

Psalm 11:3 6/24/12 (The Reason for God #9) Has Science Disproved Christianity? (part 3)

Slide: Trojan Horse pic

The story of the Trojan Horse comes out of Greek Mythology and the Trojan War. After a fruitless 10-year siege of the city of Troy, the Greeks supposedly constructed a huge wooden horse, hid a select force of men inside, and pretended to sail away. The Trojans pulled the horse into their city as a victory trophy. That night as they were celebrating, the men crept out of the horse and opened the gates for the rest of the Greek army, which had sailed back under cover of night. And the Greeks entered and destroyed the city of Troy.

So, the Trojan horse has become a famous reference for any trick that causes a target to invite an enemy into its otherwise protected space. So for instance, harmful computer programs are often disguised as good ones and we call them “Trojan horses”. If any of you have ever had your computer infected with those programs you know what an unwelcome surprise that is.

Folks, I can’t think of a better example to use for what evolution

Slide: Evolution

has done and is doing to the Christian Faith and to our society. In the last message we talked about the fact that

Slide: I. Embracing Evolution Corrupts Christianity.

And it absolutely does. It’s harmful when swallowed. As I said in the last message, there is no conflict between **science** and the Christian faith. But there is a BIG conflict between the ideas of **evolution** and the Christian Faith. One big problem among many is that evolution teaches the rise of man, but the Bible teaches the Fall of man into sin. And if man never fell into sin, if we are just products of an evolutionary process and there was no real Adam and Eve in the Garden who really rebelled against God, then man has no need for a Savior from sin and Jesus died for nothing. It really rips the heart out of the Christian faith, which is what many Christians today are not thinking through logically. That’s fortunate for them because it enables them to hold contradictory views at the same time and still preserve a saving faith in Jesus. But trust me, your children **are** thinking it through logically, and it’s leading them to forsake the faith in droves.

These Answers in Genesis illustrations have helped us over the years describe the problem in our western cultures:

Slide: Two Castles ILL. “The problem”

The left castle has a foundation of evolution – a foundation that teaches that man decides Truth for himself. Out of this foundation comes a castle called “humanism”. Folks who build on this foundation are waving the flag that “man is the measure of all things” – that he sets his own rules. And issues like abortion, pornography and racism are just logical results of that thinking.

On the right is the castle of Christianity, built on the foundation that the Word of God is truth and the knowledge that He is our Creator. The humanists know that to attack Christianity effectively, they don’t need to attack the doctrines as much as the foundation. And that’s what we see happening today and what we’ve been talking about in the last two messages.

Meanwhile Christians are busy attacking the moral problems, sometimes attacking each other, sleeping, and some are even unknowingly shooting at the foundation of the church itself as they try to make room for evolution and fit it into the Christian faith.

The answer is for Christians need to wake up to where the real battle is. The Bible says:

Slide: “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalms 11:3 NIV)

Well, the righteous can do a lot. The most important thing is that we can fight the battle at a foundation level where it needs to be fought.

Slide: Two Castles “The solution”

We certainly will continue to battle social evils like abortion and racism, but at the same time we must restore the foundations. People today have been trained to believe that the Bible’s history in Genesis can’t be trusted – that the Bible is not credible (We’ll talk more about that next week). When Christians can give answers to show that the Bible’s history is reliable, that it fits with real science and makes sense of the real world, and evolution does not, then many do have their hearts opened by the Holy Spirit to listen to the rest of God’s Word and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So as we said, embracing evolution corrupts Christianity. And today we’re going to talk about the fact that

Slide: II. Embracing Evolution Corrupts Society.

Evolution as a model for the origin of life and man became firmly entrenched in our society following the Scopes trial in 1925. It was called the “Trial of the Century” and probably was the biggest trial of the 20th century in terms of its ramifications.

Slide: Inherit the wind ‘toon

Although William Jennings Bryon (the lawyer on the side of creation) was a great orator, he was not prepared to defend the science supporting creation and so Christianity was made to look like the loser in that debate over teaching evolution in our schools.

