

Science

Every week *The Wall Street Journal* carries at least one article extolling Darwinian evolution. The article in today's paper carries this, "Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution." We're expected to be delighted that we arose by random, natural processes, and not by the hand of any creator. We're supposed to eschew "religious dogma" and instead embrace "empirical reality." This article claims that if God created, he must be "a thoroughly incompetent designer." Other articles are similar, or they promote billions of years, or naturalistic explanations of human consciousness, or evolutionary mechanisms for human origins. Why this persistent, aggressive promotion and exaltation of science?

What's the purpose of such anti-theistic (and propagandistic) matter such as this *WSJ* article? It's this: We're to be in love with Science. With its new molecular-based vaccines, Science is saving society from the dreaded coronavirus. Science is going to save us from being wiped out by global warming. Science has shown us how all things that exist came into being. Science has given us everything that makes life modern, such as computers, satellites, refrigeration, electric motors, tunnels, cell phones, and trips to the moon. Science, we're told, has explanatory power that makes religion not merely obsolete, but a matter of primitive superstition. So don't you dare be religious! Worship Science instead.

Science claims that "the God hypothesis" has been disproved, that the Bible is a book of myths believed only by ignorant people, and that it's absolutely illogical that any God would exist. Here are a few of their arguments: (a) Why would only this one tiny speck of a planet in an infinitely vast universe harbor life? That makes no sense. (b) It cannot be accepted in today's modern world that invisible and imaginary beings such as leprechauns and elves and God exist. (c) A scientific test could prove that God exists, but as God doesn't exist, no such test result has been demonstrated. (d) Science can rationally explain everything since the Big Bang, and (e) the existence of evil makes the existence of a good God highly problematic. So the Bible and whatever it has to say is utterly irrelevant and has no role in modern society. This is only a sampling of their reasons for denying God's existence. But there are answers. Let's look at a few.

Theists correctly point out that the Big Bang does not explain why anything exists. Matter, space, time, life, all these MUST point to a transcendent Being, One who is outside of matter, space and time, who brought these into existence. Science replies by saying that matter, etc, *always* existed. This response is totally irrational, but it's how they deflect the theist's argument. Some scientists impudently ask where God came from, supposing that such a question adequately deals with the problem of where matter came from. Or they say, "You can't prove that matter hasn't always existed! Therefore it has." Or this: "Everything came from some yet unidentified quantum state." Thus no scientist is convinced of God's existence on the basis of this first-cause type of argument.

Some theists argue that God's existence is certain because by chance, the universe as we know it could not have come into being. The now well-recognized physical constants are so precise and demanding that they absolutely had to have been designed that way by a super-intelligent, super-powerful Creator. For example, the planets all have to be of the correct size and location, which they are, to maintain a stable solar system. The ratio of the mass of electrons to protons has to be exactly what they are for matter to exist at all. Information and complex energy-utilizing systems first have to be incorporated into biological systems for life to exist. And so on. The world we live in, the whole universe, is exceedingly fine-tuned, and to suppose it all came about spontaneously by random processes is an absurdity. Scientists reply that we happen to occupy a universe in which by chance these all happened, but there are innumerable other parallel universes, maybe millions of them, where these constants don't obtain. Or they say, "Well, it may be highly improbable as you say, but here we are. So it happened." They contend that, "If you wait long enough, billions of years, what's improbable becomes probable." Thus no scientist is convinced of God's existence on the basis of this argument.

Theistic creationists try to prove God's existence by poking holes in evolutionary theory. They've generated a massive body of scientific literature called "creation science." Evolutionists refute it all; they invariably come up with *ad hoc* responses that fully satisfy them. To them, the Darwinian evolution of life is more plausible, more real, more compelling, than the existence of God. So the arguments just go back and forth and no one is persuaded. Scientists must prove that God exists *by their methodology*, or He doesn't exist. Thus no scientist is or can be convinced of God's existence by creationists' arguments.

