

# **Was Man Created** **Or** **Did He Evolve?**

**FROM JERUSALEM**

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It is quite generally agreed by all candid and intelligent minds that there are mysteries in this world the solution of which still puzzles the greatest minds in the universe. Some of these unfathomed mysteries which challenge the wisdom of all scientists is the origin of the earth, the origin of life, and of the different species, of life. The very fact that the different schools of science widely disagree on all these important problems, injects serious doubts into the mind of the casual observer, as to correctness of any of them, which they themselves admit are only theories.

The word science comes from a root word meaning "to know" — consequently none of these admitted theories are true science, because none of them prove their claims, and admit it when they call their explanations, "theories".

There is one group of scientists called evolutionists who claim their solution removes all doubt, but still they disagree among themselves as to origin, and the time required in the process. One of these learned gentlemen asserts that his theory banishes all supernatural elements of any natural phenomena. As a practical people, we demand facts, and not theories for these basic and impor-



tant questions. They speak in the name of science, but fail to qualify for that word means "To Know", and their theories fail in the acid laboratory test tubes, or before the weight of sound logic and clear reasoning.

Science has utterly failed to give the world an intelligent answer to the origin of life, while they expound many different theories, clashing with one another. Some estimate the age of this earth and other sister planets from twenty five million to ten BILLION years. This enormous discrepancy proves them to be only a mere guess

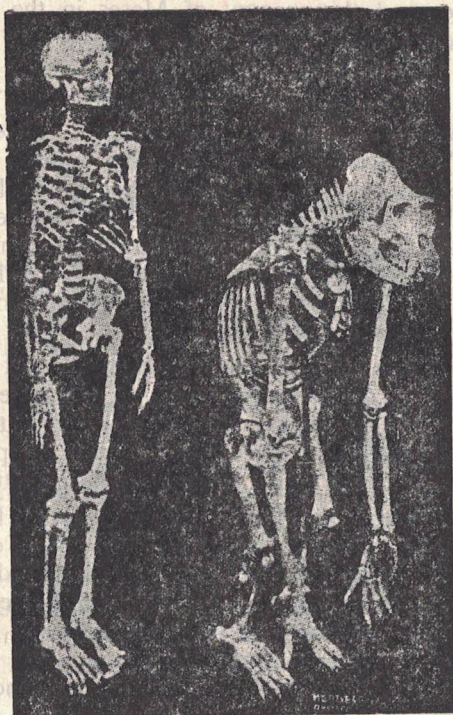
A number of years ago it was supposed that the theory of "Nebular Hypothesis" fully explained the origin and evolution of our solar system. Now it is being discredited by such men as Dr. Harlow Shapley of the Harlow college observatory and also Professor Earnest I Opik of the Tartu University Observatory of Estonia. He says that "Stars of the different spectral classes cannot have evolved from each other, but must have been created simultaneously, and their age is too short for any evolution". From Science News Letters.

Other famous scientists and astronomers denounce the whole "Nebular Hypotheses" as false, that this earth was once a part of the sun, and that it was a large chunk violently thrown away by an eruption, and that it gradually cooled off and life formed upon it is contrary to all laws of life. Just moderate heat will always destroy any form of life, say nothing about the million degrees of heat on the sun. Certainly a part of the sun would be so completely sterilised that no life in any form would be left upon it. Consequently their theory proves to be false.

The well known and famous Astronomer Dr. J.H. Jeans. says in his book on Cosmogony, "Everything points with overwhelming force to a definite event, or a series of creation at sometime or times not infinitely remote. The Universe cannot have originated by change out of its present ingredients, and neither can it always have been the same as now". Page 55.

There have been thousands of attempts to make some form of life in the laboratory test tubes, but all have failed. The theories of evolutionists are without foundation of facts. The world famous Dr. Pasteur, the one who originated and discovered "Bacteriology" confesses that we know nothing about the origin of life. After H.G. Wells propounds theories, then he makes an honest confession and says, "We do not know how life began on this earth."





