

LETTERS FROM GRANDPA

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Dearest Grandchild,

Today's letter will involve taking another look at evolution. The reason why this is important is clear from history. The belief in the survival of the fittest was an integral part of Hitler's quest for a "super race". The idea that there was no God helped create the gulags where millions of political prisoners suffered and died under Communism. The subject of evolution is important!

Some time ago the Smithsonian announced something that was quite relevant to this discussion. The headlines went like this: "Dinosaur Shocker - Probing a 68-million-year-old T. rex, Mary Schweitzer stumbled upon astonishing signs of life that may radically change our view of the ancient beasts." The "shocker" was that Schweitzer had discovered blood vessels and structures that looked like whole cells inside that T. rex bone.

Here is a brief video about her discovery:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bS6TXh_bx8Q

Schweitzer's discovery produced a mad scramble to "explain" how soft tissue could survive in a bone for 68 million years. The suggestion that the bone could be young, of course, was not on the table. To you or me the age of the earth is probably not of critical concern. To the evolutionist, however, it is essential that the earth be billions of years old. Time is their God! As we have mentioned before, "time" is the explanation for almost everything the evolutionist cannot explain by science. What the Christian cannot explain is attributed to "God". What the evolutionist cannot explain is attributed to "time".

Thomas Henry Huxley (May 4, 1825 – June 29, 1895) was an English biologist. He was so committed to evolution that he is known as "Darwin's Bulldog". His grandson, Julian Huxley, was born June 22, 1887 and died February 14, 1975. He was also a committed atheist and evolutionist. Julian delivered a series of lectures at Indiana University which were published by Harper Bros. in the book "Evolution in Action". Here is a brief condensation from pages 41 and 42 of that book.

"A proportion of favorable mutations of one in a thousand does not sound much, but is probably generous, since so many mutations are lethal, preventing the organism living at all, and the great majority of the rest throw the machinery slightly out of gear. And a total of a million mutational steps sound a great deal but is probably an understatement . . . after all, that only means one step every two thousand years during biological times as a whole. However, let us take these figures as being reasonable estimates. With this proportion, but without any selection, we should clearly have to breed a million strains (a thousand squared) to get one containing two favorable mutations; and so on, up to a thousand to the millionth power to get one containing a million. Of course, this could not really happen, but it is a useful way of visualizing , , . the fantastic odds against getting a number of favorable mutations in one strain through pure chance alone. A thousand to the millionth power, when written out, becomes the figure one with three million

noughts after it; and that would take three large volumes of about five hundred pages each, just to print! Actually this is a meaningless large figure, but it shows what a degree of improbability natural selection has to surmount, and can circumvent. One with three million noughts after it is the measure of the unlikeliness . . . the odds against it happening at all, No one would bet on anything so improbable happening; and yet it has happened. It has happened, thanks to the working of natural selection and the properties of living substance which make natural selection inevitable”.

Remember! Julian Huxley was an atheist. He admits that no one “would bet on anything so improbable”, then he bets his life on it. Something is irrational about this. It seems that he is so desperate to avoid God that he is willing to gamble everything on something that no rational person would bet on happening. On the one hand he admits that the odds against getting enough favorable mutations by chance alone is the number “1” with 3 million naughts after it. But finds some consolation in “Natural selection”. This, however, is not the only ingredient needed to make evolution happen. Time is also an essential ingredient. Since the evolutionists “knows” there is no God, “time” is his constant rationale for explaining everything. He can say “Five billion years” with the same “certainty” that believers say “God”.

The impact of evolutionary thought reaches into almost every aspect of our lives. Take, for example, our current questions about health care, end of life, and death with dignity. Pete Singer is a Princeton professor and animal rights activist. He argued in a radio interview that it is “reasonable” for healthcare providers, insurance companies, and government programs such as Medicare or Medicaid to kill mentally disabled babies. Singer earned a spot in TIME Magazine’s 2005 list of the world’s 100 most influential people. His evolutionary bias led him to state in the D.C. Gazette that if a house was on fire with 200 pigs and one baby inside, he would save the pigs first.

Thank you for reading this letter. You are special! You have been created in the image of God. You are more important than a bird (Matt. 10:31). You are more important than an animal (Matt. 12:12). God love you in a special way, and Grandpa loves you too.

Grandpa Boyce

P.S. There were be no letter next week as I am planning to be out of the country on a mission trip.