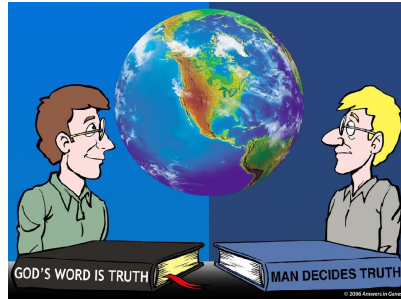


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Your Worldview Matters

by Caleb Kautt



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You and I have a worldview. It controls the way we interpret life. Our worldview is influenced by philosophy, science, religion, and culture. MacArthur defines a worldview as, "A collection of presuppositions, convictions, and values through which a person tries to understand the world and life."¹

How does an individual form a worldview? Let me explain the significance of the word *presuppositions*. A presupposition is an idea that someone assumes or supposes is true and factual before they examine the world around them. That person presumes their beliefs are correct, even without supporting independent evidence. Let me illustrate this with a little scenario:

You are an evolutionary geologist, and you are standing on an observation deck at Grand Canyon. You come equipped – with certain presuppositions. You believe that: 1) It takes millions and millions of years to lay down millions and millions of rock layers; 2) The present is the key to the past. In modern times,

we don't observe earth-covering, catastrophic floods; and 3) There is no such thing as super-natural intervention into the world and its processes by a Divine Creator.

Scarcely have you walked onto the observation deck when another geologist quietly approaches you. But what is different about your colleague? He holds to a totally different set of presuppositions. To begin with, he believes that: 1) It only takes a small amount of time, under the correct conditions, to lay down millions and millions of layers of rock layers; 2) Current geologic processes are calm by contrast to what happened during the Great Flood of Noah's era; and 3) Our Creator God has the right, might, and authority to intervene into the normal laws of nature, and indeed brought about the Great Flood as judgment on man's wickedness.

The conclusions at which you both arrive may startle some. As the evolutionary scientist, your conclusions regarding Grand Canyon's formation are: 1) It formed slowly over millions of years of sedimentation; 2) After the sedimentary layers were in place, the Colorado river slowly, over millions and millions of years, carved the Canyon out of the solid rock; and 3) All of this happened by random chance processes.

Your colleague's conclusions are quite different. He concludes that: 1) The sedimentary layers that make up Grand Canyon were laid down during the Great Flood;
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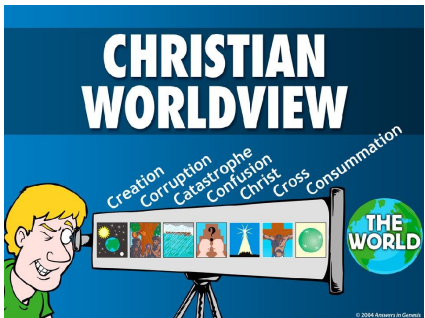
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¹ *Think Biblically!*, edited by John MacArthur, copyright 2003, pgs. 13-17; Cited in *Answers* magazine, July - September 2006, pgs. 12-13

2) After the flood waters had receded off the continents, huge inland lakes remained landlocked, and during the melt-off at the end of the ice age², these lakes overflowed, causing massive erosion and carving the massive Grand Canyon out of the still-soft sediments; and 3) All of this happened as a direct result of God's promised³ judgment upon mankind's rebellion against His laws.

Incidentally, all of the conclusions reached by the two geologists in my illustration were beliefs based upon presuppositions by which they interpreted the facts.



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As professing Christians, we should seek to develop an entirely Christian worldview. Such a worldview starts with God as our Creator. He has given us His written word, and has made it available to us.