Would it have been an easier job for God to have created the Amoeba what they call the smallest possible form of life, than to have created a fish, a frog, or a man? If the "amoeba" were the first thing and the only form of life created, it would have lived only until it starved for every form of life exists on food from other forms of life. Every effort of scientists to create vegetable, or animal life, has failed and will fail. Life only originates from life, which is a universal law, that man has failed to alter. The origin of all forms of life as recorded by Moses in the first chapter of Genesis is the only sensible solution to the problem, and the only one scientists can adopt.

A leading evolutionist was asked to explain which came first the egg or the hen. He answered quickly it was the egg of course. Then it was stated to him, "Here is an egg that did not come from a hen, so where did this egg come from"? He saw his error and said he was mistaken, that the hen came first in existence. "Very well said the other party, then there was a hen that did not not come from an egg, and where did the hen come from"? The



evolutionist admitted that he did not know. He was then informed to read the account of Moses in the book of Genesis and he would know.

### The Origin of the Species

“What do the evolutionists know about the origin of the species?” A certain few hold to the opinion that the species are the result of gradual changes, while others maintain that species are the result of a sudden jump. However, the large majority of evolutionists confess that the origin of species is an unsolved mystery. In his book *Evolution and Adoption*, Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan, of Columbia University, states on page 43:

“Within the period of human history we do not know of a single instance of the transformation of one species into another one.... The theory of descent lacking, therefore, in the most essential feature that it needs to place the theory on a scientific basis. This must be admitted”.

“This is a large and frank admission for a leader in this branch of science to make, namely— that evolution is essentially unscientific. The three-fold foundation or scientific explanation of the origin on our planet, of life, and of species,—is lacking. No one has ever seen life spring up from non-living matter; no one has seen one species changing into another; and no person now living has ever seen a world evolving.”

“The basic theory on which evolution rests is, that there has been a uniform and a continuous development from the simplest forms of life to the more complex. But this theory, that there has been a uniform development upward, known as uniformitarianism, is at variance with the true facts of geology. Instead of noticeable evolution and development upward, a comparison between contemporaneous forms of life and that of antiquity, indicates a steady downward trend of degeneration. Even a casual visit to the New York Museum of Natural History, for example, will convince any impartial observer that at some time in the past, animals far more powerful and of vastly greater size than now exist, had roamed this earth. The giant skeletons of mastodons and dinosaurs that lived on earth in ages past, are mute but eloquent proof that instead of an evolution forward, there is a continuous weakening and retrogression visible among all forms of life including man. Sir William Dawson a noted and world renowned scientist remarks, “Nothing is more evident in the history of fossil animals and plants



of the past geological ages than that persistence of degeneracy is the rule rather than the opposite. We may say that all things left to themselves degenerate, and only a new breathing of the Almighty Spirit can start them again on the path of advancement."— From Appendix G. McGreedy Price.  
Page 283.

### **God Through the Mysteries of Electricity Still Creates**

The author and compiler of this article has witnessed personally the power of electricity in the work of creation of life, and he can produce several hundred intelligent people who have witnessed the same, and similar manifestation of divine miraculous power.

The United States of America is famous for its many unusual winds, sometimes of great destructive violence. I remember passing through a very unusual night of constant torrential rain, wind, and such a display of brilliant lightning that at times it was lighter than day. In the morning to our surprise, and that of the entire neighbourhood, in the pools of water formed by the torrential rain, were seen small fish to four centimetres in length. They were very bright silvery scaled fish. With some others we took a piece of screen wire netting and caught them in different places, and so did our neighbours. These fish were formed during the night, and all over the country for fifteen kilometres around the people all witnessed the unusual phenomena. These fish were created, and did not hatch from fish eggs, because the land had been parched with a long drought, and fish just hatched from fish eggs are not even one centimeter in length, and all of these were a uniform size not less than three centimeters, an inch and a half.

This was not just one freak occurrence but it was repeated at different intervals, and in different places over the country, and many witnesses can be obtained as to these facts.

### **A Thunder Storm Created Frogs**

When I was a young man I lived on my father's farm in one of the middle western states, and following an unusual night of electrical disturbance when the heavens were aglow with constant flashing light, with moments lighter than day, with intermittent torrents of rain and wind, in company with my brother older than myself, we traveled some ten kilometers from home across the prairie, and there were swarms of little frogs constantly



hopping out of the roadway in front of the horses, as we drove along the road. We even saw many hanging on the barbed wire fences high up off the ground where they had been caught on their descent from the heavens. We witnessed the same sight on our return home, when we began an investigation to be satisfied if our conclusions were well founded, that these frogs had actually been rained down during the night.

