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Theistic Evolutionists devotedly want to “*Thank God for Evolution*”¹. They are fervently hoping that “*an understanding of the process of evolution will actually enhance and intensify our appreciation of what God has done and is doing*” through theistic evolution, of course. Not only “*Theistic Evolutionists believe in a Creator God, but also endorse evolution as an explanation for the development of life. Many believing scientists hold this position, and the argument is well thought out*”². Not only the ‘argument’ is well thought out but it also sounds very convincing; yet *subtly* deceitful!

It should be obvious to any *unbiased* scientifically trained mind as well as to the educated lay people that there is no real *substance* in the *ever-changing* Theory of Evolution and *can never be there*. “*My response asks, is evolution, defined by scientists as the development by natural means of all life from one or more forms originally produced by abiogenesis, true? Only when we prove evolution do we need to concern ourselves with "harmonizing" evolutionism with theism. Evidence that this level of proof has not been achieved includes the long list of scientists and others who have abandoned Darwinism because they became convinced that the scientific evidence does not support it*”.³

Moreover as “*Ernest Haeckel said, 'It entirely excludes the supernatural process, every prearranged and conscious act of a personal character. Nothing will make the full meaning of the theory of descent clearer than calling it the non-miraculous theory of creation'*. Thus the evolution-theory leaders are clear that no true evolutionist can be a Christian or a Believer in the Bible. There is no place for God in evolution, hence no need of a belief in sin, or a Savior, heaven or hell.”⁴

1: Michael Dowd, Viking, 2008

2: John Halford, *I've been reading...Theistic Evolution*, Christian Odyssey, *op. cit.*, p. 21

3: Jerry Bergman, Ph.D. *Theistic Evolution and the Creation-Evolution Controversy*, www.icr.org 4: Finis J. Dake, *op. cit.* 80-81.

The Theory of Evolution is a *religious system* subtly inculcated into the *educational system* as if it were a true science albeit superstitiously accepted by *blind irrational faith*. Actually, it is the work of those *taken captive* by the *god* of this world who openly and daringly deny the true God of the Bible. As such, the zealous *high priests of evolutionary faith* dressed in a scientific garb are actually serving the *god* of this world who is the *father* of the *evolutionary lies*. These lies are presented in the form of *scientific speculations* instead of presenting *scientific facts* to prove the theory of evolution in *general* and the ‘*Descent of Man*’ from some ‘*common ancestor*’, in *particular*.

According to the *theory* of evolution, *man* is not different from the animals – just a “*mere material, mechanical, or animal*”. However, “*The presuppositions of man’s strict materialism are based not on evidence (which cannot prove or disprove the immaterial) but on denial by prebelief. The theory of spontaneous emergence of man’s distinct qualities is found insubstantial. More substance is claimed for an older view of a Creator revealing to man, who is His creation, a purpose for his uniqueness*”.⁵

Theory is only *a theory* – it’s what we think, or a mere scientific speculation! “*I am afraid that those of us who teach and research in psychology often mislead our students on the matter of what is known about man and what **can** be known about man through scientific methods. We are prone to simplify issues and over-interpret data; we are reluctant to emphasize the limits and tentative nature of scientific proof. Perhaps we do so because we simply do not know better or perhaps it is because we wish to enhance the importance of our research. Whatever the reason, the regrettable result is that scientific evidence is too easily equated with truth by many students and the general public. What is realized amongst scientists, but poorly communicated to the public, is that proof by scientific methods always includes the possibility of error*”.⁶

Surprisingly, all these aspects are ignored by the *theistic evolutionists* whilst embracing the *atheistic* theory of evolution. What is now left is to boldly proclaim from the *pulpits* that God will be *developing* and *evolving* *saints* in the course of the next billions of years and forget the “*rapture*” and the “*resurrection of the dead*” and the *creation* of New Heavens and Earth.

5: Mark P. Cosgrove, *op. cit.* p. 64

6: Marty J. Schmidt, *op. cit.* p. 71-72.

