

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

~Titus 2:11-13



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## Darwinism and Homosexuality

by Alan Medinger

Christians who want to refute the idea that homosexuality is inborn, sometimes invoke Darwin to support their position. If homosexuality were genetic—and thus inherited—it would eventually die out as homosexual men and women seldom reproduce. There is no doubt some truth in this, but that is not the subject of this article. To the contrary, rather than draw on Darwin I want to discuss how society's embracing of Darwin's theory of evolution provides one of the foundations on which of society's current acceptance of homosexuality stands.

In my years of battling against the wholehearted embracing of homosexuality by many in the mainline churches, I have realized that a person's view of homosexuality seldom changes unless the person experiences a true conversion. This is because an individual's opinion about homosexuality, as well as how the individual views abortion and other controversial social-moral issues, rests largely on his or her most fundamental beliefs about what is real and what is true. These beliefs reflect ultimately a person's beliefs about God and man.

The evidence that the homosexual life is, especially for men, extremely unhealthy is overwhelming. Statistics on mental illness, suicide, drug use, and other pathologies testify powerfully to the unhealthy consequences of living a homosexual life. But for most people all this evidence is for naught if it leads to a conclusion that conflicts with their broader view of life.

We live in a world today where the prevailing view among those who most influence public opinion and attitudes—the public schools, universities, the media, the entertainment industry, most of the courts and many of

the legislatures—hold to a view radically contrary, even at war with the Christian view. In this world view man is but an animal, a little smarter than the other animals, but one who is totally governed by his genes and his experiences. In this view God does not exist, or if he/she does exist, it is not in any way that matters or should affect how we live our lives.

Sadly, it is highly unlikely that you will ever talk someone out of the acceptability of homosexuality if this is their view of God and man...even if this person is in your church, even if this person is your son or daughter.

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We can see how this view is perpetrated. Many of us turn our children over to the schools that teach it, and we park them in front of a TV that expounds this view hour after hour. Not only that, but this view has a great appeal to many; it offers the individual total personal autonomy.

How did we get to this place where, in a few generations, we went from a culture that accepted although obviously didn't always live up to the basic truths of the Judeo-Christian faith to where we are today? I think we can answer this question with one word: Darwinism. Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of the Species* was published exactly 150 years ago this year. Since that time it has gained influence and today we see today it has become the common source of answers for the most fundamental questions man can ask such as how we got here.

Before Darwinism, a Creator God was necessary. Here is a watch, so somewhere there must have been a watchmaker. Here is a house, so somewhere there must have been a house builder. Here is man, so there must

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have been someone who created him. Thus, before Darwin, the vast majority of people automatically assumed there to be a Creator. Darwin changed all that. Man just happened through a vast sequence of accidental and unguided changes that occurred in simpler organisms over millions of years. Not only that, but Darwinian theory has gone on to claim that life itself was formed when something happened (Darwinists don't know what) to matter that previously had no life in it.

If this is true, then God is not necessary or relevant. If there is no God, then there is no purpose of plan for mankind or, as it must follow, for our individual lives. Man is a little smarter than the other animals, but otherwise of no more significance.

With no God, there is no authority to tell us how we should live, sexually or in any other way. And regarding our sexuality, as simply a higher form of animal, how could we be expected to control ourselves any better than a male dog is able to control himself when confronted with a female in heat? This thinking guides the fierce opposition to abstinence education. It is seen as based on an unrealistic assessment of man.

For those who hold these views only a radical conversion, a fundamental change in how they view reality, will change their views. This conversion, however, will not be like the classical one familiar to evangelical Christians where a man or woman becomes convinced that they are sinners in need of a savior. The sinner's prayer or the Four Spiritual Laws won't work for these people who have only the foggiest concept of sin and little or no consciousness of God. The conversion must be *first* to recognizing the reality of God and man's uniqueness in having been made in the image of God. Only then can salvation become an issue.

What is the point of all this regarding homosexuality and sexual



sin? The point is that our battle for Truth is really a battle over the reality of God and the nature of man. The greatest roadblock to acceptance of Truth is

**Charles Robert Darwin. At the age of 51, Charles Darwin had just published *On the Origin of Species*.**

Darwinism. Christians, if we are to rescue the lost, we must fight Darwinism. We may never be able to offer scientific proof for the Genesis story of a six day creation—that is rooted in faith—but the whole macro-evolutionary theory stands on the shakiest ground imaginable. That is why its advocates, rather than debating it, usually try to silence those who speak of intelligent design. Beauty, order, complexity, balance in nature and all of the things we can observe declare the reality of a Creator; also advances in many areas of scholarship are bringing into question the reasonableness of unguided mutations or “accidents” creating what we see about us.

Before continuing, it is important to make one distinction. The advocates for intelligent design challenge *macro*-evolution, the theory that life came from non-life and that all species can be traced to a common ancestor. *Micro*-evolution, on the other hand—changes occurring over time *within one species*—is generally not disputed. Man has recognized this as long as he has been seeking to breed faster race horses and beefier cattle.

