

THE CREATOR GOD
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OUR LESSON TONIGHT DEALS WITH THE SUBJECT "GOD THE CREATOR" OR "THE CREATOR GOD," AND IT IS NATURAL THAT IN A LESSON LIKE THIS WE WOULD TAKE OUR TEXT FROM THE VERY FIRST VERSE OF THE BIBLE WHICH STATES THAT, "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH." THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEORIES WHICH CHALLENGE THAT VERSE AND WHICH DENY THAT IT IS IN REALITY AN ACCURATE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AS LEAVING THAT VERSE WE GO INTO THE VERSES WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW IN GENESIS 1 AND 2. BASICALLY THE THEORY WHICH DENIES IT IS CALLED EVOLUTION. SOMETIMES EVOLUTION IS LOOKED UPON AS BEING SIMPLY A BIOLOGICAL THEORY, BUT THIS IS NOT SO. EVOLUTION IS NOT SIMPLY A BIOLOGICAL THEORY. IT IS WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A FULL BLOWN COSMOLOGY OR IT IS AN INTERPRETATION OF THE UNIVERSE, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO ALMOST EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE. THERE ARE ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS WHICH ARE NOTHING MORE THAN THE PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION APPLIED TO EDUCATION. THERE ARE POLITICAL THEORIES WHICH ARE NOTHING MORE THAN PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION APPLIED TO HISTORY. DESTRUCTIVE HIGH CRITICISM IN BIBLICAL STUDIES IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION APPLIED TO THE STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD. THUS, THE SUBJECT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, FOR IN OUR MODERN SOCIETY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A CHRISTIAN TO TURN IN ANY DIRECTION WITHOUT BEING EXPOSED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION. IT FLOWS IN EVERY ASPECT OF SECULAR LIFE AND IT HAS INVADDED RELIGIOUS LIFE TO A GREAT DEGREE.

WHEN WE TURN TO THE PROBLEM OF CREATION THERE ARE ONLY THREE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. ONE OF THESE SOLUTIONS IS REFERRED TO AS ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION WHICH TEACHES THAT THERE IS NO GOD AND THEREFORE HE COULD HAVE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THE SECOND IS THEISTIC EVOLUTION--THAT THERE IS A GOD AND GOD MADE THE UNIVERSE BUT GOD DID IT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION. AND THE THIRD DOCTRINE OR THE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS THAT OF FIAT CREATION WHICH IS THAT DESCRIBED TO US AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WORD WHEN IT SAYS, "AND GOD SAID" AND "IT WAS SO." FIAT CREATION IS NOTHING MORE THAN A SPOKEN CREATION, SAYING IN ESSENCE THAT GOD SPOKE THE WORLD INTO BEING OR INTO EXISTENCE. I THINK OBVIOUSLY FOR THIS AUDIENCE THAT THE ONLY TWO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES ARE EITHER THEISTIC EVOLUTION OR FIAT CREATION, AND IT IS THE BURDEN OF THIS LESSON TONIGHT TO SEEK TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT THE DOCTRINE OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION IS NOT A LIVE CHOICE. IT IS NOT A LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE FOR ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN GOD AND WHO BELIEVES THE BIBLE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD. NOW WE DO NOT INTEND TO GO INTO A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC EVOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED ON THE ONE HAND TO FAVOR EVOLUTION AND ON THE OTHER HAND OPPOSE IT. BUT WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS SHOW THAT THE THEORY OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.

THEISTIC EVOLUTION, DEFINED AS WE HAVE SUGGESTED, SIMPLY HOLDS THAT GOD CREATED, BUT THAT GOD HAS DONE IT THROUGH AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. WHEN THE DOCTRINE BEGAN TO BE ESPOUSED BY SCIENTISTS, WHEN DARWIN HAD MADE IT POPULAR, IT WAS IMMEDIATELY ADAPTED IN LIBERAL CIRCLES AND IT IMMEDIATELY FOUND ITS HOME IN MODERNISTIC CHURCHES AND THEIR SEMINARIES. BUT BY AND LARGE WHAT WE REFER TO AS THE EVANGELICALS, WHAT WE WOULD REFER TO AS BEING CONSERVATIVES IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD, DENIED THAT THEISTIC WAS A LIVE OPTION OF ANYONE WITH FAITH IN GOD. REALLY, IT WAS NOT UNTIL AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR WITH THE RISE OF THE NEW EVANGELICALISM, WHEN THOSE WHO WERE THEN EVANGELICALS AND CONSERVATIVES DECIDED THAT THEY NEEDED TO