While Man's opinions are not without fault, God's word is infallible. It is only through the lens of this His Special revelation that we should interpret the "natural revelation" around us. All of creation is suffering⁴ due to the rebellion of

² For more information on this topic please visit: www.answersingenesis.org/articles/nab/wher-does-ice-age-fit, or www.icr.org/article/ice-age-genesis-flood/

³ Genesis 6:5-7

⁴ Romans 8:22; See also Genesis 3:17

Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and thus it cannot accurately describe to us God's plan of salvation. However, His written word does describe the plan of salvation. God's commands to mankind (and scores of examples of mankind's attempts to keep His laws and utterly failing) are unique aspects of His written word⁵. Only His written word reveals to us how He promised a Substitute to carry upon Himself the sins of the whole world, and how God brought that to fulfillment by sending God the Son to be born of a woman, and die in our place, and rise from the dead conquering death⁶.

Triumphantly, the Christian worldview is the only set of "glasses" that presents satisfactory answers to life's most challenging questions and problems. All other worldviews leave us with a purposeless, hopeless, pointless existence. The reason for death and suffering, the basis for absolute truth, the purpose and meaning of life, the origin of the universe, and the sacredness of marriage are all properly understood in the Christian worldview.

It is vitally important for professing Christians to develop and hold to a thoroughly Christian worldview. I am not saying that Christians who do not hold to a Christian worldview are not saved⁷ However, by such an inconsistency⁸, you have unlocked the door for the next generation to reject God's word as authoritative, and say "If that part of the Bible cannot be trusted or obeyed, then why trust or obey any of it?"

⁵ Exodus 20:1-17; See also Matthew 5:1-12, where Jesus Christ makes God's Standards very clear, so that no human being can claim innocence before God, but will rather see his need for Jesus Christ as his Savior (Galatians 3:24-25).

⁶ John 3:14-17; See also Genesis 3:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Daniel 9:26; and Psalm 22

⁷ 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

⁸ See Matthew 12:25-26; Mark 3:24, 25; and Luke 11:17



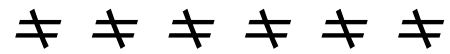
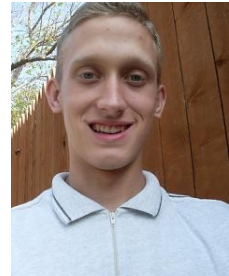
We as Christians must "study to show ourselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

Second Timothy 2:15 tells us:

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

May it be said of us that we are working to be consistent, Christian worldview thinkers, approved before God.

Caleb Kautt, author of *Your Worldview Matters*



Feedback:

"I really like y'all's newsletter and website. What y'all are doing with CET Ministries really brings glory to the Lord! It warms my heart to see a boldly Biblical defense of Creationism."
- M. F., Texas

"From the website, it appears that you all have a family run ministry. How did you all get started? I look forward to learning more about CET."
- D. C.



ANIMAL RIGHTS, AN INCONSISTENCY IN THE EVOLUTIONARY WORLDVIEW

By JOEL KAUTT

“There is no rational basis for saying that a human being has special rights. A rat is a pig, is a dog, is a boy. They're all mammals.” - Ingrid Newkirk, Founder, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals¹

Many animal rights activists, along with other activists in the sphere of environmentalism, ascribe to the worldview of evolutionism. They do not recognize the Divine Creator as the Supreme Author of life, but rather they declare that eons of time and random processes brought life into being out of nothing. These people worship the creation rather than the One who brought forth that creation. It is worth noting that the belief system of evolutionism is often in conflict with itself because its standard of truth and morality is based on the vacillating opinions of finite man, rather than upon the foundation of all truth and morality – God's eternal Word. Animal rights activism is a case in point.

Survival of the Fittest?

I chuckle to myself as I think about the secular world demanding rights and protection for various kinds of animals. The thought that crosses my mind is, “whatever happened to the idea of 'survival of the fittest?’” In the traditional evolutionary worldview, humans are considered to be at the top of the evolutionary “tree of life.” Humans are said to be the pinnacle of evolution. If this is really true, then why should we be concerned about “mistreatment” of “other animals”? Why can't we just do what we want with other “less evolved” animals? Apparently though, some animal rights activists believe there is really no difference between us and insects. Michael Fox, former Vice President of The Humane Society of the United States of America believes that “[t]he life of an ant and the life of my child should be granted equal consideration.”²

A Double Standard?