Father had just purchased a new wagon, with a tight wagon box three feet high all around and 10 feet long, and we decided to examine that wagon to settle the matter, and sure enough there were many little frogs in that wagon box which was on wheels and high off of the ground. This was proof that they had actually been created by the phenomena of that night of unusual electric display. Our neighbours for miles around discovered the same thing, and it was for a long time a matter of common conversation, and reality was doubted by none.

### The Plagues of Egypt

We all have read how the plagues of frogs, lice, and flies (Exodus 8) came over all Egypt in the days of Moses, and how the quails also visited the children of Israel in the wilderness. So the Heavenly Father, has still within His hidden power the secret of creating life which he used in bringing into existence the thousands of different species at the creation of the world. Just as man tunes his radio in on different stations by the slightest adjustment, so can the Almighty turn the dial of his great creative machine to different electric cycles and bring into existence fishes, frogs, lice, quails, or even man, or any other of the larger beings of life. He spoke the Word and it was so.

It was Thomas Edison, the greatest of our inventors, who said, "Man knows about one millionth part of one percent of what there is to know". How true it is that "He who knows most, knows best how little he knows".

The only clear explanation of the origin of the many different species is found in the first chapter of the book of Genesis. It reads, "And God said let the earth bring forth the living creature— "AFTER HIS KIND"—cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth— "AFTER HIS KIND" — and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth — AFTER HIS KIND — and God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:24, 25.

If man evolved from the monkey, and all larger and



powerful animals evolved from smaller ones, with all manner of life coming from the one little "amoeba", then why do we not find animals in different stages of development? Why are there not human beings of every stage in the process of evolution? Why every different species is still strictly AFTER ITS KIND ?

Even the monkey the baboon, or the gorilla, will not mix, although very similar species? Why do we not find some half dogs or half cats, half horses and half cows? The answer is that God created these different species — AFTER HIS KIND. There has been no evolving, and the empty claims of the evolutionists is only a guess, which goes down under the acid test of a critical investigation.

It is true that there are many variations in each of the different species. The grapefruit, orange, lime, and lemon are variations of the citrus group. A horse may be crossed with a donkey, but the result is a mule, and a blind alley; it ends there, for the mule cannot procreate species. Our Creator has firmly fixed the matter, every creature, "after his kind" — and it completely bars the false theory of creation of species by evolution.

### **The New Evolution Theory**

Evolutionists after having been brought face to face with the foregoing facts have been forced to retreat from their former position that man has evolved.

Their theory, however, is equally absurd, which they admit is only a broad guess. They say that both man and monkey descended from some common ancestor in the far off and remote past. Here is what Dr. Austin H. Clark of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C. says: "Man is not an ape and in spite of similarity between them, there is not the slightest proof that a man descended from the ape. There is no justification in assuming that such a thing as a missing link ever existed, or indeed could have existed... (From "The New Evolution", page 224-227.)

The famous scientists, Sir William Dawson, says: "I know nothing at all about the origin of man, except what I am told in the Bible, that God created him". I do not know anything more than that, and I do not know anybody who does. I would say with the language of Lord



Kelvin — famous British scientist — there is nothing in science that reaches the origin of anything at all”.

## The Old and the True Account of Creation

“By the Word of the Lord Elohim were the heavens made and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth, for He spake and it was done. He commanded and it stood fast”. — Psa. 33:6-9. The heavens declare the glory of God. Yes, they bear the absolute witness of an intelligence who guides the sun, the moon and all of the planets and stars in their courses, of which there are millions, all traveling with great speed in their circular orbits, yet without a single clash. This intelligence is God, the Almighty, and such miracles are wrought by His omnipotent power.

