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THE HOLY BIBLE

“The Holy Bible, as a Book which is “superior to all other books”, “stands before the world unique, defying all comparison or competition. It owes nothing to any other, although every other is indebted to it. The Bible differs from every other book.

1. Every book must have an author, and an author whose moral and intellectual perceptions are equal to the task. Now we assert, that the book we call the Bible infinitely transcends the moral and intellectual powers of any man, or any set of men of which history makes mention; this is not less true even of the men whose names are associated with its production. Our assertion is that the Bible contains “the oracles of God” --- that God is its author --- that its origin can and must be traced to the Almighty mind.

2. Its history already is of itself a science, in which a lifetime would be too short to become perfect. Some portions of it are older than any known record besides. None of it belongs to one age alone --- “It goes up to the beginning of all things, and gives some prophetic notices of the end of all things” --- whilst every passing age affords some evidence that it is intimately connected with it. It gives us faithful biographies of such men as Moses, and David, and Solomon, and Daniel, and Paul, and John, and Jesus. Its history runs parallel with the history of the most learned, most mighty, and most polished nations of antiquity; and still holds on its way, and will, till “the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ.” Against it earth and hell have been leagued, and many times has every copy been hunted out to be burned, as though it were the enemy of God. Does it not differ, then, from every other book in its history?

3. Every author has a style peculiarly his own, and oftentimes it is so strongly marked that many who know the author can easily detect his anonymous productions. So is it with the Bible. The first thing which strikes us perhaps on minutely examining its style is its unity. Another thing is its style is its sublime simplicity. The treasures of Heaven, the secrets of God, the depths of eternity, are made clear to the mind of a child.

4. A book is worthless or valuable in proportion to the new truths it unfolds, to the light it throws on old truths, or to the purifying and elevating thought it presents. Now every page, almost every line, in the Bible, if thus estimated, becomes invaluable. But what are those revelations which make it differ from all other books? Among many others it reveals to us God in all His perfections. It reveals to us man as he was, is, and might be. The disclosures it makes on this subject are such as our consciousness approves.

5. But what book has exerted a tittle of the influence that the Bible has over individuals, and families, and societies, and institutions, and governments, and nations?!” It has gone hand in hand with civilization, science, law, and has been the precursor of all that could elevate the physical, intellectual, and moral conditions of a people. Happy is the man who experimentally understands its influence”!

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The Self-existent Ever-Living God is the Source of everything. He is the Creator of all forms of life. These life forms include the microscopic viruses, bacteria and unicellular simple life forms as well as the multi-varied diverse and complex forms or species of flora and fauna. Accordingly, “*The only true account of the origin of life on earth is found in the account of the only Eyewitness who was there. The Bible explains that the presence of life on earth is the result of supernatural actions of an omnipotent Intelligent Designer—the God of the Bible. Many complain that accepting this supernatural explanation stops anyone from pursuing knowledge about the natural world, but the presence of a logical Creator provides a reason to look for order in the universe. This point is underscored by the fact that many of the major fields of science were founded by men who believed in the Creator God of the Bible. The only aspect of science that the acceptance of creation excludes is the story of evolution.*”²

However, as stated by Ulric Jelinek, “*Under Divine Guidance, men did not attempt to interpret what they were told to write.*”³ “*... the Divine Guidance lay in the fact that none of the writers of the Scripture tried to interpret what they wrote in the light of the science of the day, because had they done so this book would be full of errors as are many books of today. Now this book is not a scientific text book. If it were written as a scientific textbook it would have needed to be written in the terms of final science. ...nor are we living in the time of final science; as a matter of fact we are just beginning to scratch the surface of things scientific.*”⁴ And the scientific knowledge man has gained is nothing in comparison to what God knows!

The God of the Bible *declares* that He created by *fiat* all the material and spiritual creations, the animate and inanimate things and that He is the First and the Last Cause of everything that exists; not only that, He further states that He is going to destroy “*the heavens and earth* (of Genesis 1:3-31) *that are now*” (2 Peter 3:13) and create “*new heavens and earth*” (2 Peter 3:22) and ‘*all things new*’ instantly by *fiat*. Of course, atheistic scientists cannot accept nor feel comfortable with any biblical truth! They simply cannot, given their strong unholy bias.