MAKE SOME KIND OF IMPACT UPON THE INTELLECTUAL WORLD THAT THEY BEGAN TO SURRENDER THEIR FAITH IN FIAT CREATION AND BEGAN TO COMPROMISE THAT FAITH WITH THE DOCTRINE OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION. MANY AND INGENIOUS HAVE BEEN THE DEVICES THOUGHT UP BY MEN TO CREATE SOME KIND OF UNION BETWEEN FIAT CREATION AND ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION. BUT SOMEHOW WHENEVER MEN SOUGHT TO GET THESE TWO TOGETHER AND JOIN THEM IN UNHOLY WEDLOCK, THEY WERE ALWAYS TO BE FOUND INCOMPATIBLE. BUT MEN WOULD NOT GIVE UP, AND THOUGH THEY COULD NOT JOIN THEM IN WEDLOCK, RELATIONS WERE FORCED AND AN ILLGITIMATE OFFSPRING CAME FORTH THAT IS REFERRED TO AS THEISTIC EVOLUTION. THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT THEISTIC EVOLUTION HAS NEVER REALLY BEEN ACCEPTED IN EITHER CAMP. THE THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST IS NOT ACCEPTED IN THE CAMP OF THE THOROUGH DIED-IN-THE-WOOL EVOLUTIONIST BECAUSE HE HAS TOO MUCH FAITH IN GOD, AND THE THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE CAMP OF BIBLE BELIEVERS BECAUSE HE HAS TOO LITTLE FAITH IN GOD. AND SO THE THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST HAS BEEN DESTINED TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A CAMP FOLLOWER JUST SIMPLY PICKING UP THE LEAVINGS AND THE LITTERINGS OF THE TWO SEPERATE GROUPS. THE ATHEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST LAUGHS AT THE THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST BECAUSE THE ATHEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST BELIEVES THAT BY HIS THEORY HE HAS IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE "PUSHED THE CREATOR OUT OF DOORS." HE HAS ELBOWED THE CREATOR OUT OF ANY CONSIDERATION AT ALL SO THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY ROOM FOR GOD.

AGAIN, OUR THESIS TONIGHT IS THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY FOR US TO RECONCILE THE DOCTRINE OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION WITH THE TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD OR WITH THE BIBLE INTERPRETED LITERALLY AND I WANT TO SUGGEST FIVE REASONS WHY THIS IS TRUE. 1) BECAUSE THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT GOD CREATED THE WORLD AS WE NOW KNOW IT IN SIX LITERAL DAYS. I KNOW THAT AS MEN HAVE SOUGHT TO COMPROMISE BETWEEN THEISM AND EVOLUTION AND COME UP WITH THEISTIC EVOLUTION, THEY HAVE SAID THIS IS NOT SO, THAT THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY HOW LONG THE DAYS WERE. THEY CONTEND THAT THERE IS EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT THE DAYS WERE AGES LONG. BUT I SUGGEST THAT THIS POSITION CANNOT BE HELD BY ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS MADE A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD. FIRST OF ALL BECAUSE ANY PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE MUST BE INTERPRETED LITERALLY UNLESS THERE IS GOOD REASON IN THE CONTEXT FOR IT TO BE OTHERWISE, AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON IN THE CONTEXT OF GENESIS 1 FOR ANY INTERPRETATION TO BE PLACED UPON THE WORD "DAY" OTHER THAN THE LITERAL INTERPRETATION. IN THE SECOND PLACE THERE IS ANOTHER GOOD HEBREW WORD WHICH MEANS A LONG TIME WHICH MOSES COULD HAVE USED HAD THIS BEEN THE IDEA HE WAS SEEKING TO GET ACROSS TO HIS READERS. THIRDLY, IN ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF THE MORE THAN 1,300 OCCASIONS WHEN THE WORD "DAY" OR "DAYS" IS USED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT NEED IT HAVE ANY MEANING OTHER THAN THE LITERAL MEANING AND THERE IT IS MADE COMPLETELY EVIDENT BY THE CONTEXT IN WHICH IT IS PLACED. THE FOURTH REASON IS PERHAPS MOST DECISIVE IN MY OWN MIND, AND THAT IS THAT THE WORD "DAY" IS NEVER, N-E-V-E-R, THE WORD "DAY" IS NEVER USED IN ANY SENSE BUT THE LITERAL SENSE WHEN IT IS PRECEDED BY A NUMBER OR AN ORDINAL. THAT IS, WHEN WE HEAR OF THE "FIRST DAY" OR THE "SECOND DAY" OR THE "THIRD DAY" OR THE "TENTH DAY," NEVER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IS IT USED IN ANY BUT THE LITERAL SENSE. AND SO IN GENESIS 1 WHEN WE HEAR OF THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION, IT WOULD THEN AT LEAST SEEM TO MEAN THAT THESE WERE LITERAL DAYS. IN THE FIFTH PLACE, WHENEVER THE WORD "DAYS" APPEARS IN THE PLURAL, AS IT DOES IN EXODUS 20:11 WHEN WE READ CONCERNING CREATION, "IN SIX DAYS, THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS," (THE STATEMENT IS REPEATED IN EXODUS 31:17). IT IS ALWAYS USED IN THE LITERAL SENSE. THERE IS NO EXAMPLE FROM GENESIS TO MALACHI OF ITS BEING USED TO MEAN "A LONG TIME." IF LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGE USE MEANS ANYTHING, MOSES HAS SAID THAT GOD CREATED THE WORLD IN SIX LITERAL DAYS. THIS DOES NOT HARMONIZE WITH THE THEORY OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION.