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“All the work of the six days, up to the point of man's creation, was to provide a sphere where man could be set in dominion according to God's thought. The creation of man was a most solemn and deliberate act. God takes counsel with Himself as to it: ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over the whole earth, and over every creeping thing that crept on the earth’. The first revealed thought as to man was that he was to be the image -- the visible representative -- of God in the universe. God intended this peculiar dignity and greatness for the creature of His delight.”¹

Scientific exploration is of no use at all in viewing and answering the question: ‘What is man?’ According to the current scientific view, “*Man is a biological machine – complicated and intelligent – but machinery nonetheless*”. Admittedly, “*The mystery of human nature has been debated through the centuries. Some theories have been helpful to man, others harmful. Surprisingly, the accumulated wealth of knowledge from the past several thousand years has advanced us only slightly in our understanding of human nature.*”²

In spite of our advanced technology in the fields of psychology and biology, “*The difficult study of man still seems far from resolved. Dr. J. A. Wheeler, professor of physics at Princeton, indicated in an article for American Scientist that scientists still hope for a breakthrough in the difficult study of man. He said: ‘Today no mystery more attracts the minds of distinguished pioneers from the field of molecular biology than the mechanism of brain action. Participating in the exploration are workers from fields as far removed from one another as neurophysiology, anatomy, chemistry, circuit theory and mathematical logic. Many feel that the decisive step forward is waiting for an idea, an as-yet-undiscovered concept, a central theme and thesis. Whatever it will prove to be, we can believe that it will somehow touch the tie between mind and matter, between observer and the observed’. Unfortunately, no breakthrough in the understanding of man's nature seems near.*”³

The search for truth especially in the understanding of human nature if we are to remain objective demands answers. We need answers to questions relating to the physical realities which can be empirically studied and accepted. Again, we need unbiased answers to *questions* relating to *unseen* realities, physical or spiritual, that cannot be observed but have to be ascertained from the revealed Truth and then accepted by faith.

Unfortunately, neither true Science nor Philosophy can explain man's awesome ability in *creative thinking* or his brain's '*amazing powers of abstraction*'. However, "*What characterizes man, as Man, is precisely the presence in him of abstract ideas, of moral ideas, of spiritual ideas, and it is only of these that he can be proud. They are real as his body and confer to this body a value and an importance which it would be far from possessing without them. If, therefore, we want to give a meaning to life, a reason for effort, we must try to revalorize these ideas scientifically and rationally.*"⁴

Comparative studies of mammalian brains indicate that man's brain is in no way different from other mammalian brains. There is nothing ***extra-physical*** in the human brain to account for its ability to *think creatively* and engage in *abstractive* reasoning when compared to the brains of other mammals, such as the whales having much *larger* brains than humans. On the other hand, mammals having brains much larger than the human brain and having all the parts or components that make up their brains the ***same*** as human brains are known to be *dumb*, rather than *intelligent*.

The human mind is "*more than biological machinery that we can take apart and study – just as we might take apart a clock and examine its workings*". Evolution by natural selection cannot account for the appearance of *intelligence* in human beings or explain the human brain's '*amazing powers of abstraction*'; which brings in another ***unbridgeable gap*** between animals and human beings *vindicating* creation and *debunking* evolution.

John MacArthur states, "... *God created man*" (v. 27). *Man became "a living being (Hebrew, nephesh)" (Genesis 2:7). Like the animals, he moved and breathed and was a conscious life-form. But there the similarity ended. This was a creature that was unlike any other created being. Lower life-forms could never evolve into this. And the distinctiveness of this creature is perfectly reflected in the purposes for which God created him.*"⁵ Man stands unique and distinct and simply doesn't belong to the dumb animal kingdom. Unlike animals, he knows; and *knows that he knows!*

Obviously, “*Man’s unique capabilities are impossible to explain by any purely biological theory. The theory of evolution, for example, would predict gradually reduced versions of all man’s abilities in the animal forms below him on the phylo-genetic tree of life. However, there is no gradual transition from animals to man. So obvious are the discontinuities with regard to thought and personality in the proposed evolutionary sequence that some scientists and philosophers have proposed that these unique capabilities have spontaneously emerged from matter. But, if there is a biological mechanism that can account for the emergence of capabilities like self-conscious thought, it has eluded our search.*”⁶ Undoubtedly, “*The materialistic, mechanical, and animal view of man is not only inadequate to explain man, but it is also destructive to him. In a world obstructed by an inadequate view of man and his problems, a fresh look at the nature of man is a most pressing need.*”⁷

As a matter of fact, “*Science has a particularly difficult time dealing with issues of free will v/s determinism, and the immaterial soul v/s the material brain, because science is necessarily limited to the study of physically determined processes and reductionistic explanations. It is not unscientific to recognize these limits.*”⁸ To be honest and true to ourselves, “*Let us not be afraid to admit that man is more than science can measure*”.