In the paradox that is the evolutionary worldview, humans are the highest life form and yet, at the same time, are no more valuable than any other animal. Some of the more extreme animal rights activists are so vehement in their passion for protection of the “rights” of animals that they stoop so low as to belittle historical atrocities committed against humans by other humans. Consider this quote:

“Six million Jews died in concentration camps, but six billion broiler chickens will die this year in slaughter houses.” - Ingrid Newkirk, Founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals³

In some instances animals are given more preferential protections than are humans. Perpetrators of violence against other humans are sometimes given relatively insignificant sentences, while those guilty of “animal cruelty” are severely punished. Is this not a double standard - a conflicting belief system? Are we not being inconsistent, and I daresay evil, when we protect whales, snails, and cattails, and simultaneously, in the name of “choice” and “convenience,” allow tens of millions of innocent, unborn humans to be gruesomely slaughtered and torn from the protection of their mothers' womb? Forget about animal rights. Instead, let us focus on protecting the lives of the *one and only* creature created in the image of God⁴ – humans!

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¹ Cited on http://www.njabr.org/programs/animal_rights/

² Cited on <http://www.americananimalwelfare.com/rights.html>

³ Cited on <http://www.nraila.org/issues/Factsheets/Read.aspx?ID=67>

⁴ See Genesis 1:26, 27.

Resource spotlight



The Mysterious Islands, by Vision Forum Inc. and Erwin Bros. Films.

Set in the exotic Galápagos Islands, this beautifully produced documentary examines the scientific misconceptions propounded by Charles Darwin, as well as the resulting lifestyles driven by the molecules-to-man belief system.

In 2009, one hundred-fifty years after Darwin published ON THE ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES, Dr. John Morris (Institute for Creation Research) leads an expedition to the enchanting Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. Joining Dr. Morris are Doug Phillips and his son, the Erwin Brothers Films crew and a few others. Why make this trip? Mr. Phillips calls this place the “Ground Zero” of Darwinism, because what Darwin “found” here helped congeal his theory of evolution. The expedition’s goal is to determine whether these isolated bits of volcanic land are evidence for Creation or for evolution. Ultimately, their question is: Has Darwin’s evolutionary thesis – birthed at Galapagos – conquered Christianity?

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Animal and Earth Worship: Signs of a Degenerate Culture

In April many people will celebrate "Earth Day." Just like those people obsessed with protecting "animal rights," many people focus this day entirely on the *creation*, rather than on the One who alone is to be worshiped - the *Creator*. The Bible indicates⁵ that in the later days the culture will degenerate to the point where mankind exchanges worshiping the One True God for venerating the physical creation. In recent years, the worship of "Mother Earth" or "Gaia" has become popular. This pagan, pantheistic spiritualism is rooted in a belief that planet earth is a "living entity" from which all life came into being. The Scriptures tell us that earth is not our "Mother" but rather the Lord God is the One who "made the world and everything in it," and "in Him we live and move and have our being."⁶

The Apostle Paul, through the Holy Spirit, told of a time when many people would succumb to false doctrine forbidding humans to eat meat. 1 Timothy 4:1 – 5 says *"...in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."* This passage indicates that those who reject the eating of meats (animals) based upon arbitrary and un-biblical reasoning⁷ are following Satanic teachings.

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⁵ See Romans 1:23, 25.

⁶ See Acts 17:24 - 31

⁷ Such as the "animal rights" claim, or the claim that we share an evolutionary relationship with the animals, or the claim that certain meats were to be considered "unclean" (see Acts 10:9 – 16). Some of the more prominent Eastern religions, such as Hinduism, prohibit the eating of certain animals because they believe that those animals may be the "reincarnated" form of a person's ancestor or relative.

Signs of Design: The Giant Squid

by Abby Kautt

The giant squid is perhaps one of the most fascinating and mysterious creatures of the sea. Since so little is known regarding this giant of the oceans, I wanted to bring it to the attention of my reading audience.



