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"Preach the Word." (II Timothy 4:2)

• "Feed the Flock." (I Peter 5:2)

MEGA-EVOLUTION'S Funeral



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THE TRUTH, obtained by honest investigation, is that science agrees with the Bible—the philosophy of evolution is slowly and surely proving to be in conflict with science. Mega-evolution is dying an unnatural death. We need to make a distinction here between micro-evolution and mega-evolution (our topic of discussion). Micro-evolution is those proven changes such as mutations and variations which go on continually. Mega-evolution is the philosophy that states that all living things, now existing or extinct, have ascended from inorganic, non-living, substances. (Some readers may object to my referring to mega-evolution as a philosophy and not as a theory or fact. I believe it is more accurate to refer to it as a philosophy—a philosophy that is vigorously supported and promoted by some scientists. For my reasons, please read Dr. R. Clyde McCone's article "Modern Problems in Ideas About the Antiquity of Man" in *The Creation Alternative*. This book is available from the Bible-Science Association, Box 1016, Caldwell, Idaho 83605 for \$1.00). Those contending for mega-evolution (evolution, for short, in this study) have been guilty of circular reasoning. (Incidentally, I would prefer that micro-evolution be called variability or mutability, as the case warranted).

One outstanding example of this is described by Dr. Arthur C. Custance's *Fossil Man and Genesis*. I quote from him on page 13, "Circular reasoning plays a large part in current evolutionary anthropology, perhaps as

large a part as it does in modern geology although it is not as readily admitted." Custance outlines it thusly: evolution is true, there must be a succession of forms to prove it, we can line up a set of candidates in fossil form in a "nice sequence," this proves that human evolution is true. So many scientists have done this that the common man believes, erroneously, that this is what science teaches man!

We propose to show some facts and discoveries of science that point to the decline and demise of evolution.

BASIC LAWS OF SCIENCE THAT LEAD TO MEGA-EVOLUTION'S FUNERAL

Evolution, as generally defined, means gradual development or ascent of higher forms of life from simpler or lower types. In its usual form, the philosophy postulates an original form consisting of a single living cell that **probably** arose from a spontaneous generation form, a fortuitous combination of inanimate matter. There is an absolutely fatal flaw at the very outset—how life originated in the first place. Unfortunately, spontaneous generation has been completely demolished by Pasteur, Tyndall, and others.

Thousands of experiments by scientists all over the world to produce living matter from non-living matter

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Proverbs of Today

If we cannot stand together, we will fall apart.

"Lord, make me humble, and when Thou hast made me humble, don't let me know about it."

The preaching of God's Word is not offensive to God's people.

"You are a success if you are where God has assigned you."

Christian works are essential, not as works of merit, but as works of faith.

"One evidence of the value of the Bible is the character of those who oppose it."

The trouble with religious movements is that they have become denominational monuments.

"The best evidence of the Bible's being the Word of God is to be found between its covers."

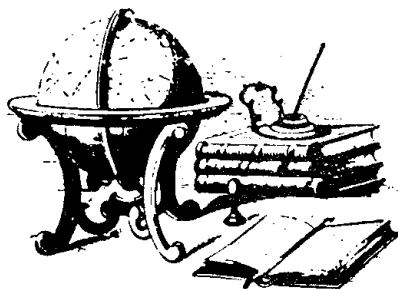
Some people are very dogmatic in their opposition to what they call dogmatism.

"What a pleasure life would be if everybody would try to do only half of what he expects others to do."

You can mark it down that the church member who is inconsistent in his attendance will be inconsistent in his living (or is it the other way around, or both ways?).

"Youth riotously lived breeds a loathsome old age."

Too many of us regard God as we do the preacher—as a person to be somewhat respected, but not taken seriously.



EDITORIAL COMMENTS...