### Volume Written by Atheists Now Condemned and Destroyed

Every time the spade of the archeologist is upturned the accuracy of the condemned portions of the Bible are confirmed. For instance it is claimed by skeptics that the Hittites mentioned in the Bible are a myth; that the story of Israel in Egypt is an invention; that the real author of the Pentateuch was not Moses, because they say the art of writing was not known until long after the days of Moses; that Belshazzar spoken of by the prophet Daniel was a fiction; that the account of Israel being enslaved by Pharaoh in Egypt and having to serve with rigor is also a myth etc. etc. But have these unbelieving critics any evidence to support their claim? Not one proof do they bring forth. How wonderfully our creator in His Wisdom has preserved a real arsenal of facts to off-set their claims which He well knew would be advanced in this faithless age of unbelief, which He also announced was coming upon the earth. As He said “the stones would cry out in his defense”, and that is exactly what is happening today.

In the British Museum are exhibited the famous Tel-el-Amarna tablets discovered in Tel-el-Amarna, Egypt. The writing upon the tablets is cuneiform characters and was written one hundred years before Moses' time. In the same museum is also exhibited a copy of the famous black stone of Susa. This stone was discovered by M. de Morgan in December, 1901, upon which are inscribed laws of Hammurabi (believed to be identical with



Amraphel, king of Babylon, as mentioned in Genesis chapter 14), who lived five hundred years before Moses, and was doubtless a contemporary of Abraham. "The Babylonia of the age of Abraham," says the archaeologist Sayce, "was a more highly educated country than the England of George the Third." Inasmuch then as Moses lived several centuries after Abraham, how ridiculous now appear the assertions of the critics that Moses could not have written the Pentateuch, because writing had not as yet been invented in his day!

### **Is the Belshazzar of the Scripture a Myth?**

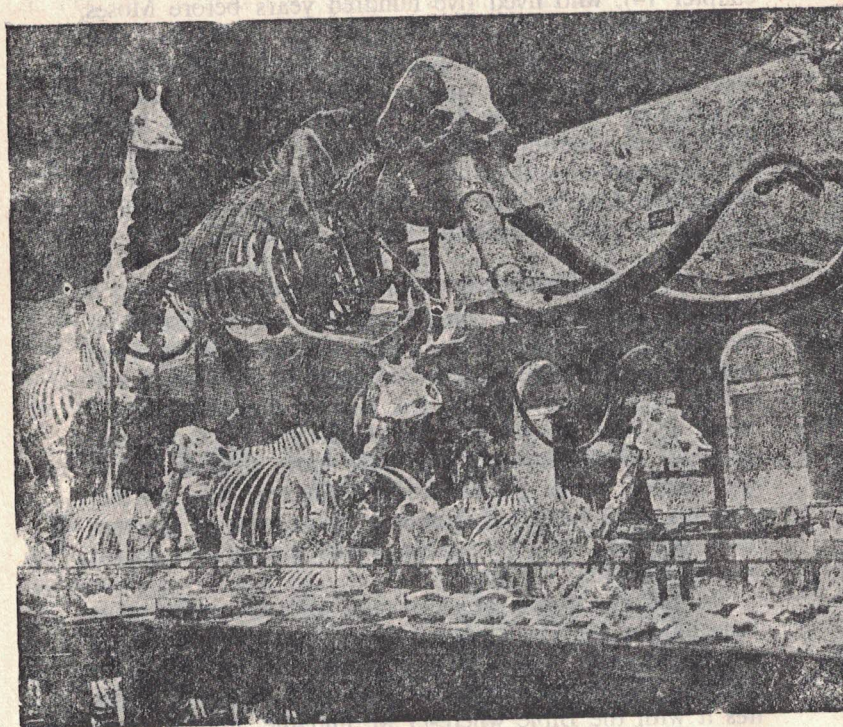
In the lists of kings compiled by the Greek historians, Nabonidus was designated as the last king of Babylon. Inasmuch as the fifth chapter of the book of Daniel states that Belshazzar was the last king of that empire, the critics declared the Bible false, and Belshazzar a fictitious character. Today however, we have more than five hundred ancient tables proving that Belshazzar was co-ruler with his aged father, Nabonidus, whose seat of government was at Tema in Arabia, while that of Belshazzar was in Babylon. - Editor

The different forms of electricity, and the varied manifestations of its power when subject to certain conditions baffles scientists. The electrons always traveling in cycles of seven, and multiples of the cycle of seven, associates it with the Bible where-in we find the number seven used to denote completion and perfection, and also power. Magnetic electricity, Radar, Radio, Television which man has, seemingly by chance, discovered, each one carries the scientist into a vast field of the unknown. Now we come to the atom age, and nuclear power, the discovery of uranium, plutonium, and neptunium, etc. The honest scientist today is willing to throw up his hands in utter bewilderment at the fathomless field of the unknown, and admit his inability to search it out.