From that point on evolution entered our schools and our culture like the proverbial Trojan horse, undermining the Declaration of Independence and it’s proclamation that our Creator has endowed us with certain inalienable rights, undermining the sacredness of human life, marriage and family and any sense that there can be an absolute standard of morality that all of us can agree to. Because it’s obvious, if evolution is true, then...

Slide: A. Morality has no foundation.

Of course it doesn’t, without a good God to lay that foundation. Dr. William Provine and others involved with teaching the doctrine of evolution know exactly what’s inside their Trojan horse. We listened to him earlier in this series, but I want you to hear him again to understand just what is at stake here:

Slide: Provine clip from “The Truth Project” (You can also get clips from the movie: “Expelled”)

That’s nice and cheery, isn’t it? But that’s just the point. Evolution is not nice and cheery. It’s nature “red in tooth and claw”. It’s the “Survival of the Fittest”. And when those ideas are taken to their logical ends, there absolutely is “No ultimate foundation for ethics.” We can all write our own rules.

Slide: Provine chart pic

No God.

No life after death.

No ultimate foundation for ethics. (rights and wrongs, good and evil)

No ultimate meaning in life.

No free will (we’re all just biologically programmed to do what we do.)

This really is so easy to understand.

Slide: AIG Adam or Ape ILL.

If Adam is in your past then you acknowledge God as Creator. He sets the rules and determines what is right and wrong. But if you believe that an ape is in your past and life arose by chance, then humans are accountable to no one but themselves. In fact, there can't be immorality or morality if there is no Creator God to set that standard. It's all up for grabs. And we see the results all around us: pornography, child abuse, fraud, dishonesty (you know there are studies out there that try to show that lying is an evolutionary adaptation)... and so the break-up of our society and all that's good and right and noble continues – until finally there's nothing left but the law of tooth and claw – the survival of the fittest.

One inescapable conclusion is that

Slide: B. Life is not sacred.

How can it be, if it's just an accident,... if God did not create us? And evolutionists like Peter Singer perfectly understand that. Singer is a professor of Bioethics at Princeton University, once a Christian university. Singer has declared:

Slide: “Killing a disabled infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person.”

“The life of a newborn baby is of less value...than the life of a pig, a dog, or a chimpanzee.” – Peter Singer

Ingrid Newkirk from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says it even more simply:

Slide: “A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy.” - Ingrid Newkirk

We're all the same. We're all just animals. This is obviously the kind of thinking that has led to the legalization of abortions in the United States and the subsequent killing of over 50 million babies for whom God had hope and a future and purpose. And they're gone. Mother Theresa was once asked to make a comment about AIDS. And she replied by saying that the person who would have developed a cure for AIDS had already been aborted. She also said:

Slide: “America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men... It has portrayed the greatest of gifts -- a child -- as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience... Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign.” - Mother Theresa (or a president...)

Again, this knowledge is what led our founders to declare that we are “**Endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights. That among these are life...**” We don't have time today to fully address the topic of abortion, but you might have seen the hidden camera expose of Planned Parenthood recently where they were caught on tape instructing a woman how she could use abortion for the **sex selection** of her baby. If she didn't want a girl, she could just come back to the clinic after she found out the sex of the baby, and have it “taken care of.” Planned Parenthood has too obviously not strayed from its eugenic and racist roots with founder Margaret Sanger. Sanger was the editor of the “Birth Control Review” where her purpose on the masthead was:

Slide: Birth Control: To create a race of thoroughbreds

And again:

Slide: Birth Control: For better stock and better living

She also said:

Slide: “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.” Letter from Sanger to Gamble, 10 December 1939. Margaret Sanger Collection, Library of Congress.

Well, this is one minister they are not going to use to support the genocide of a whole people.

An awful side note to the current exposing of Planned Parenthood. Since then our own congress could not agree to pass legislation that would prevent abortions that are done for reasons of sex or race and our own president declared that he would not sign that legislation if it passed.

Human life in our country is no longer sacred because too many no longer believe that every human being is endowed **by our Creator** with a right to life.