Admittedly, there has to be a ‘***non-physical component***’ that aids the human brain in its thinking capacity that distinguishes MAN as totally different and superior than animals. And this undeniable ‘*non-physical component*’ is what makes man ***self-conscious, other-conscious and God-conscious***. Further, man’s deliberate *choice* to accept or to ignore spiritual realities further confirms the presence of a non-physical spiritual component. Animals cannot grasp *spiritual* realities so as to accept or reject the same.

In the Bible, the ‘*non-physical component*’ that aids the human brain in its pursuit of knowledge – both physical and spiritual knowledge - is called the “***Spirit in Man***” (1 Corinthians 2:11). And, according to the Bible, the ‘*spirit in man*’ is what actually *aids* the human brain to grasp and acquire the knowledge of the physical realities and spiritual realities around him, in a way ***no*** animal can. As such, “*It signifies the appearance of a new discontinuity in nature, a discontinuity as deep as that which exists between inert matter and organized life.*”⁹ Theistic evolutionists will do great service to atheistic evolutionists if they do their best in filling this insurmountable gap or ‘*discontinuity in nature*’ and serve the ‘*beleaguered God of the gaps*’.

Scientists will never be able to explain the supposed evolution of man with ‘*amazing powers of abstraction*’ from any so-called *common* but ‘*dumb ancestors*’ without making themselves *sound foolish* if not plain *arrogant*. It is the ‘*non-physical component*’ rather the ‘*spirit in man*’ which equips the man with ‘*abstract intelligence*’. Next, it moves the hearts of men to delve into the realm of the “*spiritual*” and the “*supernatural*”. “*The Christian view maintains that the ultimate description of the nature of man must be one that embraces his entire being and purpose. His physical nature must be properly related to the physical world if his needs are to be met; and, in the same way, his immaterial nature must be properly related to himself, his neighbor, and his Creator if his most essential needs are to be met. This is in good agreement with our psychological assessment of man.*”¹⁰

Animals cannot grasp/understand and acquire knowledge of physical realities because they lack the kind of ‘*spirit*’ that is in *humans*. They are not, therefore, self-conscious or other-conscious or God conscious, the way men are. These human *mental* and *soul-related* aspects are a distinguishing feature that separate intelligent man from dumb animals. And the ensuing realistic ‘*gap*’ or ‘*discontinuity*’ can never ever be explained and accounted for with any scientific evidence other than by indulging in ‘*speculations*’.

However, highly prejudiced atheistic scientists and evolutionists allow prideful bias to restrict them from delving into the *spiritual* or to appreciate man’s *spiritual* thirst for the *supernatural*. Embarrassingly, “*Modern uneasiness arises mainly from the fact that intelligence has deprived man of all reason for existence by destroying, in the name of science still in the cradle, the doctrines which up till now gave a meaning to individual life, a reason for effort, a transcendent end to attain.*”¹¹ Highly prejudiced atheistic scientists and evolutionists will do to themselves a favor by coming to terms with the spiritual realities of which secular science is unaware of. And the only reliable source of spiritual realities is the Holy Bible – the revealed Word of the One who is supremely intelligent and omniscient.

Christian Psychologist Mark. P. Cosgrove convincingly concludes that “*the more human nature is studied scientifically, the more apparent it becomes that the best description we have of man is not new at all. In fact, it is thousands of years old; and it is revelational, a disclosure by the Creator to His creation. The Christian view of man has long recognized the material and immaterial aspects to man’s existence, his ability to make responsible and irresponsible choices, and the image of God in his being.*”¹²

According to the Bible, man has not descended from some *common dumb* ancestor but is a distinct creation of God. And, God created Man after His own Image and Likeness. As such, *“The first revealed thought as to man was that he was to be the image -- the visible representative -- of God in the universe. God intended this peculiar dignity and greatness for the creature of His delight. But in this disclosure of the divine mind we must look beyond Adam to the One of whom he was the figure.*