### **Skeletons of Mammoth Creatures Found**

In the Geological Magazine (p. 531), a scientist speaking of the animal and vegetable fossil remains found in the polar regions says that they all alike testify that at one time a warm climate prevailed over the entire world. Dr. H. H. Neville agrees with this, saying that the extinct mammoths buried in the frozen earth of Northern Siberia are as tropical or subtropical as the elephants of today. (See the Smithsonian Report of 1919, page 332.) The same kinds of tropical plants found in the stomach of





## Skeletons of pre-historic animals in the New

the frozen animals, occur in abundance in the frozen muds, and in the shale and great coal beds, indicating that a great, and sudden climatic change overtook these monsters and engulfed them, as they wandered over their feeding grounds. The ice became a natural "frigidaire that preserved their flesh for centuries.

Another evidence of a universal deluge is presented by the vast coal beds in many parts of the earth's crust. Geologists now admit that these coal beds are the petrified and consolidated masses of vast forests of antiquity buried by some great natural catastrophe. Very often the remains of trees which grew in very different habitats are indiscriminately mixed in the coal seams. As they could never have become associated together under normal conditions, they obviously must have been thrown together under extremely abnormal circumstances.

To sum it all up — the only monument we have today



of pre-Flood days, is the wreckage of a corrupt world, whose submerged tropical trees and animals in the perpetual snow and ice of the far north, and its myriads of sea creatures buried in the sands and rocks of every land, have through the ages left us irrefutable evidence of the Bible record of the Flood.

The Bible account of the Flood upon the earth is fully established by sea shells and other remains of water animals found on mountain tops and highest plateaus in every portion of the world, which could not have happened in any other manner. The wrath of God was thus displayed upon a wicked unbelieving and ungodly age, very similar to what this age is rapidly becoming.

A candid study of fossils and of the remains of prehistoric animals indicates, further, that instead of uninterrupted uniformity of evolution, there occurred at some time in the past a deluge of world-wide extent, which, in the words of a distinguished scientist, has turned this world into "a great cemetery, where the rocks are the tombstones on which the buried dead have written their own epitaphs." George McCready Price, in his book, "Evolutionary Geology," says: "Everybody knows of the enormous numbers and splendid preservation of the great reptiles of the Western and Southern states in America, untoned by Leidy, Cope, and Marsh. One patch of Cretaceous in England, the Wealdon, has afforded over thirty different species of dinosaurs, crocodiles, and plesiosaurs."— Pages 242, 243.

In the soil of Bear Island and of Liachoff Islands of the frigid north, have been found entombed frozen bodies of such tropical animals as mammoths in such perfect state of preservation, and with undigested food in their mouths, as to indicate that they were involved in some sudden catastrophe, namely, the flood.

These facts not only confirm the Bible record of a universal flood, but they also indicate that a vast change in the world's climate has occurred since the flood. Sir Henry Howorth, distinguished British scientist, in his work, "The Glacial Nightmare and the Flood," writes:

"From what has been already stated it appears that the animal and vegetable relics found in the polar regions, embedded in strata deposited in widely separated geological eras, uniformly testify that a warm climate has in former times prevailed over the whole globe." — page 45.

To fully confirm and in a simple way prove that there was a flood, the Ark has been discovered on Mt. Ararat



frozen in a lake just where the Bible says it rested.

The above facts lead us to the inevitable conclusion that whatever geological changes took place in our world they occurred since man was on the earth and were caused by the flood and not by evolution; and, futhermore, there is no scientific proof that any single type of fossil is older than the human race. Thus the Mosaic record, that the creation of all the basic forms of life was accomplished during the first week of time, stands vindicated.