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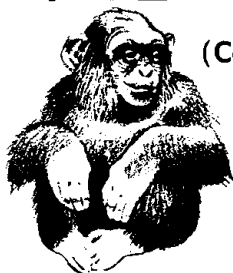
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ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Luke; 2. (3) Theophilus; 3. Acts 1:8; 4. (1) Chapter 2—Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the establishment of the church; (2) Chapter 10—Conversion of the household of Cornelius, first Gentiles to come into the church; (3) Chapter 13—Paul and Barnabas sent out as evangelists from the church at Antioch; (4) Chapter 15—Conference on circumcision; 5. (1) The apostles were the ones promised the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2-5); (2) They were the ones "with one accord in one place" when the Day of Pentecost was fully come (Acts 1:26—2:1-4) (3) Everyone who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, and only the apostles were speaking—thus they were the only ones who received the special baptism of the Holy Spirit, and not the 120—Acts 2:1-4, 7 (Note: the apostles were all Galileans), 13, 14, 37 (all the apostles were speaking); 6. The first Jewish Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2); 7. The apostle Peter and the apostle Paul; 8. Stephen (Acts 7); 9. Cornelius (Acts 10); 10. James (Acts 12); 11. Antioch of Syria (Acts 11:26); 12. Agabus (Acts 11:27, 28; 21:10, 11); 13. Lydia (Acts 16:9-15); 14. I and II Thessalonians; 15. Written from Roman imprisonment; 16. II Timothy; 17. Read Acts 2:38 and 20:7; 18. He was released when no one brought charges against him and preached the gospel in various places to be arrested again at a later date and put to death. Evidently the book of Titus implies some of the work done during this period. II Timothy intimates that the end is at hand for the apostle Paul. □

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have failed. Even the famed DNA experiments are not exempt from this failure. They represent man taking off the sheath that encases DNA, and then, artificially reproducing that sheath—not a creating of life. Sad to say, the “popularizers,” the evangelists of evolution have blown this feat out of proportion (just like everything else relating to evolution) in relation to its significance.

The origin of life is completely withdrawn from man's observation. The creation of life, even if it were accomplished, would only show two things. One would be that it would only show how life MIGHT have originated. In the second place, it would show a need for an intelligent CREATOR.

A basic law of science stands undaunted—life must come from life. Even starting with protoplasm (the basic life substance) would not help. It is a very complex substance and has defied complete chemical analysis. It is about seventy per cent water. Aside from water, about half of the material in protoplasm is protein. The protein present in living cells is composed of a whole family of a whole family of proteins. We only know the structure of a few of the simple ones. For the most part, the structure and arrangement of the proteins is unknown. Nitrogen is the prime distinguishing element of proteins, but the way they are put together is not known. We know that man's body is made up of the same eighteen or more elements found in the dust of the earth (strange— isn't that!) but put together in an unthinkable complicated way.

Chemists have not yet succeeded in synthesizing all the compounds involved, not to mention the effecting of a complete combination and, finally, imbuing the mixture with the breath of life. Life begets life is a law confirmed by science.

Evolution also fails to account for a satisfactory explanation of the method by which evolution works. The general picture in scientific circles today is uncertainty of this issue. Lamark's theory has been utterly disproved. The Darwinian theory has almost suffered the same fate. It cannot satisfactorily account for the origin of variations. (Darwin knew nothing of Mendel's laws of heredity or DNA). Mathematics has shown it to be hopelessly wrong. Only in some scientists' minds and in the popular “mind” is it still cherished.

Mendelian laws of heredity show that all chance variations follow definite, though frequently complicated, arithmetical laws. ALL VARIATION IS WITHIN CERTAIN FIXED LIMITS, EVEN THOUGH DORMANT. Chromosomes, genes, and DNA only serve to bear this out giving an idea of how it occurs. Each organism reproduces “after its kind.” Even mutations follow this law; they follow after their kind—being the result of recessive Mendelian characters. Evolution contradicts genetic facts and the facts of thermodynamics.

