

DARWIN AND EVOLUTION

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Charles Robert Darwin was born on 12 February 1809. He came from a good home and, eventually, decided to study theology. He also became interested in natural sciences. However, he studied medicine at Edinburgh and from the age of 16 in 1825 it was clear that he had major mental problems. He was then a trainee doctor. He went on to Cambridge University for a BA degree training to be an Anglican parson,

He underwent a five year world tour on the HMS Beagle to collect information about animals, flora and geology. This was from 1831 - 1835. They visited Madeira, the Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Brazil, the Falklands, Chile, the Galapago Islands, Tahiti, New Zealand, Tasmania, South America again and back to England.. Darwin's notes and observations were of very great interest to scientists..

He married his cousin Emma Wedgwood in 1839. They had ten children two of whom died in infancy and the most spoke of, Annie, died in 1851 at the age of ten.

During his life he consulted over twenty doctors and he suffered from hallucinations, delusional disorders, paranoid schizophrenia, emotional instability and a rejection of reality. He treated his wife and children, even when they were grown up, as children. He was regularly irrational. He could not reason rationally and his intellectual powers and judgments were often faulty. He had endless phobias and periods of deep depression when he would say in bed for weeks perhaps months on end. He admitted latterly that he suffered from guilt due to his wanting to debunk the Bible and attack Jesus Christ. Darwin had other disorders such as anxiety, vomiting, tremors, panic attacks and so on.

Whatever views he had on Christianity when he studied theology at Cambridge, he had emphatically turned his back on Christianity by the early 1830s. On the death of his beloved daughter, Annie, who died at Easter 1851 in her tenth year, he railed at God. She had had a stomach disorder and eventually her bladder was paralysed. Her illness and death completely devastated him. For the rest of his life, he was tortured by her death. He was too distraught to attend the funeral. He blamed God for his daughter's death and set out to discredit God and theology even further which campaign he had started some ten years earlier.

His interest in what became known as evolution had crystallised some 14 years earlier in 1837 after his five years on the HMS Beagle and he considered this a good means to discredit Christianity. He had been influenced by the writings of Francis Newman and by criticism of Old Testament history and the German teaching that the God of the Jews, the God of the Bible, was a barbaric tyrant. The creation account was dismissed as mere legend and the New Testament was said to be full of myths. A theistic religion was at odds with science. Germany was basically atheistic and scientists were full of themselves and wanted to be superior and ridicule Divine Creation and the Bible.

To add to this problem, Parliament in the late 1820s has passed laws allowing dissidents and Catholics to hold public office for the first time in centuries. The Church of England now came under serious attack aided and abetted by the fact that many clergymen were not Christians at all. A common policy in those days was that if a well-to-do family had three sons, one would go in for the law, another for medicine and the third into the Church since it provided a living and housing. Many such clergyman just did a job and their beliefs were not Bible-based and they had other interests which were far more important and time-consuming than Sunday services and parochial visits.

As we have said, it was at Cambridge, and elsewhere, that Darwin had mixed with atheists and dissidents regularly. One of the most familiar sayings of the time was, Who needs Christianity when we have the wealth of science? It was proclaimed that there was no Divine Creation and therefore no Creator God, and there was therefore no law of God but there was the law of Nature. The other great heresy was that Jesus was not Divine.

Darwin become a Unitarian. Unitarians are not Christians and their system is that you can believe whatever you want and imbibe any philosophy or science you choose.. They taught that the Trinity did not exist, and the concept of the soul and eternity was rejected as were the miracles of Jesus and He was not Divine, although there may have been some Unitarians who did believe in some of these rejected doctrines.

It must be emphasised that to Darwin and his contemporaries, evolution meant that there was no creation and therefore no Creator and, therefore, no God and that all life originated from the first living organism which emerged from the swamp and, over millions of years, each species developed from that one original source. Therefore evolutionists rejected the Bible and blatantly rejected that God created all life and as separate species. To the evolutionists, or most of them, the Bible is all lies.

