

Kill the root and kill the tree

“Evolution has been observed. It’s just that it hasn’t been observed while it’s happening.” – Evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in an interview with Bill Moyers on PBS.

Mr. Dawkins’ statement really summarizes what I’ve always thought about evolution: A core ideal taught for decades by proponents of evolution is called “abiogenesis” – also called spontaneous generation. Abiogenesis teaches that life sprang from non-life. If this is true, then shouldn’t we see those processes happening all around us? And since we do not see the process of abiogenesis today, who was around to document the original spontaneous generation event?

Any of us old enough to have had a pet rock never saw our pets develop legs and walk, although some of us were able to get our pets to do a few tricks like “play dead” and “sit,” and we could get them to roll over with a little assistance – but I digress...

Evolution is being taught in every K-12 school, college and university and even historically Christian based institutions of higher learning. Evolution is taught as “science fact” when it is not. Since we have no documented evolution of non-living matter into living, all that we have to go on is a belief that spontaneous generation happened at some point in the very very very distant past (how convenient).

I’ve mentioned this in the past but must repeat it here: The word “sci-

ence” simply means “knowledge” (don’t take my word for it, look it up). Maybe some of you remember from fifth grade that the “scientific method” was empirical. You could see and/or experience the effects and outcomes that produced what we would call “science” (again – knowledge). Science consisted of natural laws and our empirical observation.

For example: When we create technologies based on the function of electricity and magnetism and our empirical study of electro-magnetism we get electric motors that can run our air conditioners or refrigerators or tiny motors that spin DVD discs. That is what I call true – applied – science. What good is knowledge if it is not applicable?

When we create explanations that detail the processes of all life without having observed said processes, we are not speaking of science. Believing something without ever seeing and/or observing it is called “faith.” Such (blind) faith turns evolution into a religious pursuit, not a pursuit of science. Reminds me of when Jesus said to a doubting Thomas – “You believe because you have seen, but blessed is he that believes without ever having seen.”

It turns out that the

“religion of evolution” is a very dangerous belief that promotes ideas that some groups of people haven’t “evolved” as much as others. This was how Hitler was able to convince much of Nazi Germany that Jews weren’t “quite as human” as the rest of the German populace. In the U.S., teaching that we evolved from monkeys helps to justify racism in the minds of many. After all, not everyone has fully evolved – in the minds of those who have fully drunk the evolutionary Kool-Aid. When I was in grade school, the theory of evolution was just that – a theory. But even then it was an ideal that was being taught in every area of scientific thought. One famous spokesman for evolution, Julian Huxley, was quite candid on this point:

“The concept of evolution was soon [after its appearance] extended into other than biological fields. Inorganic subjects such as the life histories of the stars and the formation of the chemical elements on the one hand, and on the other hand subjects like linguistics, social anthropology and comparative law and religion, began to be studied from an evolutionary angle, until today we are enabled to see evolution as a universal and all-pervading process. Furthermore, with the adoption of the evolutionary approach in non-biological fields, from cosmology to human affairs, we are beginning to realize that biological evolution is only one aspect of evolution in general.”

Recently, I heard it announced on main-

stream news that people who believe that the Bible is true and those who hold to conservative values have minds that have not “fully evolved.” I guess my ability to type this column on a computer is a functional equivalent to those monkeys that can stack boxes to reach hanging bananas?

Another way that the scientific community singles out individuals is to create a language that only an initiate of said science would know and understand. Those of us who do not know the language and terminology just “ain’t edu-macated enuff.” Having worked at NASA for 12 years, I can tell you that we were the king of acronyms. For example: When at a meeting you could tell who was a part of the NASA “in-crowd” by how many acronyms certain folks knew and understood. Most people were afraid to let everyone else in the room know that they didn’t have a clue what we were all talking about for fear of being seen as not being in the know.

My biggest concern regarding the damage being done by our “society of evolutionary thought” is the effect on leaders in Christian faith. There are now teachers and preachers in church who you can find quoting statistics and science facts promoted by evolution. Evolution is so embedded in world mind-set and thinking that it is winding its serpentine self around Biblical truth and doctrine like a boa constrictor preparing its victim.

How can a six-day creation account and a 6,000

year Biblical earth age (give or take a few years) gel with billions of years of evolution? I can imagine many Christian pastors would disagree these days and state – in error – that you can believe that evolution science and the Bible do not have to conflict.

Turn Genesis into a bunch of “nice stories” and not the truthful account that it is, you then destroy the whole of the scripture as a source for truth – and you also destroy the credibility of the central figure of Biblical based faith: Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

In John 5:46 – “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me (47). But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” Since Moses wrote the first books of the Bible (under the dictatorial guidance of God Himself) and Genesis is the first of those accounts, bringing the accuracy of Genesis into question NOW BRINGS EVERYTHING JESUS SAID into question. If you are a believer who thinks that there is no conflict with believing evolutionary billion year ideals and the six-day, 6,000 year of Biblical creation account, you are compromising your faith and believing “philosophy and vain deceit” and calling YHVH a liar or at best saying He is in error.