SCIENTIFIC CHARACTER OF MEGA-EVOLUTION

Evolution is not a thesis—a thesis must be proven. It is not a hypothesis—hypothesis have only temporal existence; they disappear as soon as more satisfying hypothesis are found. Evolutionary doctrine has no alternative in natural science. Even when great volumes of material are found contradicting this doctrine, it is not given up because materialists have nothing else. Therefore, it is not a theory either, because a theory is a way of thinking which also should be replaceable by another one—which for the materialist is impossible. IT IS A MATERIALISTIC POSTULATE. Is it a “scientific” postulate? NO! Evolution fails to satisfy the six criteria all scientific postulates must meet. Following are those six criteria. (1) It must be in accordance with the principal laws of mathematics and natural science. (2) It must not be complicated than necessary for the explanation of the phenomena observed. (3) It must give rise to conclusions which can be controlled by further (experimental) observations. (4) No data may be known which are principally at variance with the conception. (5) It is acceptable only if alternative hypothesis have been shown to be either wrong or less satisfactory. (6) Its reliability is inversely proportional to the number of unproven postulates on which it is founded. For a complete treatment of this subject, see Dr. William J. Ouwendijk's “The Scientific Character of the Evolution Doctrine” in the Creation Research Society quarterly, vol. 8, no. 2, Sept. 1971. Needless to say, evolution fails the test.

MATHEMATICAL IMPROBABILITY OF MEGA-EVOLUTION

The Swiss mathematician Charles E. Guye computed the chance that joining amino acids would yield proteins having the properties of life. (As quoted in Harold Coffin's “Creation—Accident or Design,” 1969). He found that the odds were against such an occurrence by 10 160 to 1. (That is 1 followed by 160 zeros). On the same basis, the spontaneous generation of life on earth would require almost endless billions of years—10 243 years (1 followed by 243 zeros). Du Nouy stated, “If probability of the appearance of a living cell could be expressed mathematically, all figures expressed on such a probability figure would be negligible.”

The odds against the formation of life, or even a protein molecule, by random processes are shown to be far from “inevitable,” despite the statements of educators to the contrary. A book recently published is very interesting along this line. The book is **The Creation of Life: A Cybernetic Approach** by A.E. Wilder Smith (Mr. Smith holds three doctoral degrees, and is an organic chemist). Through the use of modern computers and a consideration of the nature of the relevant chemical reactions, neo-Darwinism is shown to be utterly inadequate. With the development of high-speed “super computers,” it has become possible for the first time to submit for analysis evolutionary problems simulating circumstances which supposedly would have prevailed at some time in the earth's history. The result is that the computer jams! The conclusion is that the probability of evolutionary progress under such circumstances is less than one chance in 10 1000 (1 followed by 1000 zeros). The author says, “The difficulties incurred in denying intelligence as the basis of code-order realization are certainly greater than those of assuming that randomness gave spontaneous birth to order (the Darwinian position), which amounts

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to a denial of the laws of thermodynamics and indeed of all laws—for randomness is not subject to laws. But to get around and to avoid the necessity of assuming exogenous intelligence (or Diety), scientists have been willing to commit even this type of scientific hara-kiri, for to deny law is to kill all science" (p. 228).

No longer, says Smith, do we need to think of God as an "old man in the sky," for now, "for the first time in history, intelligence has been experimentally separated from biology," and the idea that God would have to possess biological nervous tissue and oxyhemoglobin in order to think has been "finally and completely overcome by quite recent advances in cybernetic science" (pp. 31, 161, 229). Thus, "there is no longer any need for the Christian or the believer in God to hide, intellectually speaking, in the catacombs" (p. 19).

DISCOVERIES OF BIOLOGISTS THAT LEAD TO MEGA-EVOLUTION'S FUNERAL

We quote from Dr. John J. Grebe's article, "Youth's Dilemma With Answers From Modern Biology," C. R. S. quarterly, vol. 8, no. 1, June 1971. "Top scientists in their fields have shown the errors of current evolution theory and youth can see the facts by turning to the field of biology. One of the most potent of the top scientists who testify to this is Dr. George Gaylord Simpson—head paleontologist of Harvard and American Chairman of the Darwin Centennial celebration in Chicago, 1959. Dr. Simpson and many other scientists have studied data gathered by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance instruments that measure the exact forces and distances between individual atoms in the DNA and which identify precisely the specific atoms, the kinds of bonds, their locations, and their interrelations.