THE SECOND REASON THAT THE DOCTRINE OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION CANNOT BE MADE TO HARMONIZE WITH THE BIBLE INTERPRETED LITERALLY IS THAT IN THE GENESIS ACCOUNT EACH OF THE CREATED ORDERS WERE SAID TO REPRODUCE "AFTER ITS KIND." NOW IT IS TRUE THAT THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE A GREAT DEAL OF VARIATION WITHIN THE SPECIES. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE CANNOT HAVE DOGS RANGING FROM THE TOY CHIHUAHUA TO THE SAINT BERNARD. WHAT IT DOES MEAN IS THAT VERY DEFINITELY SOME LIMITATION, WHATEVER LIMITATION IT IS IS NOT REALLY IMPORTANT NOW, SOME LIMITATION HAS BEEN PLACED UPON THE REPRODUCTION OR THE CHANGING OF THE DIFFERENT ORDERS OF BEINGS. EVOLUTION RECOGNIZES NO SUCH LIMITATIONS WHETHER IT BE THEISTIC OR ATHEISTIC, FOR THE DOCTRINE OF EVOLUTION IS BASED UPON THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO LIMITATION AND THAT FROM THE ORIGINAL BIT OF LIFE, WHATEVER IT WAS, WHETHER IT WAS CREATED BY FORCES UPON THE EARTH OR WHETHER, AS SOME NOW SUGGEST, IT CAME IN FROM OUTER SPACE OUT YONDER SOMEWHERE, THAT BEGINNING GERM OF LIFE WITHOUT ANY LIMITATIONS, WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS, EVOLVED INTO EVERYTHING THAT WE NOW SEE IN THE WORLD TODAY. THE BIBLE SAYS THERE ARE SOME RESTRICTIONS. THEISTIC EVOLUTION SAYS THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS. THEREFORE, THEISTIC EVOLUTION AND BIBLE FAITH CANNOT BE HARMONIZED.

IN THE THIRD PLACE, THEISTIC EVOLUTION IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE BIBLE INTERPRETED LITERALLY BECAUSE THE REFERENCES TO "EVENING" AND "MORNING" WHICH APPEAR IN THE GENESIS ACCOUNT IN CONNECTION WITH EACH CREATED DAY CAN ONLY REASONABLY BE UNDERSTOOD TO BE LITERAL. THESE WORDS ARE USED MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION THEY ARE ALWAYS USED IN THE LITERAL SENSE. NOW SOMEONE IS QUICK TO OBJECT, "WELL, NOW HERE IS WHERE YOU ARE GOING ALL WRONG. HERE IS WHERE YOU HAVE MADE YOUR FIRST MAJOR MISTAKE BECAUSE HOW COULD THERE BE MORNING AND HOW COULD THERE BE EVENING AND HOW COULD THERE BE DAYS LITERALLY AS WE KNOW THEM WHEN THE SUN WASN'T CREATED UNTIL THE FOURTH DAY?" MAY I SUGGEST THAT THE MISTAKE IS NOT MINE AND THAT YOU NEED TO GO BACK AND READ GENESIS 1 A LITTLE MORE CAREFULLY. "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH" AND WHEN HE CREATED THE HEAVENS, HE CREATED THE SUN BECAUSE THE SUN IS A PART OF THE HEAVENS. BUT THEN WHY DOES IT SAY THAT HE CREATED IT ON THE FOURTH DAY? SIMPLY BECAUSE BETWEEN THE FIRST VERSE AND THE VERSES WHICH FOLLOWED DARKNESS WAS UPON THE FACE OF THE DEEP. SIMPLY BECAUSE WHATEVER IT WAS, WHETHER IT WAS A VAPOR, AS MOST SURMISE, OR SOMETHING ELSE IT STOOD BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE SUN. ALL THE FOURTH VERSE TEACHES IS THAT THE SUN BECAME A LIGHT BEARER FOR THE EARTH THAT DAY. GOD REMOVED THAT WHICH STOOD BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE SUN SO THAT THE LIGHT OF THE SUN SHONE UPON THE EARTH. AFTER ALL GOD USED PRE-EXISTENT MATERIALS IN THE CREATION, DID HE NOT? THE ONLY THING WHICH WAS CREATED OUT OF NOTHING, NECESSARILY, AS FAR AS THE BIBLE INDICATES IN GENESIS 1 IS THAT CREATION OF THE VERY FIRST VERSE. WHEN GOD CAME TO THE CREATION OF MAN, HE USED PRE-EXISTENT MATERIALS FOR WHEN HE CURSED MAN HE SAID, "OUT OF THE DUST OF THE EARTH WAS THOU FORMED AND UNTO THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALT THOU RETURN." AND SO MAN IS NOTHING MORE THAN PUT-TOGETHER MUD, AND THE MUD WAS THERE BEFORE MAN WAS. SO GOD IN HIS CREATION IN THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION DID NOT ALL OF THE TIME NECESSARILY, IF ANY OF THE TIME, CREATE OUT OF NOTHING. HE DID THAT IN THE FIRST VERSE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN THE VERSES THAT FOLLOWED, AND WE KNOW SO OFTEN THAT HE DID NOT, THAT HE USED PRE-EXISTENT MATERIALS FOR HE TOLD US THAT SUCH WAS THE CASE.