*“God's thought was to have a glorious Head of the whole living system, able to dominate all things and to hold them for His pleasure. Christ is the "image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation (Colossians 1:15) That is, when He comes in He takes the first place as Adam did in figure. Everything is to be gathered together in One; whether the heavenly or the earthly, all is to be centered in Christ. Indeed nothing is right in the universe that does not centre in Christ.”*¹³

Man is uniquely different and distinct: *“Adam was "the figure of him to come"; everything is to come under the dominion of Christ. In (Psalm 8) it is said of the Son of man, "Thou hast made him to rule over the works of thy hands; thou hast put everything under his feet: sheep and oxen all of them, and also the beasts of the field; the fowl of the heavens, and the fishes of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas". Every created being will be made subject to Christ. And we see in Adam as a figure the character of the influence which He will bring to bear.”*¹⁴

As such, *“The Christian view of man has long recognized the material and immaterial aspects to man's existence, his ability to make responsible and irresponsible choices, and the image of God in his being.Today, after all the scientific data has been discussed, we still declare with the psalmist: “What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor’ Psalm 8:4-5 KJV.”*¹⁵

Man's unique potential lies in the fact that he or she is the Image – Bearer of his or her Maker, even God. However, through willful rebellion, man has miserably marred the Image of God in him. As a result, he is spiritually dead to ‘spiritual realities’. And no one who is spiritually dead can know spiritual realities just as a physically dead person cannot know of anything that is around him. The spiritually dead person has to be revived from his spiritual death if he is to grasp spiritual realities.

Having been created in the image and likeness of the invisible God, man's unique potential is to be in the spiritual family of God. Being all spiritually dead, no man can be in the spiritual family of God, per se. He needs to experience a spiritual rebirth and share the Divine Nature. As such, man's awesome destiny is to share the Divine Nature and be spiritually reborn to inherit God's Kingdom. However, one cannot achieve his or her unique potential on one's own whilst willfully continuing in rebellion. A person who is in willful rebellion is spiritually dead and as such he cannot share the Divine Nature without experiencing a spiritual rebirth.

In other words, "*Just as a **stone** cannot develop and develop until it becomes a **plant**; there is **nothing** from the **inanimate** kingdom that can develop into the **animate** kingdom. And regardless of your **theory** of **evolution** or your **phase** of **evolution**, there is nothing in the **animate** kingdom of which **man** is the **head** that can do anything to become part of the **Spiritual Kingdom**."*¹⁶ He is spiritually a dead *stone* and simply cannot.

But God can! He can convert stones into bread (*cf.* Matthew 4:3-4) or is '*able of stones to raise up children unto Abraham*' (Matthew 3:9). And this He can do not by any slow vague *evolutionary process* but by *fiat*, just as He commanded and the earth brought forth the flora and the fauna. After all, He created the original human beings from the dust of the earth.

Thankfully, it is not in God's plan to raise *children* unto Abraham out of *inanimate* stones. His plan is to use the existing *rotten* human clay and mould it from the '*inside out*' through the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of redeemed men and women. And that is exactly what God has been doing through the risen Jesus Christ since the last 6000 years of human history. And, God has been doing that in spite of all satanic religious deception and human opposition, all along.

And right now, God is busy creating "*from the outside in*" a *new life* inside *man* and help him be a member of His Spiritual Kingdom. But this *new spiritual creation* is on His terms. It is by the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of spiritually revived men and women who respond to God in a loving obedience that is in-keeping with His revealed will for man. That is, it is in those few men and women, who having been once regenerated, repent and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior! And in doing so, God replaces the stony heart in man with His own heart through the indwelling spirit. Such, are said to be spiritually reborn who will then live forever.

To briefly summarize what has been stated so far, God's purpose for creating man after His own image and likeness is to allow him to eventually inherit His Kingdom. However, man on his own cannot achieve such a goal seeing that he is a sinner cut off from God. As such, there is nothing man can do to inherit God's Kingdom. Nevertheless, God Himself has made a provision to enable any sinful man inherit His Kingdom. In order to deliver man from being in bondage to sin, God himself through the sacrificial and substitutionary death of Christ made payment of sin's penalty which is death and eternal separation from God. As such, any sinner who recognizes God's saving work on man's behalf and accepts the same by saving faith is promised the gift of eternal life in His kingdom.

1: C. A. Coates, *op. cit.* p. 14-15.

