

# The Old Paths

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## “Some Consequences Of Evolution”

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Last week, I preached two sermons about the theory of evolution, and how it is false doctrine. (These sermons are available on the website.) Among other things, I tried to show how that in many ways, this false doctrine has permeated society through TV shows, magazines, in the schools, etc. Yet, after preaching those sermons, it hit me (as is often the case) that there were other points I needed to make in connection with this subject. So, I want to use this bulletin to study some consequences of evolution.

As we study this, one might be surprised at how wide-spread this false doctrine is. Now, due to folks being told for years and years that we are nothing more than “glorified apes,” or cosmic accidents, we are reaping the consequences of this false doctrine.

### Loss Of Morals

While some proclaim to be part of an “enlightened,” and “tolerant” culture, we continue to see folks engaged in many forms of immorality, and then justifying their behavior by saying, “Who are you to judge me?” As we survey society, we see a continual erosion of morals. Put simply, the erosion of morals has come as a result of folks rejecting God as Creator.

Consider the fact that if it is true that we are here by evolutionary chance, then the above statement, “Who are you to judge me?” is VALID! For truly, no person could be a “moral superior” to another.

Yet, when we accept the truth,

that is, that God made us, we find that there is a “moral superior” to Whom we must submit. God has given us a “moral code” (and so much more) by which to live. It is found in the Bible! Perhaps the most “moral” rule of them all, Matthew 7:12, was not spoken by men, but by the Son of God, who spoke the Father’s word to people (Jn. 12:50). Christ said, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets” (Matt. 7:12). James stated what was called the “royal law.” He said, “If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well” (Jas. 2:8).

Consider how man acts today. Often, the actions of man contradict the statements of Matthew 7:12 and James 2:8! Often, the actions of man contradict the statements of Ephesians 4:28; I Peter 3:3-5; Ephesians 5:4; I Timothy 6:10, and many other passages. How then can folks say they are better off in their unbelief of God than they would be had they believed and obeyed God’s word?

Yet, it is consistent to note that IF there is no God, then we need not worry about morals, because the current generation gives them meaning. When this generation passes, the next generation will redefine morality to mean what they want it to mean. How horrible it is to think of folks living on such “shifting sand,” and not the “solid rock.” Yet, this is one of the consequences of believing the false doctrine of the evolutionary theory.

### Homosexuality Accepted

If there is no God, and we are only

here because of chance, time, and mutations, then why do we have such a national divide on the subject of homosexuality (and more recently, homosexual “marriage”)? Scientists have tried for years to say there is a “homosexual gene.” Why do this? To convince folks that homosexuality ought to be taken out of the “moral” category, and accepted by our society. This is also their motivation for finding “homosexual” animals. They reason that since man and animals “evolved” together, if we find “homosexual” animals, then man must not be immoral for being interested in the same sex, too.

Yet, God has condemned homosexual behavior all the way through the Bible. For example, in Old Testament days, God told the Israelites, “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination” (Lev. 18:22, 20:13). In the New Testament, we see this condemnation again, when Paul told the Corinthians that such folks “shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (I Cor. 6:9-10).

To the Roman Christians (people well-acquainted with folks openly engaging in homosexual practices), he wrote, “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet” (Rom. 1:26-27). Please note those words Paul used. By the inspiration of God (I Cor. 14:37; II Tim. 3:16-17), Paul said homosexual behavior was “vile,” “against nature,” “unseemly,” and “error.” Does this sound like descriptions of a “genetic design” or of “natural selection”? Do these words describe a practice which pleases God? Sometimes, folks who are homosexual say, “I didn’t choose this. Did you choose

to be heterosexual?" This is said to try to put perverted sexual desires and natural sexual desires on an equal plane. Yet, notice that Paul did not do this. By implication, He showed heterosexuality to be "natural," by declaring homosexuality to be "against nature." Please understand, I am opposed to sexual sins in any form (Heb. 13:4; I Cor. 6:18; Homosexuality falls within the category of "fornication."). Yet, it cannot be denied by the one who loves God's word and intends to follow it that God has condemned the "lifestyle choice" of a number of folks living in this world.

Hence, the reason some folks will promote and push the theory of evolution on us is so we will not believe that we have a Creator and Designer, and therefore, will consider homosexuality "normal," and merely one's genetic design.

#### *Hedonism On The Rise*

Perhaps you are not familiar with the word "hedonism." This is OK. You are very familiar with its definition, I am sure! In a culture where evolution is promoted as a "fact," the pursuit of "pleasure" is a top priority! This is what hedonism is about — the pursuit of pleasure, and mainly sensual pleasure (Strong's #2237, Vine's).

While the word "hedonism" is not found in our English Bible (it is in the original Greek text), the definition of the word is there. It is found in such passages as Luke 8:14; Titus 3:3; Hebrews 11:25; James 4:1, 3; and II Peter 2:13. In each case, this pursuit of pleasure, this "hedonism," is condemned!

For instance, consider Christ's words in Luke 8:14: *"And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection."* Jesus said the "pleasures" (hedone) of this life

choked out the word that was in the heart of that one! Moses, on the other hand, chose to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy hedonistic pursuits ("the pleasures of sin ..."). James condemned some Christians because they were guilty of asking for things so that they could "*consume it upon (their) lusts (hedone).*" Over and over, the Bible condemns this selfish pursuit of pleasure, wherein one is focused only on fulfilling his/her lust.

Sadly, our society caters to this type of thinking, encouraging folks to "do your own thing." We are told, "You only go around once, so grab all the gusto you can!" Our culture encourages people to "do what is right for you" and similar sayings. All this does is encourage this self-centered attitude which God condemns!

Yet, if the theory of evolution is true, then who cares? In a way, evolution gives us license to act like animals; for if we are nothing more than a glorified string of molecules, accidentally set on this earth merely to be born, procreate, and die, we might as well take in all the pleasures possible before we die and go out of existence!

#### *Theistic Evolution Is False Doctrine.*

Some today (even brethren) teach that God created everything by merely "starting" the evolutionary process (i.e., theistic evolution). This does not solve anything. To attempt to "marry" two opposing systems (Creationism,

and Evolution) is like trying to ride two horses at the same time that are going opposite directions! It can't be done! Such compromisers ought not be tolerated by brethren any more than we would tolerate a compromiser teaching that both the guilty fornicator and the innocent spouse have a right to another mate (Matt. 5:32, 19:9). Compromisers with the theory of evolution ought not be tolerated by brethren any more than we would tolerate a compromiser teaching that it is right to use an instrument of music or not use one in worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)!

#### *Conclusion*

May we see just how insidious the theory of evolution is. It is MORE than merely a theory of how man might have come into existence. This false doctrine is pushed and pressed on folks as if it were true. The "accepted" dating of earth strata, fossils, the universe, etc., is based on this false theory. Sadly, when folks believe and follow this theory, when they suggest that the earth and the universe is billions of years old, they are promoting a false doctrine that systematically attacks God and our faith. The Evolutionary theory opposes that which gives glory and honor to God!

When we look around and see the decline of our society, the irreverent and outright denial of God, and the break-down of morals, rest assured that this false doctrine called the theory of evolution is deeply involved. Beware brethren, and remember Ephesians 6:4!

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