. 3:8**, a time for war, a time for peace
  - **1 Pet. 2:18**, be subject to your masters
  - **Rom. 13:1-10**, man subject to governing authorities



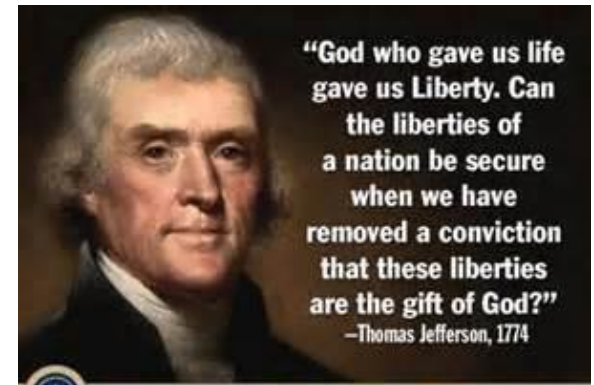
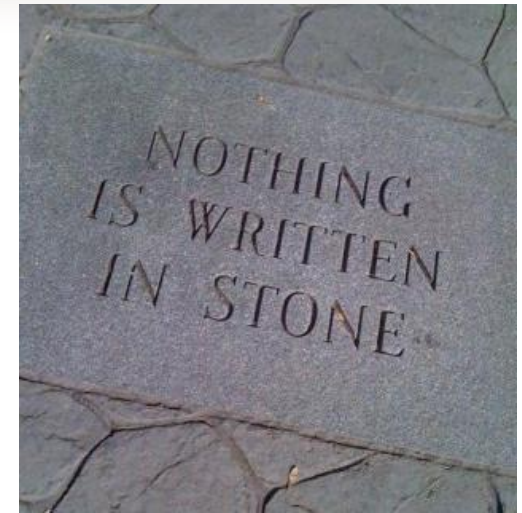
# Evolution and Rights

- Under the direct influence of Darwinism a great transformation of legal studies took place in the nineteenth century

- Challenge to notion of nature as a divine creation
- Undermining of confidence in objective moral standard common to mankind as a whole

- Naturalism vs. Supernaturalism

- No higher moral law
- No God-given law and rights
- An evolutionary theory of law



# Animal & Plant Rights?

- The hypocrisy:

“For all the hype about ‘human rights’ from this same ‘intelligentsia’, isn’t it both absurd *and hypocritical* to spend time and resources debating whether plants can suffer pain like humans do, when there are real *human* rights issues which need to be addressed? And most of these people who are supposedly ‘biocentric’ probably would allow unborn humans to be killed, although they are undeniably alive and human, and are even capable of feeling pain.”



# Biblical Mandate on Family

## ■ Marriage

- Col. 3:18, wives, submit to your husbands
- Col. 3:19, husbands, love your wives
- 1 Cor. 6:18, flee from sexual immorality
- 1 Cor. 7:10-11, the husband should not divorce his wife
- Gen. 2:24, a man shall leave his father and his mother

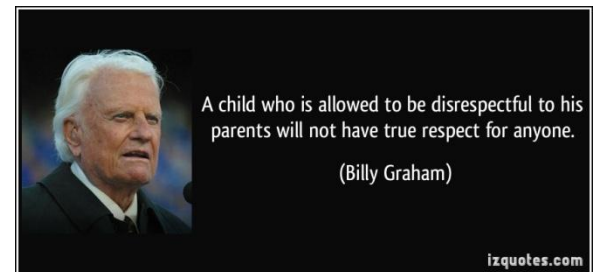


## ■ Leadership

- 1 Tim. 3:4, he must manage his own household well
- 1 Tim. 3:12, let deacons each be the husband of one wife

## ■ Children

- Col. 3:20, children, obey your parents
- Ex. 20:12, honor your father and mother