"They have seen that the DNA code of man, which determines his inheritance, is so far removed from that of any other mammal, that if man's flesh could have been 'evolved' from that of any other living organism, it would more likely be the snake. Dr. Simpson has stated that man must have branched off far down in the evolutionary ladder because of this difference in DNA components, and Dr. Simpson even allows for possible creation by a Superior Power!!!

Dr. W. R. Thompson wrote in the foreword to the Century edition of Darwin's *Origin of Species*, "As we know, there is a great divergence of opinion among biologists, not only about the causes of evolution but even about the actual process. This divergence exists because the evidence is unsatisfactory and does not permit any certain conclusion. It is therefore right and proper to draw the attention of the non-scientific public to the disagreements about evolution. But some recent remarks of evolutionists show that they think this unreasonable. This situation, where men rally to the defense of a doctrine they are unable to define scientifically, must less demonstrate with scientific rigor, attempting to maintain its credit with the public by the suppression of criticism and the elimination of difficulties, is abnormal and undesirable in science"

John T. Bonner says, "The particular truth is simply that we have no reliable evidence as to the evolutionary sequence of invertebrate phyla. We do not know what group arose from what other group of whether, for instance,

the transition from Protoza occurred once, or twice, or many times...We have all been telling our students for years not to accept any statement on its face value but to examine the evidence, and, therefore, it is rather a shock to discover that we have failed to follow our own sound advice."

Dr. Henry M. Morris's book, *The Twilight of Evolution*, offers excellent material along this line.

Another critic of evolutionary theory is the Swedish botanist Heribert Nilsson. Dr. Nilsson devoted his life to experiments in which he attempted to demonstrate evolution and to research in various evidences that are supposed to support the philosophy. He writes, "My attempts to demonstrate evolution by experiments carried on for more than forty years, have completely failed... At least I should hardly be accused of having started from a preconceived anti-evolutionary standpoint... It may be firmly maintained that it is not even possible to make caricature out of paleobiological facts. The fossil material is now so complete that it has been possible to construct new classes, and the lack of transitional series cannot be explained as due to the scarcity of material. Deficiencies are real. They will never be filled... The idea of an evolution rests on pure belief." (From his book, *Synthetische Artbildung, Vol. I-II*) (See *The Christian and Science* by Dr. Paul Zimmeran, also).

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Over the Book of Acts)

1. Who wrote the book of Acts?
2. Acts was written to—(1) Aristarchus; (2) Luke; (3) Theophilus.
3. What verse is a good one to remember as a key to the book of Acts?
4. Tell something important found in the following chapters: (1) Chapter 2; (2) Chapter 10; (3) Chapter 13; (4) Chapter 15.
5. Give three reasons why it is evident that the twelve apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and not the 120.
6. When was the church established?
7. What two men seem to be the two most outstanding personalities in the book of Acts?
8. Who was the first martyr in the early church?
9. Who was the first Gentile convert?
10. Who was the first apostle to be put to death?
11. Where were the disciples first called Christians?
12. What was the name of a prominent prophet in the early church?
13. Who was Paul's first convert in Europe?
14. Name the first two epistles Paul wrote?
15. Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians were written from where?
16. What was the last epistle Paul wrote?
17. Quote or put in your own words what Acts 2:38 says; what Acts 20:7 says.
18. What seems to have happened to Paul after the book of Acts ended?

(Answers found elsewhere in this issue)

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IF GOD SHOULD FORGET,



And Lest We Forget!

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THE FIRST THOUGHT that comes to the minds of many when they read this title is: It is a good thing that God does forget, for Hebrews 8:12 says, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I REMEMBER NO MORE." I am thankful that God does forgive and forget our sins that have been covered by the blood of Christ, but I am also thankful that God does not forget many things as will be shown in this message.