A tentacle of a Giant Squid.

Giant squid have a most fascinating body¹. The soft tissue it consists of makes for a seemingly delicate structure, but it is a fierce animal, and predatory. It feeds² mainly on small fish, smaller species of squid, whales, and sharks.

Here are the main components that make up the squid's body:

- two fins, which it uses to propel itself in the water, and for buoyancy.
- a mantle (this is the part of his anatomy nearest his head) which is used in the reproductive cycle.
- Their head with "sophisticated" eyes which are the largest of any animal³.
- 8 arms and 2 tentacles, each endowed with hooks / and or sucker rings which it uses in feeding and for protection. There have been skin pieces recovered from sperm whales containing sucker ring scars on them.
- a "beak" which it uses to eat its prey. Giant squid are technically carnivorous mollusks. The "beak" is rather fierce looking and very strong.

The modern world's largest giant squid measured in at 60 foot long! But, the average size for most squid is between 30-45 feet⁴. Females get bigger than males, because males reach maturity earlier.

Their natural habitat is around 3,000 feet in the ocean⁵. They are "deep sea" creatures, and are therefore harder to spot in their natural surroundings. The first giant squid to be caught on camera was in 2005⁶, when a Japanese team captured the antics of a giant squid, using a still camera. Since then scientists have been able to learn more about the giant squid through captive studies, and dead carcasses that wash up on beaches across the globe.

Even though most of us will probably never have a "real life experience" with one of these giants of the seas, we can learn much from the intricate design which God put into this creature. Truly, our Creator has fashioned the mysterious squid to perform a specific role in the journey of life.

Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens. So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:20-21



Abby Kautt, author and researcher of *Signs of Design: The Giant Squid*.

¹ <http://www.mnh.si.edu/cephs/newclass.pdf> – Taxonomy of Cephalopoda

² (<http://giantsquid.ca/giant-squid-food-and-eating-habits/>)

³ http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2005/09/0927_050927_giant_squid.html

⁴ <http://tolweb.org/Architeuthis> - Giant Squid in-depth article (technical)

⁵ <http://www.anomalist.com/reports/squid.html> The first photographs of a giant squid were taken at a depth of around 3000 feet.

⁶ <http://pbase.asia/199675-Giant-Squid-Finally-Captured-On-Film.html> Dr. Tsunemi Kubodera, and Kyoichi Mori as a team were the first to successfully capture on film the giant squid.

What Saith the Scriptures?

Does the Creator care about the well-being of animals? Yes indeed. The Lord God does care about all of the marvelous creatures He formed (Job 38:41; Matthew 6:26). However, He specifically and uniquely created human beings to have a relationship with Him (Genesis 1:26, 27; Psalm 8:5). The Lord gave mankind dominion and stewardship of all other creatures on earth (Genesis 1:26 – 29; Psalm 8:6 – 8). Animals, on the other hand, do not have a soul capable of an eternal personal relationship with their Creator, but were created for the benefit and enjoyment of mankind.⁸

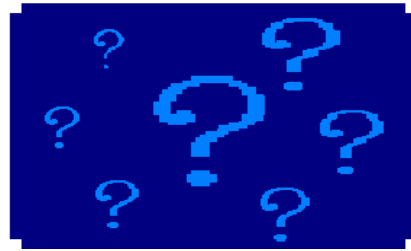
While the Bible does indicate that one reason the animals were created was for the benefit and use of mankind, the Bible also implies that mankind should exercise dominion stewardship in a way that honors God by being considerate of other creatures.⁹ Proverbs 12:10 says "A righteous man regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

Dr. Henry M. Morris sums up well the Biblical view of the human charge of caring for the creatures in our world¹⁰:

"When God placed the animals under man's dominion (Genesis 1:26 – 28), this was a stewardship, not a license for cruelty. God has a purpose for every creature, and even though man can use animals for food, clothing, etc., they should be respected as creatures of God. However, animals should not be regarded as human ancestors or as gods to worship."