Theists correctly argue further that belief in the existence of God not only explains everything, it does it very well. It's a totally satisfactory and reasonable belief system. It explains why anything exists rather than nothing. It explains not only the beginning but the order that's in the universe. It explains the laws of nature, the fine-tuned physical constants, and

the beauty that there is everywhere in nature. It explains why there are information systems, why there's life. It explains why we have free will and consciousness, and why we can understand good and evil. It explains the resurrection of Christ. But Science says, "We're not listening. Everything you say is superstition. We have our own explanations that are based on the real world that we can observe and measure."

What then? In the final analysis, both theism and atheistic science rest not on arguments or reasons, but on prior assumptions. We all hold complex sets of presuppositions that involve how we can know what's true. These include, for example, our personal morality (or immorality), a spirit of rebellion perhaps, maybe misplaced or free-floating anger, or possibly a deep love of one's own intellectual powers. There's probably a whole host of other subconscious factors that determine our attitude toward God. As a result, when confronted with the resurrection of Christ, one person says "Yes!" and another says "No!"

God is probably at work in our lives controlling the factors that influence us. And He gives us the opportunity to say "Yes." He allows us to make our choice, but He holds us accountable for it. Science simply provides a modern-day, totally idolatrous way for people to say "No" and feel good about it. Science is a formidable weapon in modernism's total war against God.

Sadly, many evangelical church leaders today hold to the slogan, "All truth is God's truth." On the basis of this fatuity, they accept billions of years and Darwinian evolution because Science alleges they're true. So they come up with all kinds of silly compromises and explanations because they want to regard the Bible as having come from God. This is foolishness. All "truth" is NOT God's truth, because Science is lying when it claims its origins narrative is truth. Its origins narrative is, at best, entirely hypothetical and thus to be held tentatively; in reality it's just a mass of speculation. Evangelicals, ignorant of epistemology (study of how we know what's true or not), have allowed themselves to be taken in by deeply (religiously) biased people deliberately, tyrannically trying to deceive us.

To the extent that scientists use earth's resources and the knowledge about nature that they've acquired in order to benefit humanity, I suspect that God as Creator is exalted. He may be pleased with the considerable accomplishments of His human creatures in the realm of science. The study of God's creation to know how nature works is surely an appropriate human endeavor. That it's done without reference to God, without referencing Him as Author of nature, is sad, tragic even. But the deliberate use of science (and the arts and other humanities, for that matter) to extirpate the knowledge of God from society is unmitigated wickedness.

Modern science, after all, doesn't simply offer its own alternate, godless explanation of things. It is overtly and aggressively anti-God. It isn't content merely to say how it believes things spontaneously came about. It has to deliberately and willfully attempt to destroy faith in God as Creator. Why? Because idols are from the Evil One. They are a front for the worship of Satan. They are there purposely to keep people from God, to force God to condemn them for rejecting His Son. Whether people take iron and shape it into an image of a god and then bow down to it, or take a legitimate study of nature, pervert it with ungodly speculations and then worship it, both are deeply offensive to a holy and good God and deserving of wrath. What God said to Judah many centuries ago holds just as true for America today:

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water" (Jeremiah 2:13). See also 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, Christ crucified is "foolishness" to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, He is the power and wisdom of God.

People today may be very intelligent with lots of learning in their heads, and they may be pursuing high-tech, high-achievement lives. But they are still pagans worshipping an idol. Science is modern America's idolatry. (Or one of them at least; there are others.) We need to use extreme caution and great discernment that such idolatry doesn't infiltrate the Church. Our God is a jealous God.

The early church defeated pagan idolatry by proclaiming the Gospel. They did it publicly, and they did it extensively. We can do the same. But will we? Our Gospel presentations are only within the walls of church buildings on Sunday mornings. And no one who's not already a believer will attend those meetings. So we're essentially keeping the Gospel a secret to ourselves. No wonder American society is almost daily getting ever more pagan, more anti-theistic. May God have mercy on us, the Church.