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## **The Delusion of Evolution**

There is a war brewing in academic circles - and it affects everyone from the roadsweeper in Rwanda to the systems analyst in Seattle. It's a battle for control of the minds of everyone in the world. And the fact is - all of us are being lied to.

The academic establishment is blindly pro-evolution - the theory that life arose by chance - but it is fighting a losing battle to maintain the crumbling facade.

Time after time evolutionists answer questions about their evidence with outdated, highly improbable, intelligence-insulting school textbook examples. Or they hide behind an arrogant, patronising "we know the world looks designed, but only intellectual pygmies or religious fanatics believe it really is."

Oh, yeah? Tell that to the PhD-level scientists who are developing 'Intelligent Design Theory' because they have long ago seen the impossibility of explaining the mind-boggling complexity of life through 'chance'. Not only that, they have looked into the code for life, DNA, and realised that only an intelligence could have written that code. It's made up of information - and information can only be created by intelligence.

Now the new researchers have asked evolutionists to provide a logical explanation for how their theory could actually work - and exposed the fact that even the greatest professors of Darwinism cannot prove that evolution has actually happened.

They just assume it has and then im-

pose that theory upon the evidence, rather than letting the evidence speak for itself. For if even the simplest organic cell could speak, it would shout 'I'm designed!'

If evolution were allowed to be subjected to the same rigour of investigation that other sciences have to endure, it would be rejected. It could not survive in any other sphere of science. It does not have enough scientific basis to even qualify as a theory - in reality the most it can be described as, under normal scientific rules, is a hypothesis. And a flimsy one at that.

But for a century and a half evolution has been paraded as a 'fact' of earth's history by the Media and biologists. And in a sinister suppression of the truth, evolutionists refuse to allow any informed debate on the issue. Almost all academic journals are a totally closed door to anyone - no matter how highly qualified - who dares to question the theory.

It's time for evolutionists to 'put up or shut up'. Einstein said that the harmony of natural law reveals an incredible intelligence behind the universe, and hundreds of scientists around the world now agree.

A revolution is taking place. It's a battle for freedom of thought. And for the right to search for a proper scientific method of discovering the truth about life's origin - rather than settling for the pretence of the atheistic philosophy of evolution.

It's all a big con. But the house of cards is falling. And it may happen sooner than you think.

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**Andrew Halloway**  
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*Quoted from New Life*

## ISLAM in the News

Recent years has seen the religion of Mohammed dominate the headlines. Not surprising, as Islam boasts over one in six of mankind. Not surprising, as almost all terrorist outrages today are Islam-inspired. Not surprising, then, that Biblical prophecy doesn't ignore it.

An 'Islamic crescent' stretches from China to the Atlantic, taking in China, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Sudan, Turkey, the rest of North Africa, a third of Nigeria. And don't forget the fifty million Muslims settled in Europe - one hundred and twenty million if we include Turkey. In all, an estimated 1.3 billion. In France, one estimate says that by 2030 Islam will dominate the population. Surely not to be ignored in the Scriptures, which say so much about 'the end-time'!

### End-time Exodus

The Biblical end-time scenario depicts one Satan-dominated world empire emerging from a horrendous period of intense persecution of Christian believers, and indeed of the Anglo-Saxon nations. It will be just a 'second' of time, to be swiftly ended by the returning King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus the Messiah.

One of the LORD's first tasks will be to gather His people, Israel, from the nations in which they have been enslaved.

*'And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth'* (Isaiah 11:11-12)

The Bible tells the area of their incarceration:

At face value those nations are, in our era, Islamic. (There are other views, eg that these nation are now located elsewhere, having migrated.) Now, why would Israel (the 'Ten Tribes') and Judah (the Jews) need to be rescued as outcasts and dispersed from those areas if not there unwillingly? More, they are to be rescued also from 'the North':

*'In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers'* (Jeremiah 3:18)

### Alternatives

Bible prophecies have spawned a supermarket of varied interpretations. The 'end time' is the usual focus, whether in 1000AD or 2000AD.

One popular stream of prophetic interpretation will here yell 'wrong'. For the belief is that the ten-toed image of Daniel (*ch* 2:42-44) refers specifically to European powers - to a self-selecting ten-nation portion of the European Union (though it now has twenty-five nations with two more East European nations soon to join).

### Islamic Top Ten

Indonesia	170m
Pakistan	136m
Bangladesh	106m
India	103m
Turkey	70m
Iran	60m
Egypt	53m
China	37m
Iraq	26m
...another 15 smaller nations are over 99% Islamic	

That view is not here being challenged. But there is another dimension, another world player. It is called *Islam*, and, clearly, the prophecies do not ignore it.

Adherents of this faith have cruelly demonstrated their abhorrence of all things 'Western'. (And there is much to abhor.) Historically - from their beginnings Islam has grown by wielding the sword. Random murder, suicide bombs, flying bombs, mass civilian murder, extermination of Israel, destruction of the world's greatest philanthropist nation (the United States) mar its modern face.