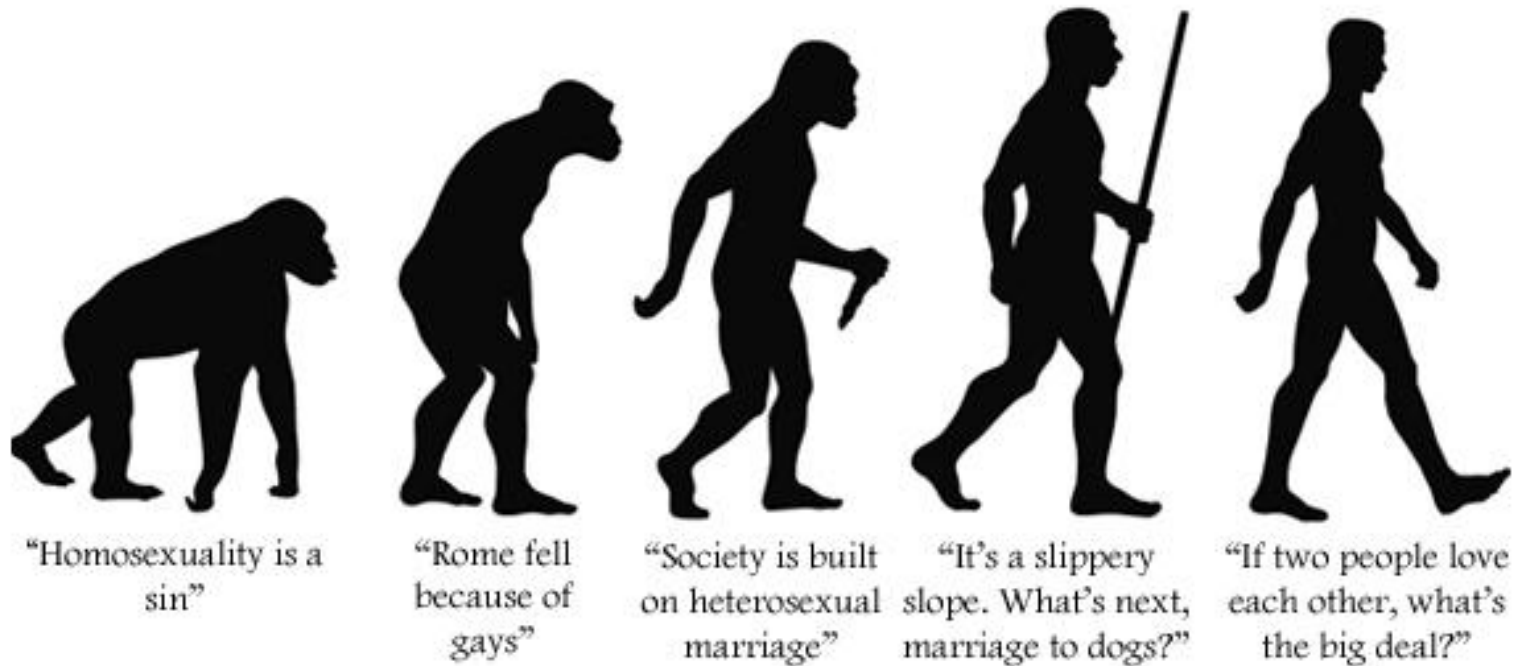


# Fruits of Evolution & the Family

- Sexual sins outside of marriage
  - Casual sex easier
  - Abortions are easier
  - Adultery no longer illegal
  - Same sex marriages
- Impact on families
  - Physical, emotional, mental harm
  - Increase in disease, e.g. AIDS
  - Increase in single parent families
  - More children born outside of marriage
  - Divorce rates increased
  - Broken and dysfunctional families



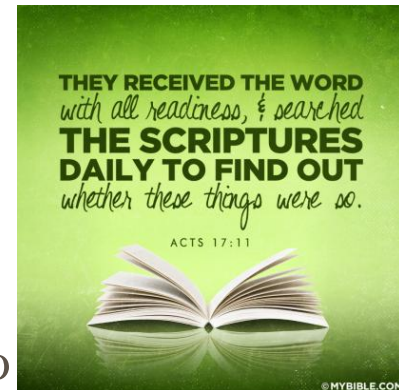
# Evolution of The Family?



# Biblical Mandate on Education

## ■ Foundation

- **Prov. 9:10**, fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
- **2 Tim. 3:16**, all scripture is profitable for teaching
- **Prov. 16:16**, better to get wisdom than gold
- **Acts 17:11**, examine the Scriptures daily



## ■ Philosophy

- **Prov. 22:6**, train up a child in the way he should go
- **2 Cor. 10:5**, destroy arguments and every lofty opinion
- **Rom. 12:2**, do not be conformed to this world

