

Sermon Notes

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**(Rom 1:18-20 NKJ)** The ongoing tragedy for the Church is that we have been duped into believing that science has irrefutable proof of its claims when, in fact, none of their assertions are founded in pure evidence. The “great monolith” of evidence is actually a great mound of conjecture, fictional events, and a vociferous defense of the indefensible.

When challenged, the typical evolutionist will quickly resort to name-calling and ridicule of any opposing view. Why? Because he knows that his position is based on faith and to face an alternative that acknowledges God is to have to deal with that God. As God told Job, I was there, I created all that you see, and I will tolerate no one being put before me as God. As a result of man’s self-deception he has “created” his own version of the beginning. And God has responded by judging them.

*...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,<sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,<sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

**(Rom 1:21-25 NKJ)**

The Lie! Here is the essence of the deception that has been plaguing mankind since the creation of man. “God doesn’t mean what He says.” Satan duped Adam and Eve with this argument, resulting in the curse of sin that has impacted the entire history of man and the Earth. Today’s version of the lie is that God doesn’t exist, that the creation happened by chance, and that there is really no purpose in life. The result? Man has created a culture of sin, death and debauchery.

As the children of God in Christ Jesus, we must not fall for the lie of evolution, of its atheist theories, governments that deny the Creator or for the false notions about life and death. The Scripture is clear... *<sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,<sup>28</sup> so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.*

**(Heb 9:27-28 NKJ)** The reality is that man will, in fact, die and after that the judgment of God will be faced. God doesn’t require us to believe in Him for His existence and believing that you are a “monkey’s uncle” doesn’t do away with Him. He will judge us on whether or not we have believed in His son. **Pastor Doug**

When given new information about a subject where he was pretty certain that his understanding was exhaustive, the old-timer exclaimed: “Well I’ll be a monkey’s uncle!” All his friends laughed and the statement was understood to be a joke. In a modern classroom, however, little Joey is emphatically taught that he is indeed a relative of the monkey. There is no joke intended by this piece of rhetoric, as his teacher, no doubt, believes it. Darwinian evolution has become the “truth” of the day regarding man’s beginning and there is certainly no room in that philosophy for a God who supernaturally created the heavens and the earth.

The Bible tells us a different story when it declares...*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1 NKJ)* Well meaning men have tried, in vain, to bring the two views of life into some kind of harmony. The difficulty is that the two world views are the antithesis of one another. To believe that God was and is the Creator is an act of faith in Biblical truth. To believe that, by chance, life sprang into being on its own is also an act of faith. On the one hand our faith is placed in a God who said, *"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?<sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone...?" (Job 38:4-6 NKJ)* On the other, is man who was not present in the beginning telling us that it all happened in a series of naturalistic events and taking billions of years to happen. Who has the greater credibility?

When we study the Earth and try to understand its nature and complexity, the conclusions drawn result from, most often, our own preconceptions and the result is that we choose what we will believe and then “interpret” all that we see in the “light” of that point of view. The Bible declares... *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,<sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*