As people of truth, a Christian must be able to defend what they believe with scripture – it is not good enough to use our personal experiences or opinion. We must arm ourselves with deeper understanding and knowledge of the what’s

and whys of our beliefs, and base all of this on scripture – God’s word. This may require that we study not just the Bible but also study and understand what detractors of the faith say. We should consider studying other faith’s core beliefs, the sciences and also the writings of those who have shaped the minds of modern-day leaders (like Julian Huxley).

The Bible says that “in the last days, scoffers will arise.” I don’t think that scripture is referring to non-believers, because they have always been scoffers. The scoffers that the Bible is referring to are most likely people who otherwise call themselves people of Godly faith. The world’s understanding of creation through the lens of evolution is causing many people of faith to scoff at the Genesis account of creation. If we continue as people of Christian faith to lackadaisically include evolution in our beliefs we are killing the roots of our faith – and will, in time, kill the tree – or more importantly, kill the belief in the one who hung on a tree.

If you have read terminology or names in this piece that you have never heard of before, I strongly encourage you to look them up on the Internet. “Study to show yourself approved, not lacking anything.”

Visit www.youtube.com/user/jesusfreakkg and watch the video titled “Discernment: When God is Trying to Get Your Attention.” E-mail comments and questions to: jesusfreakcomputergeek@gmail.com.



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Animal Care and Control receives second Lutz Foundation grant

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Chester County Animal Care and Control was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from The Herbert and Anna Lutz Foundation.

This is the second year in a row the shelter has received a grant from the Lutz Foundation.

The grant money will be used for the Spay and Neuter Fund, medicine and emergency care.

The grant will allow for no-cost spaying and neutering for animals adopted from the shelter by Chester County residents only. The grant will also allow for reduced adoption costs to the community. These services will begin on Friday, May 1, and go on for as long as funds last.

The grant will also give Chester County Animal Care and Control an opportunity to offer assisted funding for spaying and neutering to animals already owned by residents of Chester County at a specified time to be announced later.

Lieutenant Terry Melton, director of Chester



BY MARISSA C. WHITE/THE N&R

For the second year in a row, Chester County Animal Care and Control received a grant for \$15,000 from the Lutz Foundation. From the left are Lt. Terry Melton, director of Chester County Animal Care and Control; Office Manager Laura Long handling Maximus, who is up for adoption; Animal Control Officer T.J. Martin; and Animal Control Officer Robert Guyton.

County Animal Care and Control, is appreciative of the continued support of the Lutz Foundation.

“Their assistance will greatly benefit both the shelter and the community of Chester County,” said Melton. “Our mission with this grant will not only be

to help educate the community on the importance of spaying and neutering their pets, but to also provide the assistance to do so. We are thankful to The Herbert and Anna Lutz Foundation for not only what they have and are doing for us, but what they

are doing for Chester County!”

The Herbert and Anna Lutz Foundation is a Chester, South Carolina family Foundation established in 1993 which makes grants supporting education, community, health, and welfare.

POLICE BEAT

From the Chester County Detention Center jail log:

- Harry Douglas

Edwards, 47, was charged with assault and battery third degree on Feb. 16.

IN THE SCHOOLS

Finley Class of 1966 to meet

The Finley Class of 1966 will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 21 at Texas Roadhouse in

Rock Hill to celebrate the retirement of president James Dunham. Call Sterling Mayfield at 209-2557.

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IN THE SCHOOLS

Vision screener in the schools

The Lutz Foundation awarded the Child Find Program/Chester County School District \$8,500 to purchase a Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener. This device will be used to identify possible eye defects for children. The Child Find Program is grateful to the Lutz Foundation for this generous grant.

Finley Alumni to meet Monday

The Rock Hill Chapter of Finley High School Alumni will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Jackson’s Cafeteria, 1735 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill. Anyone who graduated from or attended Finley High School is encouraged to attend. Individuals who did not attend Finley but

want to join as associate members are welcome to attend. For more information about the meeting or the chapter, call Charlie M. Robinson at 803-327-4547 or James T. Dunham at 704-232-0793.

Kindergarten lottery at ATL

The Academy Charter School is now accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. When registering, bring your child’s birth certificate and Social Security card so that a copy can be made for records. All applications are due by March 1 to be included in the annual kindergarten lottery. Applications are available in the school office at 109 Hinton St. Contact the school if you have any questions at 385-6334.

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