All through the Bible we see the mindfulness of God. We notice this in Psalms 103 as we read of the great love and mercy our God has toward man. We could ask with the writer of Hebrews in 2:6, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

In the eternity behind us, God planned His creation of the universe with all of its beauty and wealth. But, He was not satisfied with His creation until He had made man in His own image. After He made man He saw that man needed a helpmeet (one suitable), therefore He provided for him a woman, Eve. This showed how mindful God was of man.

When God called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees, He provided for him.

God allowed Joseph to be sold as a slave into Egypt that He might work a great deliverance and glorify His name.

God heard the cry of the Israelites in bondage in Egypt and was mindful of them and sent a deliverer Moses to lead them out of this bondage. When the Israelites left Egypt, they could have made it to Canaan in about eleven days, but through their rebellion they were made to wander in the wilderness for forty years. And all of this time God provided for them.

In the land of Babylon men prepared a furnace for three boys who would not bow to any other god but Jehovah, and God provided them with His presence in the furnace.

Then in the fullness of time God remembered His covenant with Abraham and sent Jesus, His only Son, to die for the sins of the world and make way for man to be redeemed.

But has man been grateful? Is man still grateful?

Let us look and see what God's Word says about it, about what man has done.

I. DOWN THROUGH THE AGES MAN HAS HAD A REPUTATION FOR FORGETTING GOD.

The warning to the children of Israel after God had brought them out of the land of bondage into the land of Canaan where there was an abundance of everything, a land flowing with milk and honey, was this: "Only take heed and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy son's sons" (Deut. 4:9). Again in Deut. 6:10-12, "And it shall come to be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities which thou buildest not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full, THEN BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET THE LORD WHICH BROUGHT THEE FORTH OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, FROM THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE."

Did the Israelites heed this warning? No. They forgot God many times even after God had mercy upon them and was longsuffering toward them, giving them every opportunity to repent and return.

In Jeremiah 3:21 we read about the prophet Jeremiah weeping over this condition—"A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, AND THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THE LORD THEIR GOD." And still we see the mercy of God as He called them back to repentance...TURN YE! TURN YE! FOR WHY WILL YE DIE O HOUSE OF ISRAEL? Ezekiel 18.

But did the people of Israel return with their whole heart as God required? NO!!

Jeremiah 18:15-17 shows the tragedy of their forgetfulness. "Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their way from the ancient paths, to walk in paths in a way not cast up: to make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing: everyone that passeth by shall be astonished, and wag his head (NOW LISTEN) I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity." Oh what a pitiful situation they found themselves in AND ALL BECAUSE THEY FORGOT GOD!

And friends, we look today at the examples of this people of God, and we ask why they didn't return to God and not forget Him and this would not have happened to them. BUT LOOK AT THE SITUATION TODAY. There are those who have at one time accepted Christ as their Saviour, who had their sins covered by the blood of Christ and who were added to the Lord's church, but who have now departed from the Lord and gone back into the bondage of sin—THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD. See their condition as Peter describes it in II Peter 2:20: "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandments delivered unto

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them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb. The dog is turned to his own vomit again: and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

Yet, in spite of man's wandering and forgetting God sends a message because of His great mercy and love. II Peter 3:9 indicates that He is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Return unto the Lord, for He will abundantly pardon.

II. WHY MAN FORGETS GOD.

Because of a Full Stomach

Notice Deut. 6:11—"and when thou shalt have eaten and be FULL then beware LEST THOU FORGET THE LORD." Philippians 3:19—"whose God is their belly."

So many times we find these things happening in our lives. When we have too much of this world's goods, we became full and satisfied and have a tendency to forget where these blessings come from, don't we?

Some one has said that we are eating ourselves to death. I believe this to be true in many cases. I am reminded of the rich man Jesus spoke of in Luke 12:19, where the rich man said to his soul, "Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Here was a man who was FULL and satisfied AND WHO HAD FORGOTTEN GOD.

In Proverbs 30 we read words which are helpful to every soul who might be prone to forget God when full. In verses 8 and 9, "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me food convenient for me: LEST I BE FULL AND DENY THEE, and say who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." Yes, it's easy to forget God when we think we don't need Him.