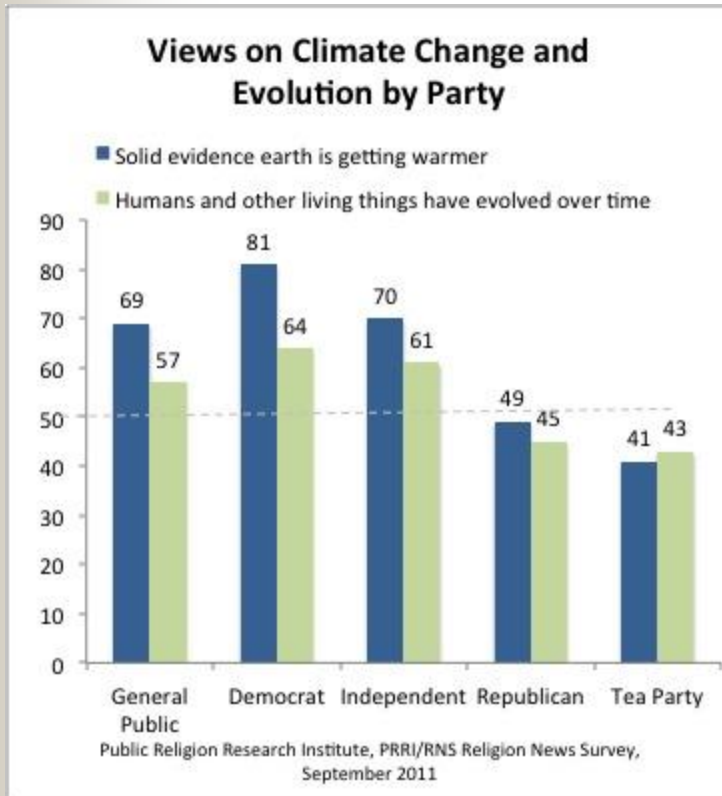
## ■ False teaching

- **John 8:44**, Satan is the father of lies
- **Col. 2:8**, no one takes you captive by philosophy



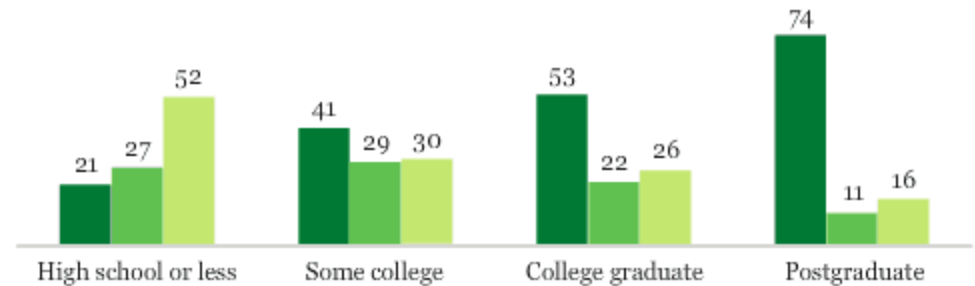
# Evolution and Education

## ■ Opinion Polls on Evolution & Climate Change



*Belief in Evolution, by Education Level*

■ % Yes, believe in evolution    ■ % No, do not believe in evolution  
 ■ % No opinion either way



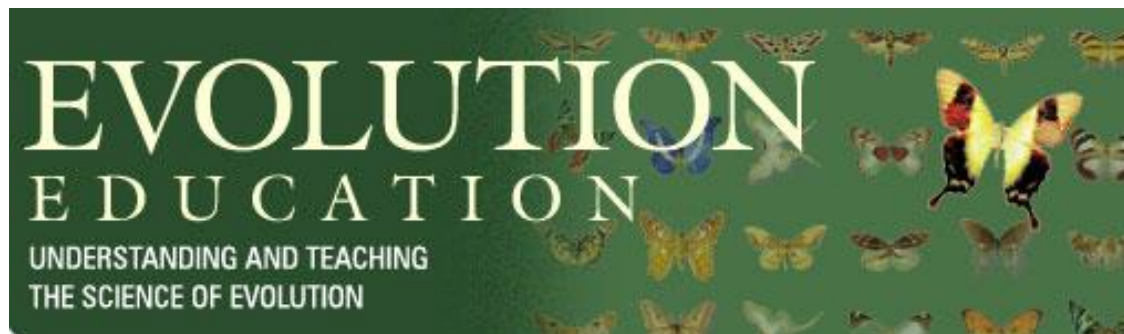
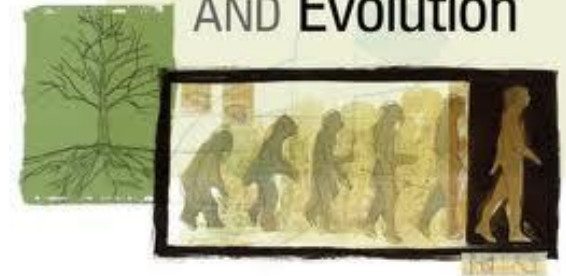
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# Influence of Evolution on Education