Moving on, it’s also clear that with the embracing of evolution...

Slide: C. Marriage and family collapse.

Recently Pres. Obama used the ironic phrase regarding gay marriage:

Slide: “I’ve been going through an **evolution** on this issue. I’ve always been adamant that gay and lesbian Americans should be treated fairly and equally.”

And no one argues with that. All Americans **should** want all Americans to be treated fairly, not to be bullied and abused and harassed. But the President goes on to say:

Slide: “At a certain point I’ve just concluded that, for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married.”

Again, if you believe you came from a monkey and there’s no Creator to whom we are accountable, then I guess it’s fine to “go through an evolution” on **any** issue of morality. But if you believe that God created the heavens and the earth and man and that Jesus Christ Himself gave us the definition of marriage, then how do you “evolve” on that issue? Jesus said:

Slide: 4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” (Matthew 19:3–6 NIV)

According to Jesus, the definition of marriage is pretty simple. One man, one woman, for life. Unfortunately because all of us are sinners, sometimes marriage doesn’t work out. That doesn’t change it’s definition. It just shows what we already know. We are fallen human beings who need the grace of God and His power to redeem our broken lives...and not to be corrupted by the flawed theories of our society.

Folks, take a look at just a few of the shows coming up this Fall and you’ll see why I included in this outline, that embracing evolution corrupts our society and causes marriage and family to collapse.

Slide: (ABC’s) 666 Park Avenue

“Your desires can come true – for a price”

Looks like Satan has apartment houses now.

Slide: Mistresses

This is an ABC take-off of a British show of the same name advertised this way:

Slide: “Adultery is so much classier with a British accent.”

Slide: (NBC’s) The New Normal

“These days, families come in all forms -- single dads, double moms, sperm donors, egg donors, one-night-stand donors ... It's 2012 and anything goes.” (*and they're celebrating that...*)

Slide: (ABC's) The Glass House

“In the glass house you will see every move, you will know every secret, and you will control everything”

No thanks. I won't be looking into their glass house... But your children might...

Folks, how many of you have taken your kids to the beach at some point or another? And when you're at the beach, this is how it goes, right: the kids run to the water and splash their way in, you plop yourself on a blanket or chair and completely relax and fall asleep, while they take care of themselves in the water...?? Maybe... if your kids are 20 or 30 years old and they don't have any kids of their own with them. But if your kids are young, what are you doing? You're watching them like a hawk, knowing that the water can be a dangerous place. And have you noticed that if they are out there long enough, they just sort of start drifting away from your beach location? In whichever direction the waves are pushing, they just get gradually pushed away, so every now and then you need to call them back – or go out and lead them back. But in any case, there is no parent I know that just lets their kids fend for themselves and pays no attention to them on the beach...

Slide: drowning pic

Well, make the transition. If we wouldn't do that in one dangerous area, why would we do it in any? The Bible says:

Slide: “We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.” (Hebrews 2:1 NIV)

That's why I felt this apologetics series was necessary, and why I've organized our worship to give me enough time to teach it. We must do what we can to protect our children from the dangers of a theory that will teach them that they came from nowhere and are going nowhere and that they have no higher purpose in life but to eat, drink and be merry...

In this series, we've already talked about the next step down in how evolution corrupts society...

Slide: D. Racism is expected.

Of course, evolutionists don't like to go there, but it is where their theory naturally leads. Darwin understood that and it's reflected in the very title of his book:

Slide: ON

THE ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES

BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION

OR THE

PRESERVATION OF **FAVoured RACES** IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

Darwin was without doubt a racist because he believed that lighter-skinned people were more highly evolved than darker skinned people. This is what allowed his supporters to capture Australian aborigines and put them in cages to display as missing links, or what led to our own country to put the pigmy Otta Benga on display with the monkeys in the Bronx zoo.

Slide: Otta Benga pic

By the way ladies, Darwin also believed that men were more highly evolved than women.