2: Mark P. Cosgrove, *The Essence of Human Nature*, Zondervan Publishing House, USA, 1977, p.11.

3: Mark P. Cosgrove, *op. cit.* p.10, 14.

4: Lecomte Du Nuoy, *op. cit.* p. 13

5: John MacArthur, *op. cit.* p.162

6: M. P. Cosgrove, *op. cit.* p. 67. 7: *ibid.*, p. 68.

8: Mary J. Schmidt, *Response: The Essence of Human Nature*, *op. cit.* p.72

9: Lecomte Du Nuoy, *op. cit.* p. 65.

10: M. P. Cosgrove, *op. cit.* p. 69

11: Lecomte Du Nuoy, *op. cit.* p. 72

12: M. P. Cosgrove, *op.cit.* p. 5

13: C. A. Coates, *op. cit.* p. 15.

14: M. P. Cosgrove, *op. cit.* p. 69.

15: C. A. Coates, *op.cit.* p. 15

16: Urlick Jelinek, *op.cit.* p. 15

A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST

Ever since the fall of Man in Adam and all along, God has been laboring in the darkened hearts of men and women to make them into a ***new creation*** through the work of the Holy Spirit and outshining of Divine Light in them. Apart from divine light in them, human beings cannot grasp and understand spiritual realities without the '*Spirit of God*' in him (1 Corinthians 2:12-16). And the Spirit of God is given only to those who obey Him (Romans 5:12); and only such can understand the spiritual realities and perceive biblical revelation with conviction and accept it by faith. Charles A. Coates in his book "*An Outline of Genesis*, Kingston Bible Trust, UK, 1991, p.4, states as follows:

In a spiritually fallen and ruined world, where all have come under sin and death, there must be a movement of the Holy Spirit in the souls of men as the starting point of any result for God. The new birth must be effected; otherwise divine light would shine in vain. Of the natural man it is said, 'there is not a righteous man, not even one; there is not one that seeks after God..... There is no fear of God before their eyes', Romans 3:10-18"¹ "Therefore God has to prepare the way for Divine Light to come in by that mysterious operation which cannot be traced. 'The wind blows where it will, and thou hearest its voice, but knowest not whence it comes and where it goes: thus is every one that is born of the Spirit' John 3:7-8. The preaching of the Gospel would effect nothing if God did not move sovereignly in the souls of men by His Spirit causing them to be born anew".¹

God knew the end from the beginning. You see the first page of Scripture and the last are in perfect harmony with each other. We get the tree of life and the river in Genesis 2 and the tree of life and the river in Revelation 22. Now that shows me from the beginning to the end God has the same things before Him. God does not change His ways. His dispensations may change but God does not. Undoubtedly, the Tree of Life represents Christ our Life and the river is symbolical of the Spirit of God. You see two things in Christianity: the first, Christ is the object, and God never gives us any other object but Christ in that sense; and the second, the Spirit is an indwelling Person; that is, as we sometimes say, we have the Spirit subjectively to dwell in us, and so in that way our souls, being watered by the river, shall be a fruitful garden for the Lord."¹

Next, in yet another book “Miscellaneous Ministry”, Vol. 30, *op. cit.* pp.13-18, Charles A. Coates states further as follows:

That is why the Spirit is given, to be the river of God in our souls, making us fresh and bright and full of spiritual energy towards Christ and towards God. Now it is a wonderful thing that when Christ came into this world He was introduced in the same way in all the four gospels. In each gospel He is introduced to us as the One who baptized with the Holy Spirit. Is not that very striking? It is quite true Christ did not actually give the Spirit until He was glorified, but everything that transpired in the life of Jesus Christ was in view of this great fact that He was going to give the Spirit to those that believe. But the gift of the Holy Spirit is a thing many Christians leave out of account altogether. They hardly think of it. They know perhaps there is something about it in Scripture but they know nothing about it in their souls.

I put it to every Christian, 'Do you know anything about the gift of the Holy Spirit in your own experience?' I do not ask how many books you have read on the subject, or how much you know from the Scriptures, but do you know anything about the river of God in your soul? That is a plain home question. There is such a thing as the river of God in the soul of the believer.