In conclusion, let us remember that evolutionism claims to be all about survival of the fittest and "every man for himself." Consequently, the secular movement for treating animals humanely is yet another example of a "behavioral inconsistency"¹¹ in the evolutionary, un-biblical worldview. However, the real and only logically consistent basis for taking care of all of God's creatures and our home planet itself is the Word of the Creator God – the Bible. Let us honor our Creator, first by protecting the sanctity of human life, and at the same time be faithful to steward His creation in a way that "regards the life" of other creatures.~

⁸ See Genesis 1:26 – 28 and 9:1 – 3
⁹ See also Numbers 22:21 – 30 which is the account of the false prophet Balaam's mistreatment of his donkey.
¹⁰ The Defender's Study Bible – note on Proverbs 12:10
¹¹ Defined as: actions which are in conflict with professed beliefs.



Questions Answered

With Joel Kautt

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Thank you,
Joel Kautt, Director

Event spotlight

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Dates: Monday, July 19 – Thursday, 22, 2010

Location: Sevierville, Tennessee, at Sevierville Events Center

Speakers: Ken Ham, Dr. Andrew Snelling, Dr. Herbert Samworth, Dr. Jason Lisle, Dr. Georgia Purdom, Dr. Voddie Baucham, Bill Jack, Carl Kerby, Scott Lanser, Henry Smith and Dr. David Menton.

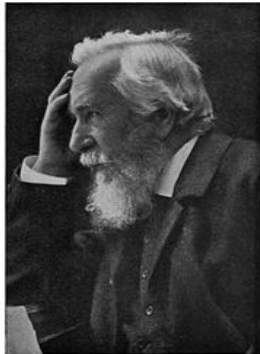
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EVOLUTIONISTS IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Compiled by Phoebe Kautt



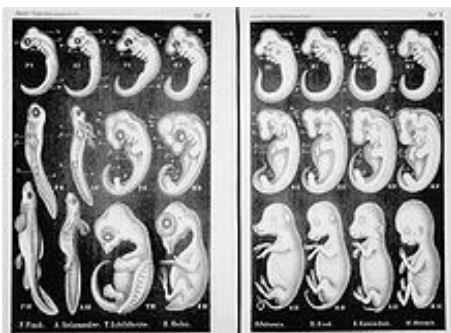
Ernst Haeckel

"I consider the Negro to be a lower species of man and cannot make up my mind to look upon him as a man and a brother for the gorilla would have to be admitted into the family."

- Ernst Haeckel

Imminent German Biologist and popularizer of Darwinian Theory. He is also known for his embryo drawings that later turned out to be fraudulent.

This remark, one of many of the kind made by evolutionists, just shows the inconsistency in their worldview. Some fight for animal rights, and yet they degrade "blacks", whom they see as animals. See Joel Kautt's article on "Animal Rights: An Inconsistency in the Evolutionary Worldview."



The famous embryo drawings by Haeckel.

Ministry Update

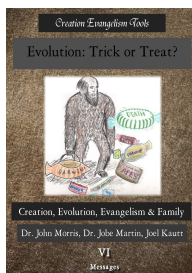
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We are very happy to say that the DVDs from the "Evolution: Trick or Treat?" conference are officially finished! So, if you haven't already contacted us, please do so. We've listed the presentations available below, so that you can let us know which ones you'd like.

These are the presentations given during the conference:

- #1. Creation Evolution and Current Issues - Dr. John Morris
- #2. Questioning Evolution's Claims - Dr. John Morris
- #3 Standing on Evidence from Mt. St. Helens - Dr. John Morris
- #4 Genesis, Creation & Evangelism - Dr. Jobe Martin
- #5 Already Gone: Why Your Kids will Quit the Church and What You Can Do About It - Dr. Jobe Martin
- #6 The Ultimate Proof of Creation - Joel Kautt

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To close, we always appreciate your faithful support of our work through your prayers. We have a lot of great opportunities in the next few months, and we are excited about what the Lord may do through them. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

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