IN THE FOURTH PLACE, THEISTIC EVOLUTION AND BIBLICAL FAITH CANNOT BE RECONCILED OR HARMONIZED, IN THAT THE SABBATH WAS EMPHATICALLY INSTITUTED AS A MEMORIAL OF GOD'S COMPLETED CREATION. NOW THERE IS THE IMPORTANT THING. THE SABBATH WAS INSTITUTED OR MEMORIALIZED BECAUSE OF GOD'S COMPLETED CREATION. TURN TO EXODUS 20:11. THERE YOU READ THAT IN "SEVEN DAYS GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY HE RESTED." THE SAME THING IS SAID IN EXODUS 31:17. THEN GO BACK TO GENESIS 2:1-3. THERE WE READ THAT "THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE FINISHED AND ALL THE HOSTS OF THEM AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED (NOW NOTE THAT WORD)

ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. AND HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL THE WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. AND GOD BLESSED THAT DAY AND SANCTIFIED IT BECAUSE IN IT HE HAD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD CREATED AND MADE." THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACHES THE SAME THING. IN HEBREWS 4:3 WE HAVE REFERENCE TO THE WORKS OF GOD WHICH WERE "FINISHED FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." GOING DOWN TO THE 10TH VERSE WE READ, "FOR HE THAT IS ENTERED INTO REST, HE ALSO HATH CEASED FROM HIS OWN WORKS AS GOD CEASED FROM HIS." SO THE CREATION OF GOD IN SIX DAYS WAS ENDED, IT WAS COMPLETED, IT WAS FINISHED, IT WAS THROUGH, AND THIS SAYS THAT THERE IS NO "CREATING" ACTIVITY IN THE WORLD OF WHICH WE ARE A PART NOW.

NOW WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT EVOLUTION CANNOT BE TRUE. FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF EVOLUTION IS THAT CREATION DID NOT STOP BUT THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF CREATION HAVE BEEN GOING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND THEY ARE STILL GOING NOW. BUT OFTEN THE EVOLUTIONIST SAYS, "WELL, YOU'RE JUST NOT SCIENTIFIC." IS THAT TRUE? IN THIS BATTLE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANITY, OR PUESDO-SCIENCE, I OUGHT TO SAY, AND CHRISTIANITY, WHERE CHRISTIANITY SAYS THAT CREATION WAS COMPLETED AND WHERE EVOLUTION SAYS IT WASN'T COMPLETED—ON WHICH SIDE IS TRUE SCIENCE TO BE FOUND? IT IS NOT ON THE SIDE OF EVOLUTION. IT IS TO BE FOUND ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WITH BIBLICAL FAITH. WHEN DARWIN PROPOUNDED HIS THEORY, HE COULD ASSUME WITH IMPUNITY THAT ORDER AROSE OUT OF CHAOS AND THAT LIFE DID ARISE SPONTANEOUSLY. BUT NO MAN WHO HAS ANY RESPECT FOR SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY CAN ASSUME THAT TODAY. THERE ARE TWO LAWS WHICH PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY. THEY ARE REFERRED TO AS THE FIRST AND THE SECOND LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS, AND THESE LAWS ARE AS CERTAIN AND AS SURE AS ANYTHING THAT SCIENCE HAS DISCOVERED. THESE TWO LAWS SIMPLY STATE THAT IN A CLOSED SYSTEM, THAT IS WHAT THE UNIVERSE IS, IN A CLOSED SYSTEM THERE IS GOING TO BE A QUANTITATIVE STABILITY. THAT IS TO SAY THERE IS NO CREATION, THERE IS NO DESTRUCTION. NOTHING IS DESTROYED IN THIS WORLD. SOME THINGS CHANGE FORM, BUT THEY ARE NOT DESTROYED. THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS STATES THAT WHILE THERE IS A QUANTITATIVE STABILITY THERE IS A QUALITATIVE DECREASE, WHICH IS TO SAY THAT THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE ENERGY IS ALWAYS LESS AND LESS, WHICH SAYS THAT THE WORLD IS LITERALLY BURNING ITSELF OUT. IT IS RUNNING DOWN. IN ADDITION, ENTROPY (THE WORD WHICH WE USE TO DESCRIBE THE AVAILABLE ENERGY) CAN ALSO BE USED AS A MEASURE OF ORDER AND THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS SAYS THAT IN THE UNIVERSE OF WHICH WE ARE A PART THERE IS AN EVER-INCREASING DECAY, DETERIORATION OF ORDER, AND THIS IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION, THEISTIC OR OTHERWISE FOR EVOLUTION SAYS THAT THERE IS AN EVER INCREASING ORDER. SO WHEN WE FIND A CONFLICT BETWEEN PUESDO-SCIENCE AND BIBLICAL FAITH, BIBLICAL FAITH NEED NOT WORRY NOR NEED IT CONCERN ITSELF OVERMUCH. THE THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST, AS HE LOOKS AT THE WORLD, SAYS HE IS GOING TO LOOK AT PRESENT PROCESSES AND BY OBSERVING THESE PRESENT PROCESSES HE IS GOING TO TELL US HOW IT ALL BEGAN. BOTH THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE TELL HIM HE CAN'T DO IT BECAUSE THEY SAY THAT THE CREATIVE PROCESS STOPPED. THEN CAME THE FALL, AND THEN CAME DEATH AND DECAY AND DETERIORATION AND THIS IS WHAT HE IS STUDYING NOW. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WHAT HE SEES IN THE WORLD NOW, THE PRESENT PROCESSES, AND THE CREATIVE PROCESS THAT TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE FALL.