### THE FLOOD PROOF

In the Book of Genesis, we find the record in chapters six to nine of the flood, and this is one of the favorite narratives that has been severely criticized and condemned. It has been a favorable subject for ridicule, but time has brought a change. Only a few years ago, an article appeared in "Science and Invention," entitled "Science Explains The Great Flood." It says in part, "The flood condition which science now KNOWS actually, occurred in historic time."

It has now been learned that in the folklore of the great races of mankind, there are traditions of the Flood, handed down from one generation to the other. There have been quite recently discovered "Deluge Tablets," that give many accounts of a universal flood which resembles the description found in the Bible. These clay tablets have been written by different people, in many places, and at different periods of time.

Indeed the Flood is the only satisfactory explanation several of which have been discovered in India.

In Roman legendary history we learn that Ovid, the Roman poet, in the first century B.C., gave a vivid description of the flood. But it is in China where some of the most perfect ancient accounts of the Flood are found. See "Discourse on China; Asiatic Researches," Vol. 2, p. 376, by Sir Wm. Jones. In the New World, the Eskimos, the Alaska Indians, and other North American tribes, have legends of a universal flood in remote times. The thousands of islands in the Pacific all have Deluge traditions. Thus we see, that both civilized nations and primitive tribes have similar traditions of a universal flood, indicating not only a common source, but an actual occurrence.

High shore lines above the present water level are found on most sea coasts. There are also clearly marked old shore lines high on the mountainsides around interior basins with shrunken lakes, showing where these lakes



once stood. All the rivers of the world, whether small or large, have similar terraces or stairlike benches.

One of the pet theories advanced by the critics was, that there is not enough water on this earth to cover the entire surface of our planet. Modern scientific research, however after careful mathematical calculations, declares that if all the present inequalities of the globe were leveled out, so that all the solid part of the earth's surface were a uniform plain, the globe would be completely covered by water to a depth of nearly 9,000 feet, or more than one and a half miles! If all the water that is in the air would come down upon the earth it would cover every mountain now.

Some skeptics have doubted whether Noah's ark was sufficiently sea-worthy to survive the maelstrom of the flood. Now it is a matter of history that the famed old U.S. Navy battleship, "Oregon," was built on the exact dimensions of Noah's ark, only one-seventh smaller. This ship was proved so seaworthy, that according to "Pittsburgh Press" of April 20, 1944, although it was once relegated to the nation's scrap pile due to its age, it was again taken back "to Portland, Oregon, a proud vessel about to take an active part in the (Second World) war."

The existence of immense bone beds in different parts of the world also prove that there was a universal deluge. There is a mountain in Europe, called "the mountain of bones," because it is covered with bones all the way from the base to the summit with thirty-five different kinds of animal remains, all indicating that these animals perished at the same time.

The Flood is the only explanation, as the waters arose they sought shelter, on this mountain. The many species of the great mammoth animals, which were too large to have entered the ark, have thus become extinct.

Indeed the Flood is the only satisfactory explanation of the vast coal beds and oil fields, as well as of the fossil remains of men, animals, reptiles, birds, trees, and plants, which are buried in all parts of the world, and of the sea shells that are found on the tops of high mountains, etc., etc.

Sir Henry Howorth, speaking of the huge mammoths found in Siberia, says: "They were in full health with their stomachs distended with undigested food." Scientists tell us that the clogged, blood-congested heads of those frozen mammoths, indicate a clear case of drown-



ing. Fossil fish are found buried in compact form many feet thick in the coal beds, in oil sands, and in great layers of rock. It is evident that as the great icebergs of the North frozen regions, and the glaciers of the mountains crushed down the trees of the forests and leveled the tops of hills, great schools of fish were crushed and buried in this manner. The remains of "Noah's Ark" has been found and photographed on Mt. Ararat. Send for our booklet on this wonderful discovery. Price 10 cents.

#### — Man a Product of Creation

The most convincing evidence of divine power is seen in man himself. With charming simplicity and directness the Bible records how man was made:

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7.

There was a time when this Scripture account of the creation of man was sneered and scoffed at by skeptics, and regarded as preposterous, and unscientific. They called the creation story a myth which had come down to us from the ancient peoples of the East. But when chemical analysis tested out the Genesis account in the test tube of the laboratory, they found it to be scientifically sound. Modern scientists agree that the human body is composed of precisely the same elements as the dust of the ground.