None of this encourages a view of a religion at peace with itself and with the world. Islam, wherever practiced, has indeed shown itself capable of perpetrating a holocaust.

### A Bridge Too Far

The Bible prophecies indicate that a European power subservient to a religious power, the Vatican, (shades of the Inquisition) will bring about the downfall of the United States and her allies, notably Great Britain. Link this with the Isaiah 11 prophecy and there appears to be some kind of end-time alliance between Christian Europe and Islam.

What, then, is the bridge linking Catholicism and Islam? Observers have noted that the late Pope John Paul II made serious overtures to Islam. He was the first Pope ever to visit a mosque - even kissing the Koran, symbolizing its authenticity. Many of his statements were complimentary. Islam, of course, shares some of its sources with Judaeo-Christianity. and admits Jesus as a 'prophet'. They, as much as does Rome, venerate the Virgin Mary. A pact between Rome and Mecca is not beyond question.

A mass enslavement of the Houses of Israel and Judah could indeed involve both Europe and the Islamic nations. This by no means suggests that all Moslems would take part in atrocities. In forties Europe the general population of Germany and Poland didn't take part in Nazi atrocities - or looked the other way. Those who did know the horrific facts were apathetic. Islamic fundamentalists, however, have demonstrated capability.

### Co-operation

Perhaps we should not be surprised. In the 1930s and 1940s there was an alliance between the Islamic leadership and the National Socialists in Germany. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem (the Arab leader Amin al-Husseini), worked with Hitler to exterminate the Jews. He is believed to have suggested the 'final solution'. The Nazi-Islamic Hanzar brigade, 100,000 strong from Bosnia, were among the most brutal of Hitler's forces. Muslims from many nations were in Hitler's armies. Recall too, that Islamic Turkey and Germany were allies in World War I. And the Turks don't have clean hands in their treatment of the Kurdish people.

Commenting on 1940's Germany, one secular author

wrote : "What an image: a Nazi-Moslem alliance to conquer the world! Naturally, totalitarian ideology (as shown by the Sino-Soviet and Iran-Taliban splits, for example) is a notoriously weak glue, so it is questionable how far this could have prospered. But the thought is chilling enough".

Doesn't this recall the vision of Daniel referring to the end-time. He foresaw a world-dominating destructive Gentile empire that was an explosive and incompatible mix of fundamentalist religion and totalitarian political force: "And as to that you saw, the feet and the toes were partly of potters' clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of iron, because you saw the iron mixed with clay of the potter" (ch 2:41).

Mediaeval Bible expositors saw in Mohammed (7th century AD) a precursor of an end-time Antichrist. They thought he 'ticked all the boxes' of what were considered its identifying features.

Historically, Daniel's 'King of the North' (ch 11:40) was Syria, which at that time stretched, north of Palestine, from the Mediterranean to beyond the Euphrates. Today this area spans Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Iran.

There are sound reasons to acknowledge the transfer, in prophecy, of this 'king of the north' to the Roman Empire and to its modern image - Europe. The Islamic presence on the continent and in world politics cannot, however, be ignored. We can perhaps look to a short-lived uneasy alliance between the two.

### The End - is it 'nigh'?

It is perhaps foolish to view 'what's going on now' on the world stage as the final end-time scenario. Nations rise and nations fall. Dictators arise and are deposed. Circumstances propel events: 'a week is a long time in politics'. The turn of the first millennium AD witnessed great fear accompanying the expectation of 'the end of the world'. Then came the Black Death provoking similar terror. The early twentieth century and the 1970s saw a related flurry of excitement.

But don't be complacent! The 'end' will come - as certainly as the rising of the sun. The present political configuration in Europe (the imminent revival of the ancient Roman Empire in the guise of a United States of Europe), widespread and unchecked Western immorality, developing economic and social chaos, the increasing instability in the earth itself, globalisation in politics and in religion - all fit the Biblical pattern for the finish of this age of human misrule.

The Father (Acts 1:7) has placed the 'times and seasons' in His own authority. When the time is right - when it is best to ensure the survival of humanity and to further His plan - God will send Jesus the Messiah

### 13 - not all bad?

"Another number of significance [in the Scriptures] is thirteen. Jacob's twelve sons received their blessings, but Joseph was cut out of the number. His two sons, however, were added in. Twelve minus one leaves eleven. But Ephraim was added, this making twelve again. His brother, Manasseh, made a thirteenth tribe.

"Consider the modern significance of this. The United States was founded on thirteen original colonies, with its flag composed of thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.

"The eagle crest of the United States displays thirteen constellations, thirteen stars, thirteen olive leaves with thirteen berries on the branch. The eagle clutches thirteen arrows in its talons, and the shield displays thirteen stripes. Even the Latin motto, *e pluribus unum* is comprised of thirteen letters.