As I have said, you find when Christ came into this world, He became the object of attraction. He was in this world an attractive object, a divine object, and souls were attracted to Him. We see two of John's disciples follow Him as thus attracted, and they say, "Rabbi ... where abides thou?" (John 1:38). Then there was in the same chapter Simon, and then Nathaniel, and in chapter 3 Nicodemus; these were all thus attracted; also the woman of Samaria in chapter 4.

Beloved friends, God's object in attracting souls to Christ was and is that they might receive from Christ the Holy Spirit; that they might receive from Christ the well of living water flowing in their souls. That is the river of God of which this river in Genesis 2 is the emblem.

Well, the first thing is to be attracted to Christ. I am speaking now to a company of believers and it is my sincere hope that every one in this company has been attracted to Christ. We have received a great many blessings as believers through Him. If we have forgiveness of sins it is through Christ; if justification, it is through Christ; if peace with God, it is through Christ. There is not a single blessing we have but we have it through Christ. But what is the effect that all this is intended to produce? It is intended to make Christ precious to our hearts.

It has been God's great thought for us to make Christ precious to our hearts so that our hearts may be taken out of the world and from ourselves by the preciousness of Christ.

And suppose we are attracted to Christ, what do we find? That He baptizes with the Holy Spirit and gives living water. He sends the Comforter. He says, "He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

Now I want every Christian to see this; the gift of the Spirit is not a small thing, not a secondary thing, not a thing that comes in as it were by the way. It is the one great thing in Scripture, that we are drawn to Christ in order that we may receive from Christ the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Well, what is the effect of the gift of the Spirit? I must be very brief now, but I would like to leave upon every heart the immense effect of the gift of the Spirit. We see in John 4, when the Lord was with the woman at the well, He says to her, "Whosoever drinks of the water which I shall give him shall never thirst for ever" (verse 14).

The first action of the Spirit of God in our souls is to keep us, if I may so say, green and fresh towards Christ, to keep us from being withered. There are several scriptures in the Old Testament in which God speaks of the souls of the saints as a well-watered garden. Now God has a garden, and your soul and mine is the garden of the Lord where the tender plants are growing. And as in Genesis the river of God waters the garden, so the Spirit waters us now. Not only is the tree of life the object of my faith and love; but there is the river, God's blessed Spirit, to water the garden now.

How, let me ask, is your soul getting on? Are you dry and withered, or green and fresh, spiritually green and fresh? The psalmist could say, "I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God" (Psalm 52:8). It is a great thing to be green there. But there is no natural tendency in you or me to keep bright and fresh towards Christ. How often we find a young convert comes to Christ and the blessed God makes Christ precious to him, and he goes away perhaps from a meeting with his heart happy and his face shining with joy. He has made acquaintance with Christ, and he goes out into the world, and what is the natural course of things? Very much like a sovereign among a lot of lead bullets. What happens? Do the bullets become shining like the sovereign?

Oh, no, the sovereign soon gets to look as dull as the bullets. That is the effect of the influences here. The spiritual shine is taken out. Thus we often see a young convert get dull, so that we can hardly trace any difference between him and a world-ling. Now the Spirit is given to exclude the possibility of that by springing up as a well in our soul. The

Spirit is thus the divine spring, the river of God to flow in the soul, to water the garden, to keep it green and fresh, and a fruitful evergreen for God.

Oh, what a wonderful thing it is to have the river of God in the soul! What a reality it is! Perhaps you say, 'I know nothing about it'. Well, I want every soul to realize that the gift of the Spirit, as the river of God in the soul of the believer, is a great reality. And I believe if your soul accepts that, you will go away with an exercised heart and never settle down until God has made it good to you.

You find in John 14 that the Lord speaks to His disciples for the first time of their love to Him. He had spoken before of His love to them, but here He says, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will beg the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever'. (Verses 15, 16). The Comforter was given in connection with the fact that there were some in this world who loved the Son of God.

These are the people who receive the Spirit, people who love the Son of God, and the Spirit comes in to maintain the heart of the believer in freshness of affection for the Son of God. Is not that a wonderful thing, a blessed thing? It is a comfort to me that I am kept not by some effort of mine. If my heart is kept for Christ in the smallest measure, it is kept by the Spirit of God. The river of God is there flowing in the soul of the believer.