FINALLY BIBLICAL FAITH AND THEISTIC EVOLUTION CAN'T BE HARMONIZED BECAUSE IN THE WORLD BEFORE THE FALL, THERE WAS NO DEATH. THERE WAS NO SUFFERING IN THE CREATION WHICH WAS PRONOUNCED BY THE GOD WHO HAD MADE IT TO BE "VERY GOOD." THIS WAS SO UNTIL AFTER THE FALL OF MAN AND SIN WAS BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD. THIS SAYS THAT THE FOSSILS WHICH SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR EVOLUTIONARY GEOLOGY WERE NOT EVEN DEPOSITED UNTIL AFTER THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN, FOR IN THE WORLD BEFORE THE FALL THERE WAS NO DEATH, AT LEAST NOT INSENTIENT LIFE. YOU ASK HOW DID CARNIVOROUS ANIMALS LIVE? THERE WAS NO DECAY IN THE WORLD AND THEREFORE WHAT THE EVOLUTIONARY GEOLOGIST STUDIES NOW HAS NOTHING TO DO AT ALL WITH CREATION, BUT WITH DESTRUCTION. THE PURPOSE OF THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, ACCORDING TO THEISTIC EVOLUTION, WAS TO BRING MAN INTO THE WORLD. WHEN GOD CREATED MAN, HE LOOKED DOWN UPON HIS CREATION AND HE SAID "IT IS GOOD," AND I WONDER HOW IN

THE WORLD A GOD OF LOVE, A GOD WHO POSSESSES THE ATTRIBUTES WHICH WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE GOD OF THE BIBLE TO POSSESS, COULD LOOK DOWN UPON AN EARTH WHICH WAS FILLED WITH A FOSSIL RECORD OF CATASTROPHY AND DEATH AND DECAY AND DETERIORATION AND SAY "THIS IS GOOD?" IT WASN'T GOOD! IT WAS SIMPLY EVIDENCE THAT MAN HAD RUINED THE WORLD THAT GOD HAD MADE. IT WAS EVIDENCE OF THE ONLY "UN-GOOD" THING, SIN AND EVIL, THAT HAD ENTERED INTO THE WORLD.

NOW SUCH FACTS AS THESE HAVE CAUSED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO RE-EVALUATE THEIR BELIEF BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN MADE TO REALIZE THAT THERE IS JUST NO LOGICAL WAY TO HARMONIZE BIBLICAL FAITH, THAT IS, A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE, WITH THEISTIC EVOLUTION. AND SO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS TO CREATE A RATHER NEAT DODGE AND TO LOOK AT THE BIBLE AND SAY, "WELL, I'LL TELL YOU, IT'S JUST SORT OF A GREAT STORY AND IN GENESIS 1 WE ARE NOT BEING TOLD HOW THE WORLD WAS CREATED, WE ARE JUST BEING TOLD WHO CREATED IT. THE WRITERS INTENT IS NOT TO GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT HOW IT WAS DONE. ALL THE WRITER WANTS TO GET ACROSS IS THAT THERE IS A GREAT CREATOR GOD."