Because of Evil Associations

God has always warned man against associating with those who are evil. Here are some examples. "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men" (Proverbs 4:14). "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them" (Proverbs 24:1).

Have you ever seen professed Christians whose desire was to be with those who were not Christians rather than to be with Christians? When we see this we know that something is wrong with them because the true Christian should always desire to be in the company with other Christians.

We can see the results of not heeding the warnings of God concerning evil companions. Let us use Solomon for an example. See his life before he became associated with evil company. No other man was as wise as he, and God blessed him with everything he desired. Then look at his life after he associated himself with those who were evil. In I Kings 11:2 the warning from God was, "Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, You shall not go in to them, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon did not take heed to this warning and this led to his apostasy, for it said, "Solomon clave unto these in love."

God also sends a strong warning to the Christians today in II Cor. 6:14, "Be YE NOT unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?..."

And still with this warning ringing in their ears, there are those Christians who disobey God's Word and yoke up with the unbelievers in marriage and soon become like Solomon, fallen away. Isn't this a sad situation in the present day? But, it doesn't have to be if Christians will heed God's warning and not associate themselves with the world. And, God knows what he is talking about in I Cor. 15:33, "Be not deceived: EVIL COMPANIONSHIPS CORRUPT GOOD MORALS." And surely they will cause man to forget God.

Because of Neglect of Spiritual Things

Yes, because they neglect spiritual things like Bible study and church services.

If some neglected their physical bodies as much as they do their spiritual, they would starve to death, wouldn't they?

The reason God instituted memorials was to keep things before the minds of the people LEST THEY FORGET.

PASSOVER—given to the children of Israel as a reminder of the goodness of God to them that he would not destroy the firstborn of the houses where he saw the blood. Exodus 12:14, "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations."

LAYING UP OF THE MANNA was another memorial to the children of Israel that they might not forget the bread that God fed them with in the wilderness when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. Exodus 16:32.

THE FRINGES OF THE GARMENTS was another memorial to the children of Israel, written of in the book of Numbers 15:40. "That ye may remember and do all my commandments and be holy unto your God."

THE BRAZEN CENSERS were a memorial to the Israelites that no stranger which is not of the seed of Aaron come near to offer incense before the Lord. Numbers 16:40.

THE TWELVE STONES FROM THE JORDAN RIVER were another memorial to the children of Israel to remind them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant and the children crossed over on dry land. Joshua 4:7.

Now many may say that was for the children of Israel in the Old Testament and does not concern us. But what about us today, under the New Testament—what memorial is for us? The memorial for us today is THE GREATEST OF THE WORD HAS EVER TOLD ABOUT, THE MEMORIAL OF THE SON OF GOD!!

When Jesus instituted the LORD'S SUPPER, he said in Luke 22:17-20, "Take this cup and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took the bread and gave thanks, and brake it and gave unto them saying, This is my body which is given for you: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. Likewise also the cup after supper saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

I want you to see that Jesus said this is the NEW TESTAMENT (not the old testament) in "MY BLOOD." This is for us under the NEW TESTAMENT.

Some might ask what it is that we should remember because of the Lord's Supper? The answer is found in I Cor. 11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, YE DO SHEW THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COMES AGAIN." When we neglect or forsake the church services on the Lord's day and fail to partake of the Lord's Supper, then we fail to keep this memorial

of Jesus till he comes again (Acts 20:7). And when we fail to keep Jesus before our minds, we are forgetting God, and this lead to a falling away.

WHAT IF GOD SHOULD FORGET US JUST AS WE FORGET HIM? WHERE WOULD YOU BE?

As someone has said, 'If God forgot the world; forgot—for just one day; forgot to send the sunshine, and change the night to day; forgot to make the flowers grow, forgot the little birds and bees, forgot to send the sweetness of the south wind in the trees; forgot to give us friendships, forgot to send us rain, forgot to give the children play, forgot to soften pain; what would happen to this old world and us? Would we still be gay, if God should forget—forget for just one day?'