The weaknesses of Darwin's macro-evolution are becoming increasingly evident as we make advantages in microbiology, statistics, the discovery of the Cambrian explosion and other advances in scholarship. Writers such as Philip Johnson, Michael Behe, and William Dembski are building a powerful case against evolution and thus for the only other possible explanation for how we got here—we were intentionally and intelligently designed.

Of course, building a case for intelligent design is far too great a task for this article, but let me offer just three points of illustration:

1. The second law of thermodynamics says that all matter left to its own fate deteriorates over time. Order is followed disorder. Metals corrode; living matter dies, even concrete and plastic eventually disintegrate. Darwinism claims just the opposite. Out of disorder comes order. Out of the simple comes the complex. *And it makes this claim with no scientific proof that it has ever happened.*

2. Think of the evolution of the breast or teat on a mammal. Evolutionary theory would say that this evolved through many, many small changes or mutations over perhaps millions of years. But not only would the physical breast have to be formed by evolution, so too

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would the milk producing process and the programming that triggers the release of milk when a baby is born and stops the process when weaning takes place. One would wonder how the offspring was being nourished during the eons it took for this to evolve. And an essential part of evolutionary theory is that accidental mutations that benefit the creature last, and those that harm it or have no purpose die out. Why then do the countless mutations that had to occur to produce the nursing capability last before the whole process had become functional?

3. Last night when I went to bed, I laid my boxer shorts on my bedroom chair. When I awoke this morning they had evolved into a pair of Wrangler jeans. How do I know this? Because last night I put shorts on the chair and this morning in their place lay a pair of jeans. I challenge any advocate for a specific example of evolution—say the evolution of reptiles into birds, or vice versa—to produce more scientific evidence to support their example than I have offered to support mine. I don't think they can.

Darwinism in its explanation of the origin of species is wrong. We were intelligently and purposefully designed. I believe that the designer was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and being a rational Designer and Creator He had a purpose and plan for our lives. Being a good and loving Creator, he revealed to us much of that plan and purpose. A part of this plan and purpose had to do with how we are to use His magnificent gift of our sexuality.

I cannot scientifically prove these last few statements, but those of us who have chosen to live by them have been blessed and prospered in ways that those who deny a plan and purpose will never experience. In fact, those who live as if life had no purpose, and who deny a moral code, will probably eventually die out (see what is happening in post-Christian Western Europe), and those who have a purpose and seek to guide their lives by something greater than their own self-interest, will probably flourish. Maybe that's a side of evolution that is worth some study. ■

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#### PRAY FOR:

- Please pray for our staffing needs: a replacement for **Samuel Wilson** and resources to hire **Peter Mitchell** full-time.
- Please pray for the physical and emotional well being of our staff throughout the duration of the cold and flu season.
- Protection and covering for Living Waters participants as we deal with deeper issues of forgiveness and unforgiveness in the upcoming weeks.

#### WE THANK GOD FOR:

- **Peter Mitchell** who joined our staff part-time as Ministry Coordinator for Northern Virginia.
- The healthy birth of **Newell Glaser** and **Joey Feehley**.
- **Cheryl Durgin** who is filling in for **Stacey Feehley** while Stacey is on maternity leave.

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## MINISTRY NEWS

**Reverend Peter Mitchell**, the Ministry Coordinator of Northern Virginia, joined Regeneration part time in November after serving for 15 years as an ordained Episcopalian parish priest for three churches in Charleston, South Carolina.

Peter is a veteran ministry leader in the area of men and women struggling with sexual relational brokenness. He was a participant, helper, leader and coordinator for Living Waters in Charleston, South Carolina. He currently resides in Woodstock, Virginia with his wife and four children. Welcome Peter!

CrossCurrent, a Christ-centered support group for men who struggle with same-sex attraction, will meet on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning February 2 and extending through March 23, 2009.

CrossCurrent is being offered by Regeneration of Northern Virginia and coordinated by **Rev. Peter Mitchell**. If you would like more information, please call or email Peter at the Northern Virginia office.

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After a year of dedicated service, Baltimore Program Coordinator **Reverent Samuel Wilson** is stepping down from his full-time duties to focus his attention on Imago Dei, a Baltimore based church plant.

Regeneration is grateful to Samuel and his family for all they accomplished during their brief time with us. Please pray that God will bless Samuel and Imago Dei.

### Exodus International Freedom Conference

The 2009 Exodus International Freedom Conference will take place in Wheaton, Illinois (Chicago) from July 14th through July 18th. The purpose of this conference is to provide help for those who personally struggle with homosexuality and ministry support for those who have a loved one who struggles with or embraces homosexuality.

The conference is also an opportunity for ministry leaders, pastors, and counselors to learn more about how to minister God's truth, grace, and justice to a world impacted by homosexuality. For more information, visit <http://www.exodusfreedom.org/freedom>.

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