LET'S MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THAT POSITION. (1) IF HIS INTENT WAS NOT TO GIVE DETAIL ABOUT THE CREATION WHY IN THE WORLD DID HE DO IT? WHY DIDN'T HE JUST STOP WITH THE FIRST VERSE AND SAY, "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH," AND LEAVE IT AT THAT? THAT TOLD EVERYTHING THAT THE MYTHOLOGICAL INTERPRETER SAYS HE WANTED TO TELL, AND HE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO MAKE ALL THE MISTAKES THAT HE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE. (2) THERE IS NO WAY IN THE WORLD THAT YOU CAN RECONCILE THIS KIND OF ATTITUDE WITH THE FAITH WHICH THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS HAD, FOR VERY OFTEN THEY REFERRED TO THE GENESIS ACCOUNT AND WHENEVER THEY REFERRED TO IT, THEY HAD NO DOUBTS WHATSOEVER CONCERNING ITS ACTUAL HISTORICITY, THE FACT THAT IT REALLY HAPPENED. FOR INSTANCE, TURN TO LUKE 3:38 AND WHEN YOU HAVE TRACED THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST BACK AS FAR AS IT CAN GO, IT SPEAKS OF "ADAM WHO IS THE SON OF GOD." APPARENTLY ADAM AND GOD ARE JUST AS REAL AND JUST AS PERSONAL IN THE MIND OF LUKE AS ANY OF THOSE THAT PRECEDED THEM IN THE GENEALOGY. TURN TO ROMANS 5:12-19 AND THERE YOU FIND THE WORK OF THE FIRST ADAM AND THE LAST ADAM CONTRASTED CONCERNING WHAT ONE DID TO THE WORLD AND WHAT ONE DID FOR THE WORLD. THE OBVIOUS INTENT OF THE APOSTLE PAUL IS THAT ONE OF THESE IS JUST AS REAL AS THE OTHER. IF THE FIRST ADAM IS MYTHOLOGICAL IN ROMANS 5 WHY ISN'T THE LAST ADAM MYTHOLOGICAL IN THE SAME CONTEXT. READ I CORINTHIANS 11:8. HERE PAUL SPEAKS OF THE CREATION AND ACCEPTS IT AS BEING HISTORY. HE SAYS, "FOR THE MAN IS NOT OF THE WOMAN; BUT THE WOMAN OF THE MAN. NEITHER WAS THE MAN CREATED FOR THE WOMAN, BUT THE WOMAN FOR THE MAN." IN I CORINTHIANS 15:21,22 HE SAYS, "FOR SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH, BY MAN CAME ALSO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE." THE OBVIOUS INTENT IS AGAIN THAT ONE IS JUST AS LITERAL AS THE OTHER. IN II CORINTHIANS 11:3 PAUL MAKES REFERENCE TO THE SERPENT'S BEGUILING EVE AND SAYS HE IS AFRAID THE CORINTHIAN BRETHREN ARE GOING TO BE BEGUILED ALSO. IN I TIMOTHY 2:13-15 HE SAYS THAT "ADAM WAS FIRST FORMED, THEN EVE. ADAM WAS NOT DECEIVED BUT EVE, BEING DECEIVED, WAS IN THE TRANSGRESSION." HE ACCEPTED AS NATURAL HISTORY ADAM AND EVE AND THE SERPENT AND HIS BEGUILING. (3) ANY MAN WHO SAYS THAT IT IS NOT HISTORY IMPUGNS THE VERACITY OF THE SON OF GOD HIMSELF. JESUS CHRIST DID NOT REGARD IT AS SOME MYTHOLOGICAL LESSON TO TELL US ABOUT A GREAT CREATOR GOD. JESUS CHRIST QUOTED FROM GENESIS 1:27 AND GENESIS 2:24 IN THE STATEMENT IN MATTHEW 19:4,5 WHEN HE SAID, "HAVE YOU NOT READ THAT HE WHICH MADE THEM AT THE BEGINNING MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE?" EVOLUTION DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT. IT BELIEVES THAT THE WHOLE PROCESS EVOLVED OUT OF ONE, AND THEY HAVE NO ADEQUATE EXPLANATIONS AS TO HOW MALE AND FEMALE GOT HERE. "AND SAID FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL CLEAVE UNTO HIS WIFE, AND THEY TWAIN SHALL BE ONE FLESH." JESUS REGARDED IT AS BEING HISTORICAL AND ANY MAN WHO SAYS IT IS NOT IS AT ODDS WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. (4) SUCH A METHOD OF EXEGESIS (TO SAY THAT GENESIS 1 IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH MY PRECONCEIVED IDEAS; THEREFORE, IT CAN'T BE TRUE BUT MUST BE A STORY TELLING US ABOUT A GREAT CREATOR GOD) CAN BE USED TO GET RID OF ANY OTHER DOCTRINE IN THE BIBLE

THAT WE DEEM TO BE DISTASTEFUL. NOT LONG AGO A BOOK WAS PUBLISHED BY A CANADIAN THEOLOGIAN-PHILOSOPHER BY THE NAME OF LESLIE DEWART. THE BOOK IS ENTITLED "THE FUTURE OF BELIEF." ONE OF THE BASIC THESES OF THIS BOOK IS THAT THE IDEA WE HAVE OF GOD IS NOT CHRISTIAN AT ALL. HE SUGGESTS THAT THE IDEA WHICH THE WRITERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT HAD OF GOD WAS SO INFLUENCED BY THE GREEKS THAT WE ARE AT LIBERTY TODAY TO DISREGARD IT AND TO DISPOSE OF IT. NOW YOU SEE, ONE USES THE PRINCIPLE TO GET RID OF THE CREATION OF GOD AND THE OTHER USES IT TO GET RID OF THE GOD OF CREATION. THEY HAVE USED EXACTLY THE SAME PRINCIPLE AND IT IS JUST AS LOGICAL FOR ONE AS IT IS FOR THE OTHER. AND IF WE CAN USE IT TO GET RID OF THE CREATION OF GOD, THEN WE MAY AS WELL TAKE THE RECORD THAT GOD HAS GIVEN FROM HIMSELF AND DISPOSE OF IT AND FORGET IT.