Scientists have demeaned the Bible in admitting that the order of 'appearances' as set out in the Creation story in Genesis 1 is correct but that it did not take six days. The word for days in Genesis is not periods of 24 hours but ages or eras. We are aware that an Irish bishop called Ussher said that Creation began in 4004BC, but the Bible does not say that.

The teachings of Darwin persuaded many so-called Christians to become atheists. What they did not know was that Darwin was mentally ill.

I do not like to use the word mad but Darwin was. He was mentally deranged. He was insane,. He was confused, illogical and often unusually ferocious.

He was irrational which means that his thinking was not based on logical reasoning and, usually, he was incapable of reasoning.

One has to feel genuinely sorry for those with mental illness. As someone has said, they must go through hell and suffer dreadful pain some of which must be worse than physical pain. In their condition, the mental patient can be unpleasant, totally unlikable and difficult to live with. In their mental state they can say, write and believe things which are irrational and untrue and yet believe these things to be true when they are not. Today, drugs can be used to help patients overcome their irrationalities, fears and anxieties and, in many cases, these have to be administered in psychiatric hospitals.

Whoever is responsible for the notion that only the fittest should survive has perpetrated a doctrine that is indecent and immoral. It can only come from and be endorsed by those who lack care and compassion. To be fair to Darwin, he said that only the fittest would prevail. He referred to natural selection by which animals and plants could by themselves adapt to suit the changing environment, and that changes in the genetic make up from generation to generation occur in order that species can adapt to changes in their environment.

This raises the question that as Darwin was mentally ill and irrational, which he was, are his scientific beliefs also wrong?

It must be remembered that evolution is merely a theory; it is speculation and yet it is taught as fact. This has to be one of the great failures and heresies of society which teaches such speculation as fact.

The great scientist, Dr F A Tatford, said, "I cannot believe in evolution because I am a scientist!". He is one of thousands all over the world, maybe millions who believe this.

In 1871, Darwin wrote that he believed that life began in a warm little pond with all sorts of ammonia and phosphoric salts, lights, heating, electricity etc. so that a protein compound was found ready to undergo still more complex changes. This is fundamentally the idea that life began with an amoeba in swampy water and from that organism came fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, including apes, which are our ancestors... allegedly.

Evolution is merely the product of chance. It has no prior design or reason.

From evolution developed eugenics, the concept of selective breeding which, among other things, meant that poor quality people should not breed and perhaps be sterilised so that only healthy children would be born. Eugenics is said to be the means to improve the genetic make up of people. This is at the root of Hitler's beliefs and his desire for the Aryan race. In his book, Mein Kampf, Hitler advocated the sterilization of defectives. Nazis used eugenics as abuse, human experimentation which they called racial hygiene. Eugenics is related to Darwin's theories, albeit it superficially.

Darwin was dead by the time the Big Bang theory came into being. This said that the universe came into being 13.7 million years ago by an explosion of very hot gases in space and this idea was first stated by a Catholic priest Georges Lemaitre (1894-1966) in his writings of the early 1920s.

There are extreme militant groups of evolutionists in America and in the UK who actively seek to prevent the teaching of Creation and of God in schools, colleges and universities dismissing it as an affront to science and that God did not create the universe because God does not exist. They further assert that science and the science of evolution proves the Bible to be a collection of lies and such lies must not be taught in schools or anywhere else. In the UK, David Attenborough takes this position although it would be wrong to call him a militant. Some of these groups literally tyrannise teachers and pupils. Some universities will not accept students if they refute evolution.

We ban the teaching of Christianity in most schools although there are many infallible proofs of it, and yet spend hours a week teaching a mere theory which is atheistic.

Darwin died in 1882. John Lubbock, a Liberal MP., engineered that his burial take place in Westminster Abbey, a Christian building to house a dead atheist. For most of his adult life, he set out to disprove God and Jesus Christ and he knew he was wrong in doing so and was regularly filled with guilt. This was one of the reasons why he was mentally ill, but he started a heresy under whose spell the majority have fallen.

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