Slide: “The chief distinction in the intellectual powers of the two sexes is shewn by man's attaining to a higher eminence, in whatever he takes up, than can woman—whether requiring

deep thought, reason, or imagination, or merely the use of the senses and hands..." (Charles Darwin "The Decent of Man")

So he was "sexist" as well as "racist". We shouldn't be surprised. In the same way, we shouldn't be surprised that Darwin's ideas were taken one step further by Hitler and Stalin and Mao who killed some 100 million people between them. It's clear that when you embrace evolution:

Slide: E. Violence is a natural strategy.

Of course it is. You see it in the descriptions: "The survival of the Fittest." "Nature red in tooth and claw" and so on. The results are perhaps seen most obviously in Hitler's embracing of evolution. We'll take a brief look at Ben Stein's visit to Hadamar concentration camp from his movie, "Expelled."

Slide: Expelled clip: 1:08:58 - 1:13:04

And there's lots more that we don't have time to share this morning. Hopefully that's enough for you to begin to understand again, what a Trojan Horse we're dealing with in evolution and how it has corrupted and is corrupting our society. But the good news is that

Slide: III. Embracing God's Word Brings Life and Light to our Church and our World.

Again, Jesus said:

Slide: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10 NIV)

Folks, your friend and Savior Jesus promised to give you more life! He fulfilled that promise by dying on the cross to take away your sins, and by rising to life again. Jesus is the Lord of Life. Again, the Bible says:

Slide: "3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men." (John 1:3-4 NIV)

Knowing Jesus means

Slide: A. We know where we came From. (from Him!)

And it means...

Slide: B. We know where we're Going. (to Him!)

You know, celebrities and sports figures are often told after their rise to fame and fortune, "Don't forget where you came from." Don't forget your roots. Why is that so important? So that they don't get a big head, right? So that they don't start thinking that somehow they are better than other people...

Well I say to you today who believe in Your Creator, who believe in your Redeemer, Jesus Christ... Don't forget where you came from. So that you won't get a big head on the one hand, and start thinking that somehow you are the one in charge of your life - that you are the one who calls the shots and sets the rules and so forth... But also so that you won't buy the lie that your life is just some cosmic accident of nature, that you came from nowhere and you're headed nowhere. Because if that's the conclusion you come to, sooner or later you will also reach the conclusion that life, without God, is meaningless. Instead, as the Bible says, "remember your Creator in the days of your youth." For those whose youth is past, remember your Creator again now. Remember Your Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Remember His love for you. Remember that He forgives you, that You matter to Him and that He has a purpose for your life. Remember that we know where we came from, and we know where we're going. When Jesus was preparing His disciples for His ascension into heaven, He said:

Slide: “...if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:3 NIV)

Heaven has some beautiful descriptions of what it’s going to be like, but nothing can match that simple assurance that we will be forever with the One who loved us enough to go the cross in our place. We know where we came from, we know where we’re going and finally,

Slide: C. We know why we’re Here.

Folks, if you’re just an accident of nature, then you are truly adrift in the cosmos without any real reason for being. But if you’re created by God and the Bible is true, then it’s very clear that God made you and He gave you certain gifts and abilities, not to waste them, but to use them to love and serve Him and to love and serve your neighbor to the point where He too will know and believe in His Savior, Jesus. When Martin Luther had come to see his creator/redeemer God in this way, the implications for him were obvious: “For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.”

I’m going to ask you to help me with the close of the sermon this morning in response to everything we’ve learned or been reminded of in the last three weeks of this series. Please join me in praising our God together:

Slide: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” (Revelation 4:11 NIV)

Let’s pray: You are worthy, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! And our worship.

We thank you Creator God for everything around us, for “body and soul, eyes, ears and all our members, our reason and all our senses.”

We thank You Lord Jesus Christ, for redeeming us, lost and condemned persons, for freeing us from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil with Your Holy precious blood and Your innocent suffering and death.

We thank you God, the Holy Spirit for calling us to faith through the Gospel of Jesus. We thank You for placing us in the Body of Christ, Your Church, and for daily and richly forgiving all our sins. Now empower us to lift high the cross of Christ and to use the blessings You have given us to Your glory and the good of Your church. Amen.