MOST OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY CAN'T ACCEPT THE CREATION STORY BECAUSE IT IS SO FILLED WITH SCIENTIFIC ERRORS CLAIM THAT THEY WANT TO HOLD ON TO THE ETHIC OF THE BIBLE. I WANT TO SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE ETHIC OF EVOLUTION AND THE ETHIC OF THE BIBLE ARE AS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED AS THEY CAN BE AND A MAN CANNOT CONSISTENTLY HOLD ON TO THE ETHICS OF EVOLUTION AND THE ETHICS OF GOD AT THE SAME TIME. FOR INSTANCE TURN TO MATTHEW 5:3-9. HERE IS THE ETHIC THAT THEY ADMIRE SO MUCH--THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH. BLESSED ARE THOSE THAT HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD." NOW THIS AND THE DOCTRINE OF NATURAL SELECTION JUST CAN'T BE RECONCILED. THESE QUALITIES THAT JESUS HAS SET FORTH ARE NOT THE QUALITIES THAT MAN PRAISES AND WOULD WANT SELECTED. THESE ARE QUALITIES THAT THE NATURAL MAN DESPISES. HE DOES NOT PRAISE THE HUMBLE MAN. HE MAKES ROOM FOR THE MAN WHO WOULD WALK OVER HIM AND LEAVE HIS SPIKE PRINTS UPON HIS BACK. HE HAS NO TIME FOR THE MOURNING. THEY GET IN THE WAY AND THERE IS NO ROOM IN THIS LIFE FOR SENTIMENTALITY. NO, THERE IS NO WAY THAT THE ETHIC OF NATURAL SELECTION CAN BE RECONCILED WITH THE ETHIC OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. TURN TO MATTHEW 5:38,39. "YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT HATH BEEN SAID, AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH; BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT YE RESIST NOT EVIL; BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL SMITE THEE ON THY RIGHT CHEEK, TURN TO HIM THE OTHER ALSO. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO GOOD TO THOSE THAT DESPITEFULLY USE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU." COME TO THE 44TH VERSE OF THE SAME CHAPTER AND HERE WE FIND THE SAME TEACHING--JESUS TEACHING US THAT WE OUGHT TO LOVE THOSE THAT HATE US AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE US. DOES THIS SOUND LIKE THE EVOLUTIONARY ETHIC OF LIFE BEING SIMPLY A STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE? THAT YOU STRUGGLE TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU KILL HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU BECAUSE IT IS THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST AND THE MAN WHO TURNS THE OTHER CHEEK JUST "AIN'T" FIT? NO, THE ETHIC OF EVOLUTION CANNOT BE RECONCILED WITH THE ETHIC OF CHRIST. TURN TO MATTHEW 16:25 AND SEE IF IT SOUNDS LIKE THE CHIEF GOOD IN LIFE IS SURVIVAL OR SAVING ONE'S LIFE. JESUS SAID, "FOR WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; AND WHOSOEVER WILL LOSE HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT." DOES THAT SOUND LIKE THAT SURVIVAL, OR SAVING ONE'S SELF, IS THE GREATEST GOOD? AGAIN THE ETHIC OF EVOLUTION AND THE ETHIC OF CHRIST ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED AND CANNOT BE RECONCILED.

WITH ITS CONTINUAL EMPHASIS ON A STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE AND NATURAL SELECTION AND SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, THE ETHICS OF EVOLUTION HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS THE SCIENTIFIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATION FOR EVERY SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY THAT WOULD PIT NATION AGAINST NATION AND CLASS AGAINST CLASS AND RACE AGAINST RACE. IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEN LOOK BACK TO NAZIISM AND LOOK TODAY TO COMMUNISM AND YOU WILL FIND THAT THESE ARE BASED UPON THE FACT THAT THE FIT HAVE A RIGHT TO SURVIVE. THEY ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE ETHIC OF THE SON OF GOD.

NOT ONLY DOES EVOLUTION DENY THE CHRISTIAN ETHIC, IT DENIES THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE. IT DENIES AS WE HAVE SEEN, THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF CREATION. IT DENIES THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF CREATION. IT DENIES THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF THE FALL. AFTER ALL, IF EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING OF LIFE HAS BEEN EVER UPWARD, INCREASING ORGANIZATION THEN WHERE IS THERE ANY ROOM FOR A FALL? THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A FALL ACCORDING TO THEISTIC EVOLUTION. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR IT. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INCREASE, NEVER A DECREASE, AND IT IS STILL INCREASING NOW. YOU SEE, THEN, THIS STRIKES AT THE VERY HEART AND CORE OF CHRISTIANITY BECAUSE IF THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A FALL, THERE IS NO SIN, AND IF THERE IS NO SIN, WHO NEEDS A SAVIOR OR A REDEEMER? THEISTIC EVOLUTION STRIKES AT THE CROSS, AND IT IS SAYING IN ESSENCE THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE CROSS. WE DON'T NEED A CHRIST BECAUSE THE WORLD HAS NEVER FALLEN. EVOLUTION STRIKES AT THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF THE NATURE OF MAN. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT MAN IS AN ETERNAL SPIRIT CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. EVOLUTION SAYS HE'S THE END PRODUCT OF A SERIES OF MILLIONS OF ACCIDENTS THAT FINALLY RESULTED IN HIM. IF THIS BE SO, DOES MAN HAVE AN ETERNAL SPIRIT? AND IF SO, WHEN DID HE GET IT? UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS? IF MAN HAS ONE, THEN THE ANIMALS MUST HAVE IT BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT PASS ALONG THINGS THAT THEY DID NOT POSSESS. AND IF THE ANIMALS DO NOT HAVE IT AND MAN CAME FROM AN ANIMAL, THEN MAN DOES NOT HAVE IT. AND IF MAN CAME FROM ANIMAL AND GOD CAME DOWN UPON MAN AND GAVE HIM AN ETERNAL SPIRIT, WE HAVE GOT A FULL BLOWN MIRACLE AND THIS IS WHAT EVOLUTION STARTED OUT TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM. SO IF YOU WANT TO LET IN ONE MIRACLE WHY NOT JUST GO BACK AND ACCEPT FIAT CREATION WHICH IS NO GREATER MIRACLE THAN GOD'S COMING DOWN AND BREATHING AN ETERNAL SPIRIT INTO MAN?