On the other hand, *theistic evolutionists* entertain their own ideas about God whom they *profess* to know as a “*Creator God who creates by fiat*”. At the same time they assume He is a ‘*Creator of Evolution*’. Indoctrinated with the *myths* of evolution, they assume that God has brought everything into existence by *creating* and *setting in motion* an *evolutionary process* that worked all the *wonders* in the course of *billions* of years. With a worshipful attitude, perhaps, they then ‘*gasp*’ and adoringly whisper “*How Great Thou Art?!*”

The Bible states and proves that GOD IS and that HE is the CREATOR of *Matter* and *Life*. HE is the SUPREME INTELLIGENT DESIGNER and the FIRST CAUSE of everything that has been in existence and now exists, both seen and unseen realities. However, “*The agnostic and the atheist do not seem to be in the least disturbed by the fact that our entire organized, living universe becomes incomprehensible without the hypothesis of God. Their belief in some physical elements, of which they know very little, has all the earmarks of an irrational faith, but they are not aware of it.*”⁵

Anyway, the *arrogant human tendency* is always to blatantly ignore the ‘*hypotheses*’ rather the ‘*reality*’ of God! So, the true Living God is never real to them. And so, they are given over to hold on to vague speculations with *irrational* religious *faith*.

Again, “*Many men who are intelligent and of good faith imagine they cannot believe in God because they are unable to conceive Him*”. However, “*An honest man, endowed with scientific curiosity, should not need to visualize God, any more than a physicist needs to visualize the electron. Any attempt at representation is necessarily crude and false, in both cases. The electron is materially inconceivable and yet, it is more perfectly known through its effects than a simple piece of wood. If we could really conceive God we could no longer believe in Him because our representation, being human, would inspire us with doubts. It is not the image we create of God which proves God. It is the effort we make to create this image.*”⁶

Some astute *atheistic* Scientists and Evolutionists know that they cannot deny the FIRST CAUSE without making them-selves look foolish, ignorant, and highly biased. As such, these “*Evolutionists do not deny the FIRST CAUSE*”. Most embarrassingly, therefore, “*Their theory begins with matter or substance already in existence. They believe in primitive nebulousity and powers possessed by molecules. They do not try to account for how these came to exist, how molecules got their inherent powers, or how there came to be definite laws governing them so that they could produce, without failure, all things as we now have them. Their theory does not show why there is such bitter hatred against the God of the Bible as being that **first cause**. It does not consider proved facts, but has absolute faith in a mere supposition which no fact has ever been produced to prove. Its teachers seemingly deny God, the Bible, and known facts and continue to rob multiplied thousands of children of simple faith in God and the Bible without a sting of conscience. They do multiplied drawings of different kinds of human beings rising from a molecule through a monkey to the present man, and add guess upon guess of how life was in each stage of evolution, but refuse to accept the Bible truth of the origin of all things. They glibly deny God and His work in creation and at the same time pose as having the only truth on the subject.*”⁷

Once the vague atheistic theories of evolution take hold of any man, there is no room left in man’s biased mind for any revealed biblical truth. Evolutionary thinking then reduces the biblical doctrine relating to the ‘*fall of man*’ to a mere *myth*. Man’s sinful nature is then treated as a mere animalistic instinct from which he is required to further evolve by obtaining freedom from the same through the processes of civilization and moral development. As such, there is no ‘*sin*’ and hence, there is no need for man’s redemption from sin through the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Next, there is no resurrection, no life after death, no accountability to God, no judgment, no heaven, and no hell-fire. Thus, all the Biblical Doctrines are reduced to mere myths and, instead, the *myths* of evolution are religiously accepted as “*scientific truth*”. Nevertheless, puny man will have to bow down to biblical authority over him or her, sooner or later; or else, **be chastened in the lake of fire** and *accept the very biblical truths he flatly denies now*. That is how the Bible describes the fate of those who despise the Word of God and its Rule in one’s life and conduct – really, a fearful outcome for those who arrogantly but foolishly deny if not defy the living God.

1: Bodie Hodge. 2: Roger Patterson, “*The Origin of Life*”, *ibid*.

3: Ulric Jelinek, *op. cit.* p.6. 4: *ibid.* p. 5.

5: Lecomte Du Nouy, *Human Destiny*, The New American Library of World Literature, Inc., New York, USA, 1956 reprint, p.15. 6: *Ibid*, p. 15

7: Finis Jennings Dake, *op. cit.* p.80.