Further proof that man was created from dust is demonstrated by the fact that in order to live man must partake of food which comes from the dust of the ground. The inorganic elements of the earth are transformed in vegetation by the power of God into organic elements which sustain and maintain the life of man. Let man cease to partake of these elements of the earth and he will soon weaken and die. We see, therefore, the same forces at work in man today as were brought into existence in the beginning by the creative power of God. Thus the Creation story stands vindicated.

According to the Scriptures, man's ancestry is not linked with the monkey, amoeba, or monad, but with God. It was the Creator who fashioned man from the same elements which, as scientists acknowledge, are found in the dust of the earth. It was his Maker who endued man with a mind capable of thought, affection, and worship. Who can explain the mysteries of man's soul and personality aside from the Bible record of creation? Who gave man a brain, a stomach, a nervous-system and the many organs which function with such marvellous co-ordina-



tion? The only logical answer is: The Creator.

### Man's Exalted Destiny

The greatest psychologists are baffled by the mysteries of the human mind, the human will, and human behavior. When we consider the marvelous apparatus called the human brain, we stand amazed and overwhelmed by the evidence of divine craftsmanship.

In it is stored away securely childhood recollections, and thousands upon thousands of mental pictures of the long road of life, from children, through our youth, and into old age, each memory and picture of trees, roads, houses, streams, the faces of friends and loved ones can be brought up, and we see them again in our memory. A profound fathomless miracle, this only the Creator could fashion and design to work with such wonderful and astonishing perfection.

The wide-spread teaching of the evolutionary theory has produced deadly fruit, as may be seen in the present great decline in moral and spiritual values. According to the doctrine of evolution, the progress of development which knows nothing of such virtues as love, mercy, justice, gentleness, tolerance, or self-sacrifice; its law is that of brute force—"the survival of the fittest." Man's inhumanity to man is simply the out-working, the product of this teaching. A well-known writer asks this pertinent question: "Shall we, for the privilege of tracing our descent from germs, and mollusks, and apes, consent to cast away that statement of Holy Writ, so grand in its simplicity "God created man in His own image?" (Genesis 1:27).

"It was He who created the human soul, with its capacity for knowing and loving. And He is not in Himself such as to leave the demands of the soul unsatisfied. No intangible principle, no impersonal essence or mere abstraction, can satisfy the needs and longings of human beings in this life of struggle with sin and sorrow and pain. It is not enough to believe in law and force, in things that have no pity, and never hear the cry for help. We need to know of an Almighty Arm that will hold us up, of an Infinite Friend that pities us. We need to clasp a hand that is warm, to trust in a heart full of tenderness. And even so God has in His word revealed Himself.

"In the beginning God. Here alone can the mind in its eager questioning, fleeing as the dove to the ark, find rest. Above, beneath, beyond, abides Infinite Love, working out all things to accomplish the good pleasure of His



goodness." "Education," pp. 130, 133, 134.

Dear Reader, will you not say with David, the sweet singer of Israel:

"Know ye that the Lord He is Gou. it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of His pasture." Psalms 100:3.

"The Bible stands like a rock undaunted  
Mid the raging storm of time;

Its pages burn with the truth eternal,  
And they glow with a light sublime."

The story is told of a Jewish mother who on her death-bed gave her wayward son her most cherished possession a Bible. She assured him that God's book contained hidden treasure, and counseled him to read its sacred pages. Not being interested in spiritual things, the young man laid the book aside until many years later, when sickness, sorrow, and poverty overtook him. Then it was that he thought of his dying mother's request. As he opened the sacred volume, he found to his great astonishment, that his mother had placed a number of thousand dollar bills among its pages! Not only was the young man enriched materially, but as he read, he discovered the infinitely greater riches, the imperishable treasures of the unsearchable wisdom and knowledge found in God's word. With David he could say:

"The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold. . . . and in keeping of them there is great reward." Psalms 19:9-11.

Why need we go through life impoverished when such riches untold are ever at hand? Shall we not gratefully accept the Book of books as the divine and infallible guide toward our heavenly home?

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