- Pervasive influence in public schools
  - Humanist “faith” with humanist values
  - Nature is purposeless and amoral,  
*Stephen Jay Gould*
- Antedotes – home school, Christian school or church
  - Parents ultimately responsible

Science, Religion,  
AND Evolution



# Biblical Mandate on Business Ethics

## ■ Moral character

- **Lev. 19:11**, you shall not steal
- **Mark 8:36**, what does it profit to gain the whole world?
- **Col. 3:23**, work heartily as for the Lord
- **Prov. 11:1**, a false balance is an abomination
- **Prov. 19:17**, generous to the poor
- **Col. 3:17**, do everything in the name of the Lord

## ■ Righteous master



- **Matt. 6:24**, cannot serve God and money
- **Lev. 25:43**, you shall not rule over him ruthlessly
- **Matt. 22:36-40**, the greatest commandment



# Evolution and Business Ethics

- Evolution applied to the business world
  - Implies survival of the fittest, elimination of the weak
- Industrial age in the US in 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - Opportunities to create great wealth in railroads, steel, oil
  - Man's natural depravity lead to materialism
  - Improving standard of living for many -> Survival of the fittest
- “There may be no sound ethical anchorage in the ocean of moral relativism, but this is a way of navigating it.”  
**John Dobson**, Jan. '97 issue of CFO magazine
  - Ethics consulting is now a \$100M business
  - Ethics programs are merely designed to avoid lawsuits
  - Virtue is not a maximum or minimum, but a balance





# Summary and Conclusions





## In Summary: Truth Is Important

- “Science” has now been defined to allow only naturalistic explanations
- Therefore scientific areas that touch upon origins can only have naturalistic theories
- However, we know from the Bible that “what is true” spans both the natural AND the super-natural
- Evolutionist: “Creation may in fact be true, but we cannot call it science or teach it!”




# Issues Facing Evolution Today

- Increasing internal criticism of neo-Darwinism as viable explanation (Denton)
- Reliance on the courts to keep Creationism out of public schools
- A significant percentage of Americans still believe in creation!
- Science is losing its glamour in society
- Increasing relativism - science could become just one more way of understanding reality



# In Conclusion

- The dominance of evolutionary thinking can only be the result of Satanic influence
- The creation/evolution battle is ultimately between good and evil, God and Satan, disguised as a question of science
- But the creation clearly shows there must be a Creator, and so men are without excuse
  - **Romans 1:18-21**
- Teaching Biblical creationism provides a strong foundation for leading people to Christ
- Ideas DO have consequences!



# Spiritual Warfare: A War of Worldviews

- **Eph. 6:12**, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places].”
- **2 Pet. 1:16**, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
- **Rev. 12:9**, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.



# Teaching Creation Truth

- Biblical truths
  - Founded in Genesis
  - Supported by science
- Creation education
  - Taught in love
  - Supports biblical ethics
- Well-educated teachers
  - Grounded in the Word
  - Teaching the next generation

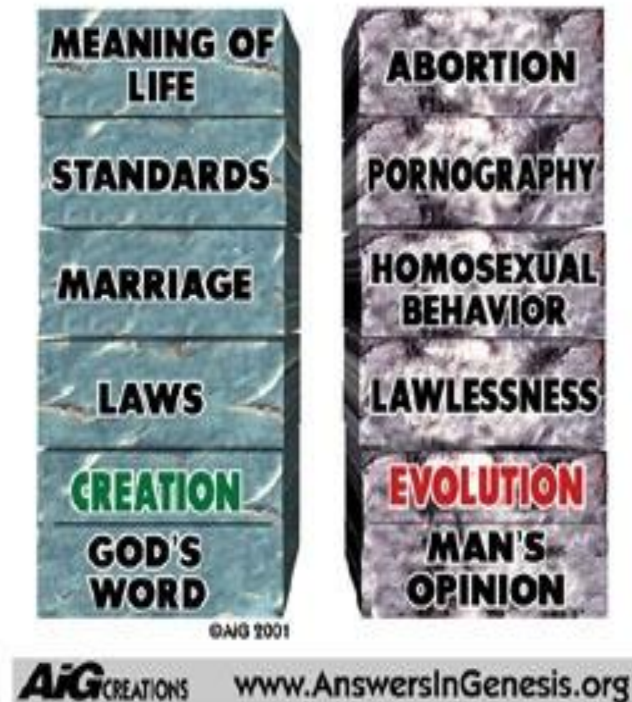
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