

The Old Paths

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“Like An Animal”

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I am sure that most have heard the above expression or used it themselves at one time or another. Sometimes when we see children who are (innocently) playing rough, someone will say, “They are acting like animals!” At other times, we see this phrase used to describe various acts of violence. Perhaps someone was murdered, or beaten, and someone says words to the effect that the guilty person acted like an animal. I have heard some justify various sins by saying that those sins committed were “the law of the jungle.” Some hearken back to the adage which says, “Kill or be killed.”

This phrase “like an animal,” stands out in my mind because if the theory of evolution is true, then of course, we are all acting like animals. After all, we are nothing more than highly developed animals, according to that theory. Therefore, how could we do anything but act like animals? Unfortunately, the theory of evolution has such a strangle-hold on our society that we face the consequences of that false theory every day. Some examples:

Abortion

In defending the practice of killing unborn babies, it has been argued that that which is conceived is “unviable tissue

mass” in the mother. One argument advanced by some of the more vocal abortion advocates is that what the mother has inside of her is not human. This is an interesting concept, seeing that it took two humans to conceive this “non-human.” (??) (What happened to the Biblical and scientific truth which says “like begets like”? Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24-26) My question to those who say the mother is not carrying a human within her is: “Just what is in there, if it is not human?” If the theory of evolution is true, one must forget the fact that God calls that which is conceived in the womb alive, and a child (Gen. 25:23; Lk. 1:41, 44). We must also forget that there were some that God knew before conception (Jer. 1:5). After all, we’re not but a step up from the animals!

Euthanasia

This is defined as: “*the act of putting to death painlessly a person suffering from an incurable and painful disease or condition*” (Webster’s). Some have called it “mercy-killing.” Probably the most famous person in recent times, Jack Kevorkian, was imprisoned in Michigan because of his active pursuit of killing people. Yes, many went willingly to his “death-van,” but he nevertheless killed them. (Mutual consent does not change a sinful act to a righteous one.) Some are opting to be killed like you would put a dog or cat to sleep.

Have we forgotten that “*in the image of God made he man*” (Gen. 9:6)? Have we lost sight of the fact that “*Ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s*” (I Cor. 6:19-20)? I guess some have completely put out of their mind the fact that it is just as sinful to murder yourself as it is to murder someone else (Rom. 13:9).

Yet, if the theory of evolution is true, then killing off our elderly population, killing our babies, or killing off those who are sick and hurting is no different from killing a dog, cat, horse, etc., when it is diseased, or suffering. Isn’t a man’s life of greater worth than an animal’s life? Jesus said “yes” (Matt. 10:29, 31), but many today are saying “no”. What do you say?

Other Consequences

Though the two cases above and the push to make such actions “acceptable” and “normal” consume many people’s time right now in America; let us understand that since we have started down this road of saying humans are nothing more than glorified animals, there is no stopping place. “Not true” you say? Have we forgotten the cry of “survival of the fittest” made by people for well over a century, now? Some have justified stealing, murder, adultery, and other sins under the guise that “the weak” are preyed upon by “the strong” who survive and propagate the earth as animals do.

If we are “like an animal,” and nothing more than just the next evolutionary step up in this chain, then, how long will it be before someone in

this country succeeds in not merely making the killing of children a "social issue", but they go ahead to make *eating* of their children a subject for the "voting public" to decide? Do you think this is ridiculous? Don't forget that the eating of human children has happened before (ex: II Kings 6:26-29)! Sows, dogs, lions, and other animals are known to eat their own young. Therefore, since we're just like them (according to the theory of evolution), who's going to stop people from doing what "comes naturally" in our "animal kingdom"? Does this turn your stomach? Do you think this is far-fetched? Remember when the practices of homosexuals turned the stomachs of most Americans and seemed far-fetched? Now, how does much of society treat homosexuals in their sin? Think about it!

Conclusion

Brethren, let's stop living by "the law of the jungle," and live by the Bible. Let's stop acting like animals and act like Christians (Eph. 5:3)! It is high time we stop trying to push God out of our lives, and draw near to Him (Jas. 4:8).

"The apostles were practical men. Some were fishermen; one a tax collector. Both callings teach a person not to believe all he hears."

"From the things we learn from God's dealings with nations, it can be safely said that no nation falls so long as it serves a purpose in God's plans. That was true anciently, and it is true today."

- R.L. Whiteside
(From: The Kingdom of Promise and Prophecy)

How Much, How Often

Robert F. Turner, from: *Plain Talk*

There is nothing more completely opposed to the true spirit of Christianity than the attitude back of the questions, "How much, how many, how often must I serve the Lord?" It is appalling that some would argue such.

Years back a man handed me a paper which listed his income, rent, food bill, utilities, etc.; and said, "Now you have the facts. Tell me how much must I give to the Lord?" I asked if he thought he should visit the sick, help the needy; and when he said he did, I asked, "How often?"

He seemed a bit puzzled, so I suggested 50 times per week -- and he thought he would do well to get in that many calls. But I persisted: "On Saturday afternoon when you have just made your fiftieth call and are on your way home, you meet a brother who is destitute, obviously worthy; and you have the means to assist him. Do you say, 'I'm sorry. I cannot help you now. I have made my 50 calls for this week -- but I'll see you first thing Monday'?" How does one measure service that is patterned after God's love for us?

If a fellow just must have figures or percents, he should be given them from the Scriptures: like 100% -- "*all that she had, even all her living*" (Mk. 12:44). Or, "*Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple*" (Lk. 14:33). Are you amazed? (Matt. 19:25).

A genuine Christian does not dole out an hour or two, a few dollars, or a pound of mercy for God. He first gives himself, (II Cor. 8:5; Matt. 16:24) and from then on his service is limited only by ability and opportunity. That's the meaning of "as prospered" (I Cor. 16:2), i.e., in keeping with that God has given you. God gave life to Stephen, and when the service of God called for it, Stephen gave it back to God (Acts 7:59).

When Jesus said, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind*" (Matt. 22:37), He left no place for "and 10% of thy money, and one hour per week of thy time." I believe Jesus will go fishing with you (Luke 5:4f); but don't forget, you are doing it on His time.

"Not to know is ignorance, but to refuse to learn is pride."

-- L.E. Sloan

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