In John 15:26 He says, 'He shall bear witness concerning me'. The Spirit is the spring of all testimony for Christ. If a man or a woman is in any way in testimony for Christ in this world, it is by the Spirit. And remember, the testimony of Christ in this world is a wonderful thing. I do not mean merely people preaching Christ -- thank God for such -- but if they do so really it is by the Spirit. But there is a far more effective testimony than that, and that is Christ living in this world, living in the hearts of His saints. If Christ can be seen thus living in His saints in this world, with all those beautiful, heavenly, spiritual characteristics and graces that came out in Christ in perfection now coming out by the Spirit in His saints, is not that a reality? What brings out all this beautiful fruit?

It is the river of God flowing through the garden of the soul to make it fruitful and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit --- love, joy, peace and so on -- that the moral traits of Christ may be reproduced in the believer through the effect of the river of God in the soul.

Then in John 16:14 He says, "He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine and shall announce it to you". God has a wonderful world before Him, not this present world of Satan's power. He has another world,

different altogether from this, in which Christ will come out as the Centre and Sun.

It is God's coming world of blessing and glory, and the Spirit is going to be the all-pervading power of that world. That is what we get in Revelation 22, the tree of life in the midst of the street of the city of God, and of the river which flows out from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

There is a time coming when Christ will be the tree of life for the universe of God. Heaven will find its life in that blessed Person and earth will find its life in that blessed Person. And God will gather together in one all things which are in heaven and earth in Him. God will bring heaven and earth to feed upon eternal life.

And not only will that, but the river of God be the vitalizing power, the refreshing power of heaven and earth. As the hymn says, 'By the Spirit all pervading, Hosts unnumbered round the Lamb'. (Hymn 14). The river will flow out refreshing the universe. What blessed things there are to come, and Christians are in the secret of them now, by being brought into the knowledge of Christ, and brought into the current of the Spirit, so that they are in the knowledge of God's mind in this the day of Christ's rejection.

How wonderful it is to see on the first page of Scripture that God gives us a thought of everything which is to come to pass in time and eternity in the tree and the river, Christ and the Spirit, showing He had everything ready for His own pleasure. And if God has effected anything in my soul it must be by Christ and the Spirit: Christ objectively, and the Spirit subjectively forming me in correspondence with the One I look at objectively. May God give us all to see the meaning of the tree and the river.

God forbid that the Divine Light of His Truth both in the Nature and in His written WORD is not eclipsed by the atheistic evolutionary ideas, the truthfulness of which they *are not* 100 per cent *sure* and are, therefore, still groping in the darkness. And if the '*light that is in them be darkness, how great is that darkness?*' (Matthew 6:23) "*Take heed, therefore, that the light in thee be not darkness*". (Luke 11:35). Next, "*...what **fellowship** has **light** with **darkness**?*" (2 Corinthians 6:15). To state it firmly, but lovingly, "*Any denial of God and His plan for man in Scripture will damn the soul. If some through ignorance of the Bible think that they can believe in evolution and the Bible at the same time, they are highly deceived by Satan, the deceiver of the world (2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 11:14-15, Revelation 12:9). One cannot know the statements of both the Bible and evolutionists and believe both, nor can he be neutral. He must take a stand either for God and the Bible or for evolution and guesses.*"¹

Frankly speaking, there is no room at all in Biblical Christianity for any vague ‘*scientific speculations*’ or wild guesses in the garb of ‘*scientific evidence*’ to adorn Christian life. These are actually unscientific speculations rather myths that are resorted to fill the ‘*gaps*’ or to tie the ‘*missing links*’ in the evolutionary theory. But then, those who resort to these myths they do so with the same kind of irrational faith one places in religious myths. As long as these myths remain unproved, theistic evolutionists need not speculate they will be looked upon as ‘ignorant, unscientific or downright stupid’. Or else, they owe it to God to prove that the evolutionary theory is really *true*, so that the *ignorant* Christians can be fully *convinced* of the evolutionary truth and accept the same as the tenets of their Christian faith!

Anyway, woe be unto me, if I “*put darkness for light, and light for darkness*” (Isaiah 5:20), knowingly or unknowingly, and in the process beguile unstable souls or act as a ‘stumbling block’ to their simple faith; or else, deliberately “*continue to rob multiplied thousands of children of simple faith in God and the Bible without a sting of conscience*” by “*degrading man from creation by God in the image of God to a monkey ancestry*”.

1: Dake Jennings Finis, *op. cit.* p. 81