IF THESE THINGS ARE SO, THEN WHY DO PEOPLE ACCEPT EVOLUTION? IT IS NOT BECAUSE OF SCIENCE. BASICALLY IT IS BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS REASONS. MAN WANTS TO MAKE HIS OWN GOD. MAN WANTS TO BE HIS OWN GOD. MAN WANTS TO CONTROL HIS OWN DESTINY. HE DOESN'T WANT ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO A SOVEREIGN GOD. HE DOESN'T WANT TO THINK OF THERE BEING ANY PERSONAL ACCOUNTING AT SOME FUTURE DAY. HE HAS BECOME APTLY DESCRIBED BY THE WORDS OF PAUL IN ROMANS 1: "PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, AND CHANGED THE GLORY OF THE UNCORRUPTIBLE GOD INTO AN IMAGE MADE LIKE TO CORRUPTIBLE MAN, AND TO BIRDS, AND FOURFOOTED BEASTS, AND CREEPING THINGS. WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER. AND EVEN AS THEY DID NOT LIKE TO RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO A REPROBATE MIND..." THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE IN EVOLUTIONS SIMPLY BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION. THEY BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION BECAUSE THEY ARE CONFORMISTS AND THIS IS THAT WHICH THEY HAVE HEARD "EVERY INTELLIGENT PERSON BELIEVES," AND IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE IT THEN YOU ARE NOT INTELLIGENT AND WHO WANTS TO BE LOOKED UPON AS BEING UNINTELLIGENT. MAY I SAY THAT I DO IF IT TAKES A FAITH IN THEISTIC EVOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT? WE HAVE FORGOTTEN II TIMOTHY 2:15 WHICH SAYS, "STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD." WE HAVE BEEN TOO CONCERNED ABOUT "WHAT EVERYBODY BELIEVES" AND SHOWING OURSELVES APPROVED UNTO MEN. WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT JOHN 12:43 WHERE SOME WERE CONDEMNED FOR "LOVING THE PRAISE WHICH IS OF MEN." WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ROMANS 12:2, "BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD," AND WE ARE SEEKING TO CONFORM TO EVERY DOCTRINE AND PHILOSOPHY THAT WE CAN WITHOUT FINALLY REACHING THE ULTIMATE POINT THAT MR. DEWART REACHED AND SAYING, "LET'S JUST THROW GOD OUT TOO. WE'RE THROUGH WITH HIM. WE HAVE OUTGROWN GOD."

IT IS TIME WE REMEMBERED THE LANGUAGE OF ELIJAH AS HE STOOD ON MOUNT CARMEL. HE FOUGHT A GREAT BATTLE FOR GOD THAT DAY, AND IN THE 18TH CHAPTER AND THE 21ST VERSE OF I KINGS HE "CAME UNTO ALL THE PEOPLE, AND SAID, HOW LONG HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? IF THE LORD BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM; BUT IF BAAL, THEN FOLLOW HIM." I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU WILL STUDY THE SCRIPTURE YOU'LL SEE THAT IT IS JUST THAT CLEAR-CUT, THAT IT IS EITHER ACCEPT FIAT CREATION AND GOD, OR FOLLOW THE DEVIL. EVOLUTION IS FROM THE DEVIL AND I CARE NOT HOW MANY PEOPLE MAY ACCEPT IT

OR HOW MANY OF YOU THAT MAY BE INFLUENCED BY IT TONIGHT. IT HAS NEVER BROUGHT GOOD INTO THE WORLD. SOME MAY CHARGE THAT I JUST WANT TO GIVE UP ALL SCIENCE. NO, I DON'T. I AM THANKFUL FOR MODERN SCIENCE. I AM SURE FROM SOME OF THE SURGERY I'VE HAD, THAT IT HAS SAVED MY LIFE AND IT HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. BUT I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP ONE BENEFIT FOR TURNING DOWN THE THEORY. NOT ONE ADVANCE, REAL ADVANCE, THAT SCIENCE HAS EVER MADE DO I HAVE TO DENY MYSELF EITHER THE ACCESS TO OR THE BENEFIT FROM TO DENY THE DOCTRINE OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION. I CAN HAVE THE BEST THAT SCIENCE HAS TO OFFER AND WITH FAITH IN GOD, I CAN ENJOY THE BEST HE HAS TO BESTOW.