

Godless Doctrine

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A SCIENTIST'S VIEW

One of America's leading paleontologists, Stephen J. Gould said, "Human beings evolved from apelike ancestors whether they did so by Darwin's proposed mechanism or by some other, yet to be discovered" (**Discover** May 1981). As many as eight hundred Harvard university students waited in line last fall trying to enroll in professor Gould's class, which seats only about three hundred. An influential man I'd say.

AMOEBA TO MAN

Many educated men, like Dr. Gould, are convinced that the human race evolved from other species. They teach that millions even billions of years ago that life sprang from a dead, inanimate world. Furthermore, they inform us that we were first an amoeba (a microscopic, one celled animal) which transformed into a fish, then to a frog, to a lizard, an ape, and lastly man. But we must ask, where does God and His word fit into this doctrine? It doesn't.

INTERPRETING GENESIS

Some evolutionists say, "Just because one believes in the 'amoeba to man' theory doesn't mean one denies the Bible." Such statements are made by people who view the book of Genesis as poetry or myth, denying the literal interpretation of Genesis. What does the Bible teach? "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea (Man was never a fish!), and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen 2:26, 27). Jesus Christ believed in the Genesis' account of the creation of man. He asked, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female" (Matt 19:4). Therefore, those who believe that humans evolved from some other species are forced to deny the inspiration and infallibility of the scriptures.

WHAT TO DO

Parents must continually teach their children the truth of God's word, because Satan and his angels are continuously hacking away at the roots of their faith. Many high school and university instructors are teaching the theory that man was derived from a less complex creature. Most, however, don't teach it as "theory," but as "fact." The best way to fight this humanistic doctrine is to saturate our children with God's divine precepts. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut 6:7).