Yes, where would we be if God forgot to let the sun shine anymore? If God forgot to let it rain anymore? If God forgot and turned all the elements loose on earth with all their fury? If God forgot to forgive you for one sin? If God forgot to write your name down in the Lamb's Book of life? After you obeyed the gospel? If God forgot to keep His promise, I'll be with you alway even unto the end of the world?

In conclusion, let me say that FORGETTING GOD IS NO LIGHT THING AS MANY THINK.

I know it is an easy thing to FORGET GOD while the stomach is full and you have need of nothing.

I know that it is easy to FORGET GOD while associating with evil companians.

I also know that it is easy to FORGET GOD by neglecting the spiritual things, the things that keep us remembering God and the Son of God who died for our sins.

If you take a good look at yourself and find that you are FORGETTING GOD, remember while God is still merciful and longsuffering, not willing that you perish, but that you come to repentance, then do it now while there is yet time.

I place before you this day the solemn warning: BEWARE, LEST THOU FORGET THE LORD, AND GOD BRING UPON YOU SWIFT DESTRUCTION. □

Evolution...

DISCOVERIES OF ANTHROPOLOGY LEAD TO MEGA-EVOLUTION'S FUNERAL

Such writings as Dr. Gustance's, *The Fallacy of Reconstructions, Influences of Environmental Pressures on the Skull, Fossil Man and Genesis*, and Dr. Henry M. Morris's material in his *The Bible and Modern Science* paint one picture. Some pre-historic men were superior to modern man. Some were equal to him. Others were obviously the deteriated, degenerated outcasts of society. Most upsetting thing of all is that modern man remains have been undeniably buried below the level of the remains of "pre-historic" man. There is no way of explaining it away, or getting around it in some outstanding instances. Evolution is beginning to come apart at the seams.

In conclusion let us note three things.

First, it was no less an evolutionist than Loren Eisely who chided his colleagues in their dogmatic assertions about the origin of life, "With the failure of these many efforts science was left in the somewhat embarrassing position of having to postualte theories of living origins which it could not demonstrate. After

having chided the theologian for his reliance on myth and miracle, science found itself in the unenviable position of having to create a mythology of its own: namely, the assumption that what, after long effort could not be proved to take place today had, in truth, taken place in the primeval past." (From his book, *The Immense Journey*).

Second, let us not despair if we cannot find all the answers. As Alan Richardson, the British scholar, has so aptly said, "Christian faith is not a 'religion,' one of the various 'religions' of the world, just as God is not 'a god,' one of the mythological deities who have gone down before the advancing armies of modern knowledge. We need not tremble for the ark of God, who still dwells between the cherubim and still is powerful to save; we stand in mortal peril only if in our presumptuous unbelief we stretch out our hands to protect the ark, as though we could defend God. (cf. I Sam. 4:3; II Sam. 6:6ff.) It is not we who must go in quest of God and prove that we know Him; it is God who calls His people by name, though they have not known Him; He is Yahweh and besides there is no God. (Isa. 45:4f)."

Third, let no doubt taint your God-established security in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Saviour who was also Creator and is Preserver. Let nothing weaken your conviction that man needed a Saviour and that Christ is all and in all. This is God-given revelation, beyond science or philosophy to confirm or deny. We are His offspring and God loves us, today, as in the past, so in all eternity. □

-For the Discouraged-

I BELIEVE that God created me to be happy, to enjoy the blessings of life, to be useful to my fellow-beings, and an honor to society.

I believe that the trials which beset me today are but the fiery tests by which my character is strengthened, ennobled and made worthy to enjoy the higher things of life, which I believe are in store for me.

I believe that my soul is too grand to be crushed by defeat; I will rise above it.

I believe that I am the architect of my own fate; therefore, I will be master of circumstances and surroundings, not their slave.

I will not yield to discouragements, I will trample them under foot and make them serve as stepping-stones to success. I will conquer my obstacles and turn them into opportunities.

