

Unfit to Survive -- Evolution goes Extinct -- Part 1

REVIEW of *The Fall of Darwin's Last Icon*

and The Failure of the Cartesian-Darwinian Narrative

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THE TITLE of this book is daunting, and even off-putting, yet the book is worth its own weight in gold, all of its 1.3 kg in 461 pages of A5 size, so tightly packed full of facts and careful reasoning.

- Darwin's last icon was **human evolution** in *The Descent of Man* in 1871. Earlier "icons" were **animal evolution** in *The Origin of the Species*, 1859, and these also are proven false.
- The Cartesian-Darwinian Narrative is the **philosophic underpinning** of today's popular thinking on many things. This philosophy of René Descartes (1596-1650) -- Wynne also calls it the **Narrative** and the **Grand Deception** -- begot the twists and turns of muddled thinking that corrupted the science of Charles Darwin (1809-1882), whereas genuine science negates the claims of his theory of evolution.

GOD'S CREATION WAS NOT by EVOLUTION

John/Wynne opens with **four vital questions** for every human being:-

- Where did I come from ?
- Why am I here ?
- How should I behave ?
- What happens when I die ?

The Narrative's **false answers** are:

- Man evolved from an amoeba.
- He is the accidental product of chaos.
- Each man's conduct is his private business.
- At death: a man simply ceases to exist.

This book is written particularly for the **Theistic Evolutionists**, that is, those who think they must modify the traditional religious narrative, its theology and its Biblical underpinnings, because *they feel they must believe "science"*, that is, that account of science that its popularisers tell them is science.

The outcome is a fatal **corruption** in their thinking of those four vital questions, and it can and often does destroy their religious faith. Hence the rise of atheism, agnosticism, amorality and immorality.

More generally, the book also suits those whom the author calls **Truth Seekers**, to whom he shows that:-

- evolution is false science (pp. 271-371);
- the Narrative is a false world-view,
- the Truth in science and religion is available.

Medieval philosophy helped physical science progress (pp. 58-59) -- startling news for many moderns.

From false PHILOSOPHY to PSEUDO SCIENCE

The first nine chapters (pp. 19-228) are the best summary of the history of philosophy I have ever read since Etienne Gilson's *The Unity of Philosophical Experience*. They're a history from ancient Greeks like Epicurus (†70 B.C.) to our own day, from Godless materialist pleasure-seekers to Descartes' idea of a world in which God is not involved and the only certain knowledge is in the total subjectivism of "clear and distinct ideas", which fathered the so-called rationalists and their abolition of knowledge outside of physical science. The Grand Deception is the common thread in these chapters.

IDEAS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

Chapter 10, the **Culture of Death** (pp. 229-270) reveals the outcomes of Darwin's theory of evolution. It has damning quotes from the exterminators, who butchered **two billion** (2,000,000,000) human beings from 1914 to now, and specifically in the name of evolution.. For example:-

- German General Bernhardt (1911):

War is a biological necessity, a moral obligation... Without war, inferior or dying races would easily choke growth... -- the laws of Nature can be reduce to the law of struggle (p. 230).

- Professor Von Flussen:

The creed of the (almightiness) of a natural selection based on violent struggle is the gospel of the German intellectuals (p. 231).

- Adolf Hitler in *Mein Kampf* (1924-1926) said:

The stronger must dominate and not blend with the weaker... Nature does not desire the blending of a higher with a lower race, since if she did, her whole work of higher breeding, over perhaps hundreds of thousands of years, might be ruined... Those who want to live, let them fight.. [the Aryan] alone was the founder of all humanity... The highest counterpart to the Aryan is represented by the Jews. (see pp. 232-233).

Later on, Hitler's euthanasia also depended on Darwinism (p. 242).

- Karl Marx's *The Communist Manifesto* (1847) got subsequent support from Darwinism and Darwin's "Bulldog", Thomas Huxley: Marx extended Darwinism to dialectical materialism with evolution in history, politics and economics, (p. 161).