"There were thirteen signers of the *Declaration of Independence*, and the thirteenth amendment abolished slavery".  
*Leslie A Turvey Internet*

### Where has your Money Gone?

"We have all been brainwashed by politicians and the media into believing an ugly untruth: that rising prices are inevitable, and that inflation of two or three percent is low. Neither is the case, not when compared to an economy built around a sound currency. And the Fed killed sound currency by taking sensible restraints off the central banks; *ie*, off itself.

Consider the most common way of evaluating price changes, the CPI method. This takes a basket of goods and services that one dollar will buy in a given year and compares it with the cost of the same goods and services in another. In 1913, what cost \$1 in 1800 could be had for 79 cents. In other words, the value of the buck had actually increased, by more than 20%. That's pre-Fed.

In contrast, what cost \$1 in 1913 sold for \$19.63 in 2005! Since the creation [1913] of the Federal Reserve, which is supposed to efficiently manage the economy, the dollar has lost 95% of its purchasing power".  
*Doug Hornig, Internet*

to once again walk this planet. Not, this time, in human form but endowed with all the power of the Godhead - power exercised in mercy and in justice to restore Earth to its primitive perfection. 

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## Getting Together?

Weeks of prayer for Christian unity. Calls by the Pope and by the World Council of Churches for Christian unity. It's the Ecumenical movement. Anglicans cosying up to Roman Catholics, Methodists to Anglicans. It seems a praiseworthy principle that '*we may all be one*' in the Christian household - though given the variety of beliefs unity appears to be an unattainable goal.

But what is meant by 'unity'? Do all Christians melt into a shapeless religious gel? Can Roman Catholics unite with Orthodox, or fundamentalist Protestantism? Do we look for the lowest common denominator of doctrine? Does it matter what we believe?

### Truth Matters

Well *yes* - it does matter. The New Testament writers, taking their position from the Old Testament writers, urged their readers to '*contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints*' (Jude 3). For them, *truth* was a vital ingredient of the faith.

The apostles were uniquely inspired to continue the earthly work and teachings of Jesus. Since their passing our comprehension of these teachings depends on many factors. Skill with the original language, for example. Willingness to believe and submit. A readiness to correct previous error: 'Don't believe me; believe the Bible'. The truth of God never changes - but our understanding of truth is limited and varies from person to person, from denomination to denomination.

This is one important reason for Christians to be tolerant of the beliefs of others, reason to be humble in the face of possible personal error - or the error of 'my church'!

There's no doubt that Christians in New Testament times, though urged to be '*subject to one another*', yet willingly appointed 'overseers' to their assembly. These men were respected for the expression in their lives of the Spirit of Christ and their leadership skills. They were selected, too, because they fulfilled the apostolic criteria for such a function, as in Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus - thus indicating that they were approved by the holy Spirit. Brethren willingly submitted to them (sometimes!). They were 'guardians of the truth' (Acts 20:27-28).

### New Testament Model

The unity of teaching, however, in no way requires *organizational* unity - 'one true church'. The model for this approach is the Roman Catholic community with its strong hierarchical structure. (It, in turn, was modelled on the secular Roman government) Other groups, even among those who adhere strictly to the Scriptures, have the same organizational pattern.

Careful study makes clear that the first Christians didn't form one mega-church accountable to a remote 'headquarters'. Rather each local assembly was independently organized and answerable direct to the living Head of the church of God - Jesus Christ. Each member was bound by conscience to submit to their local leadership in so far as the latter submitted to Christ as revealed through apostles, and to us through their writings.

One Scriptural example not much now followed is the co-operation there was between local assemblies. Individual churches willingly supported others - in exchange of preachers, in supply of material need, in provision of spiritual guidance *etc.* They were all 'one church' - a spiritual organism.

The Scriptures provide a pattern for the modern church of God. In the wider world of Protestantism - though there are exceptions - the principle of independence is generally understood. Individual local churches, while in general subscribing to a denominational label and teachings, yet retain independence.

However, there's a tendency for 'younger' denominations to isolate themselves even to the point of exclusivism. Some see themselves as the 'one true church' the only one to maintain doctrinal purity. Others have a 'partially open door' policy yet remain suspicious of 'outsiders'. Yet others refuse to scrutinize the teachings inherited from their founder - while privately admitting error. For others the emphasis is on corporate power. Indeed some claim that churches which don't have the 'proper governmental structure' are outside the one true church. On the web one such - though there are others - teaches that it is the sole representative of Christ on Earth. How very Roman!

In the church of God - whatever its structure - there will in this life always be feuds, doctrinal disputes, heresies. That was so from the beginning. It results from human nature not in submission to God's Spirit.

### An Open Church

It is surely time for all those who truly believe the Scriptures to open themselves to their brethren no matter what their 'label'. Now is the time for openness, for co-operation, for joint effort in presenting to the world Christ's great commission - to the end of the age:

*'... disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age'* Ω

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