My failures of today will help guide me on to victory on the morrow.

The morrow will bring new strength, new hopes, new opportunities and new beginnings. I will be ready to meet it with a brave heart, a calm mind and an undaunted spirit.

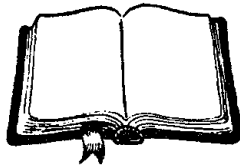
In all things I will do my best, and leave the rest to the Infinite.

I will not waste my mental energies by useless worry. I will learn to dominate my restless thoughts and look on the bright side of things.

I will face the world bravely; I will not be a coward. I will assert my God-given birthright and be a man. For I am immortal, and nothing can overcome me ultimately.

—Selected—

Billy Graham's Version



LET US TALK about Billy Graham's Version of the Bible. Maybe some of our readers are not aware that he has one. You would not be able to go to your book store, request it, and get it. It hasn't been compiled under one cover as yet, but the BGV is gradually evolving, and certainly it is being accepted by millions.

Although we seldom hear Mr. Graham, this writer has for several years been getting his magazine, *Decision*, a publication now going into more than four million homes in English and several foreign languages. It is used both to teach and promote the Graham Association. In the January issue the lead article or sermon is by Billy Graham and entitled, "No Passing the Buck," and the emphasis is on the general subject of repentance. We are reproducing two paragraphs with statements which we have underlined for emphasis, plus the footnotes at the end of the article.

Now you may ask, "What do you mean by repentance?" John the Baptist preached it. Jesus preached it. The apostles preached it. More than seventy times in the New Testament we are told they preached repentance. Peter said, "Repent every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ." Paul spoke of "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The Apostle Paul said again, "God commands everyone to repent because a day of judgment is coming."

Finally, the Bible says that when we repent the Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts. We do not have to live the Christian life alone. In fact, none of us could do it. In the kind of world in which we live, it's too big an order. We can't stand the pressure. We can't resist the temptations. But the moment we receive Christ, the Spirit of God comes to dwell within. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

(1) Cf. Acts 2:38. (2) Acts 20:21. (3) Cf. Acts 17:30-31. (4) Cf. Luke 13:3.
(5) Cf. 2 Corinthians 7:9. (6) Luke 15:10. (7) 1 John 4:4.

You will notice that the first quote above is the BGV of Acts 2:38, according to the footnotes. Now let us quote from a common version: "And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The BGV version leaves out something which is apparently not important to Billy Graham—"and be baptized." If baptism is not important to Billy, then it is not important to millions of his followers. It must have been important to

Peter, a man inspired of the Holy Spirit, and to all those who heard him that day, for we are told about 3000 of his hearers were baptized the same day.

In the second paragraph reproduced from the Graham sermon, he says, "the Bible says that when we repent the Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts." Undoubtedly he is referring again to Acts 2:38, but it is also quite obvious that he omitted baptism again. The omission of baptism is by design and not by accident. My assertion is based on years of observing Billy Graham.

The Bible was here before Billy Graham arrived on the scene, and it will be here after he is gone, but in this day and time there are millions who have embraced the BGV, and many of them are preachers who should know better. Billy Graham has, for a number of years, been listed as one of the ten most highly respected men in the world, so quite obviously his version of God's Word will receive a high degree of acceptance. "If Billy Graham says it, it must be right," is the attitude in much of the religious world.

Some who read these lines will jump to the conclusion that this writer "must be some kind of a nut to talk this way about Billy Graham. Why, he's probably against motherhood and apple pie too!" We will freely admit this is not the way to get elected president, but it is part of our responsibility to be pleasing to God. Let us call to mind the words of Jesus: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). And remember the words of Paul: "But though we or an angel from heaven (Billy Graham?), should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema" (Gal. 1:8).

Far be it from us to judge Mr. Graham's motives. God is his judge and ours. But Jesus tells us to inspect fruit (Matthew 7:15-23), and the fruit of the BGV is millions of "believers" who spurn the idea that baptism puts repentant believers into Christ for the remission of their sins.

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