- Joseph Stalin (1879-1953) in Russia read Darwin and in the outcome became an atheist (p. 236).
- Mao Tse-tung in China, 1948, followed the German view of Darwinism very closely. Compulsory lectures for everyone began with man's descent from the apes. (p. 237).
- In the USA and elsewhere, **eugenics, Zero Population Growth, contraception and abortion** all flowed from Darwinism (p. 240), as did the corruption of legislation by the activist judiciary *evolving* the American Constitution. (pp. 239-266).

MACRO-EVOLUTION FALSE

Chapters 11 & 12 (pp. 311-354) refutes one claim after another in the alleged missing links between apes etc and man on the fossil evidence.

Chapter 13 (pp. 355-371) adds more recent evidence from genetics, as well as a demolition of all organic evolution with the now well-known evidence on the fossils. Nor do micro-changes in peppered moths and Galapagos finches justify macro-evolution. Nor do the desperate claims based on "vestigial organs", those homologous organs (i.e. similar in other species). Nor the amino acids made in a test tube. Nor imaginative detailed evolutions for birds, also for horses.

After that the author comes to the demolition of the Biblical demythologizers by the early Modernists, Ernest Renan, George Tyrrell and Alfred Loisy, and the atheists like Julian Wellhausen and his documentary hypothesis, through to the more recent Raymond Brown, and the rejection of a real Resurrection of Jesus by Bultmann and Schillebeeckx. (See *Handouts* n. 179.)

Finally come the problems of faith and morals, and of converting the sinners who do not want to repent because they would have to reject their sins, especially against the 6th and 9th Commandments -- a very rewarding chapter.

CAUTION

Just a cautionary word. Some today might not, and for various reasons, cope with an absolute literalness of creation in Six Days in Genesis 1:

- and this, not because they are overawed by the popularizers of what purports to be "science";
- nor because they follow the Biblical theorists who reject miracles and revelation;
- but because expressions like "there was evening and there was morning, one day" (Genesis 1:5) assumes there was a meaning to "day" before the sun appeared on Day Four (Genesis 1:14-19), which might suggest that the author intended to teach the totality of God creating everything from nothing in an instant, as suggested by Genesis 1:1, and from verse 2 to

expand on it by listing under broad headings the main categories of created things known to man.

- John Wynne accepts Church teaching that **"literal" is the meaning intended by the author**, not "literal" in the grammatical sense of "non-figurative". (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 115).

WOW! What chaos has managed to create dazzles us!

The Theory of Evolution was never more than an "adolescent theory", i.e. a hypothesis, elevated to a quasi-religion and thereby absolutely untouchable, to be accepted by everyone without any querulous questioning.

Evolution began with inanimate to animal, later to human, then backtracked to the Big Bang and sub-atomic particles in a plasma, and has now fast-forwarded to human thought evolving as inevitable progress, from Reformation, Renaissance and Enlightenment, through to today's relativism and its fluidity of truth and morals.

It is an early examples of Political Correctness, of social insistence on "group think". As Wynne says, popular claims for evolution were based on the Narrative of the philosophers and as science have turned out to be "irrational, inconsistent, incoherent".

Anthony Standen, an industrial chemist with impeccable scientific credentials, in *Science is a Sacred Cow*, puts science and scientists in proper perspective. He postulated a scientist investigating ghosts without realizing that ghosts refused to be investigated and always stayed out of sight when a scientist was around.

Similarly, the creation of the world from nothing is a miracle, awesome, wondrous, and of itself beyond scientific method, but its result, all about us, is available for investigation for God's glory and man's benefit.

Sir Fred Hoyle, astronomer, formerly atheist, converted after concluding that evolution was as likely as a cyclone blowing through a junk yard producing a jumbo jet airliner.

HEARTY COMMENDATION

I strongly recommend this book and its DVDs to all the faithful capable of reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or its *Compendium*, and especially to parents, priests and other teachers, and tertiary students and senior High School. It is "on the side of the angels" and "profitable for salvation."

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