

# EVOLUTION'S ACHILLES' HEELS

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### PHILOSOPHY OF EVOLUTIONARY MATERIALISM

#### Are we just a bag of chemicals?

In a debate between William Provine, evolutionary biologist, and Phillip E. Johnson, retired UC Berkeley Professor of Law, Emeritus, at Stanford University, April 30, 1994, Dr. Provine states:

*"Let me summarize my views on what modern evolutionary biology tells us loud and clear. . . . There are no gods, no purposes, and no goal-directed forces of any kind. . . . There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning in life, and no free will for humans, either."*

### PHILOSOPHY OF HUMANITY AND SELF-WORTH

#### Implications on human worth, based on contribution

Richard Dawkins tweets human worth based on enhanced versus unenhanced ability, Aug 2014.<sup>1</sup>

- **In Your Face NYer** [to] Richard Dawkins [and] Aidan McCourt: *"I honestly don't know what I would do if I were pregnant with a kid with Down Syndrome. Real ethical dilemma."*
- **Richard Dawkins** [to] In Your Face Nyer: *"Abort it and try again. It would be immoral to bring it into the world if you have the choice."*

After four intervening tweets:

- **In Your Face NYer** [to] kerry hood [and] Richard Dawkins: *"It is an interesting dilemma. What about people on the autism spectrum (which I am)? Where would u draw the line?"*
- **Richard Dawkins** [to] InYourFaceNYer: *"People on that spectrum have a great deal to contribute, Maybe even an enhanced ability in some respects. DS not enhanced."*

Later, on 21 Aug 2014:

- **Quen Took** [to] RichardDawkins and InYourFaceNyer: *"Having, or not having, 'advanced abilities,' are not the only or most important indications of human worth. . . . educate yourself not only on Downs Syndrom & ASD, but also on human worth outside 'intellect'. . . . And how do you define what a person 'contributes'?"*

#### The worthlessness, or worth, of those with Down syndrome?

"[People with an IQ of 70 and under were] . . . consigned to institutions in which various "idiots," "imbeciles," and "morons" [based on IQ range] were warehoused. . . .[and] considered of such little value that they were fed radioactive oatmeal in the 1950s (part of an experiment . . .)."<sup>2</sup>



However, here are recent news stories on individuals with Down Syndrome

- “On Tuesday Madison Essig . . . graduate[d] from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington D.C. with a full diploma. ‘*When Madison was born . . . there was no guarantee that she would ever read or write,*’ her mother . . . said. . . . Essig graduated with a 3.7 GPA, qualifying her for the National Honor Society.”<sup>3</sup>
- “TJ Maxx recently released an advertisement featuring Lily, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader with Down syndrome, that celebrates the lives of people with disabilities. . . . Her happiness, intelligence and kindness show the possibilities for a child with Down syndrome. . . . TJ Maxx said that Lily inspires them. . . . ‘*Our life has been so blessed because we have Lily in it,*’ [her mother] Natalie says.”<sup>4</sup>  
Watch her commercial at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5k-vqVNNwo>
- “Kate Owens is a young woman with Down syndrome. In 2011 she married a man without trisomy 21.”<sup>5</sup> This site has links to other Down syndrome success stories.

These are just three stories of people with Down syndrome, supposedly ‘immoral to bring into the world’. There would be thousands more, but unfortunately they (80%) have been aborted.

## Eugenics

Eugenics began in the U.S. in the 1920s, inspired by Charles Darwin’s cousin, Francis Galton. Following the Supreme Court [test case] of Buck v. Bell it became permissible to sterilize the ‘unfit’ without their consent. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, an influential Darwinist, wrote, “*three generations of imbeciles [in Buck’s family] are enough.*”<sup>6</sup> Subsequent investigation revealed the entire story was a fabrication.<sup>6,7</sup> Some 8,000 sterilizations occurred in Lynchburg, Va, and 70,000 over all.

Margret Sanger, founder of the organization that became Planned Parenthood, statements:

From her article, “America Needs a Code for Babies,” in *American Weekly*, 27 Mar 1934:

- “Article 1. The purpose of the American Baby Code shall be to provide for a better distribution of babies... and to protect society against the propagation and increase of the unfit.
- Article 4. No woman shall have the legal right to bear a child . . . without a permit...
- Article 6. No permit for parenthood shall be valid for more than one birth.”<sup>8</sup>

From her 1939 letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble:

- “We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably . . . with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population . . .”<sup>9</sup>

From her book, *Woman and the New Race*:

- “The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”<sup>10</sup>

## Philosophy of believing we evolved:

How we think of ourselves and compare human worth to that of animals:

These tweets relate to the shooting of Harambe the gorilla after a 4-year old boy had slipped into his enclosure<sup>11</sup>:

- Harambe was the closest thing we had to a god on planet earth.
- Human Lives Are Not More Important Than Animal Lives.
- Michelle Gregg [mother of the 4-year old boy] deserves the death penalty!!!
- At the beach and all I can think about is how happy harambe woulda been if he was here enjoying these waves:/ #justiceforharambe ripinpeac.
- #justiceforharambe and calls for #justiceforalligators should be 1 n the same! Where the call to prosecute the parents now?”
- And, the *LA Times* reported:<sup>12</sup>
  - “The fact is that a gorilla that just celebrated his birthday has been killed.” — Anthony Seta.”

Finally, a tweet that puts the proper perspective on human life. This regards the alligator that killed a 2-year old boy at Disney just days after the Harambe incident.<sup>11</sup>

- “Boy snatched by alligator at #Disney found dead. Why no outrage like in . . . gorilla case?

## Philosophy of believing in a Creator:

We were created by a loving God for a purpose and an eternity with him.

- In his love for us, Christ (the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Trinity) came to pay the penalty for our sins.
- He gave us free will to choose his gift of forgiveness by merely accepting him as our Savior.
- We, in reciprocity forgive others for their shortcomings (the golden rule) as Christ forgives us.

Accepting Christ as Lord & Savior is biggest decision in your life as it decides your eternity.

However, don't judge someone as a Christian just because they attend a church because:

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile. Billy Sunday!"<sup>13</sup> Judge if they are a true Christian by their lifestyle when not in church.

## THE COST IN HUMAN LIVES

### What we think of others / how we treat them

Christians are often accused of committing many atrocities in past history. Most noted are the Crusades and the Inquisitions. These however, were not perpetrated based on Christian teaching, but instead were totally opposite the teachings of Christ. Throughout the entire history of Christianity the estimated number of deaths is 17 million.<sup>14</sup>

This is a significant number and is it certainly unfortunate, but pales compared to the number of people killed by the policies of atheistic communist and fascist rulers and regimes lacking any moral or ethical foundations for human suffering or life, in just the twentieth century alone.

Joseph Stalin acquired 'Origin of the Species' at about age 13, and said to friends discussing injustice, "God's not unjust, he doesn't actually exist."<sup>15</sup>

Mao Zedong's favorite books were by evolutionists Darwin and Huxley, he told his physician as tens of millions were dying from his forced famine,

"We have so many people we can afford to loose a few."<sup>16</sup>

Adolph Hitler: A 1937 Nazi propaganda film, Victims of the Past stated: "We humans have transgressed the law of natural selection. . . . Not only have we supported inferior life-forms . . . we have encouraged their propagation. . . . individuals lower than any beasts."<sup>17</sup>

A video of the film with this quotation and their extermination program is at: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HOcbkSiKUc>) The poster on the right is advocating killing the 'unfit' because of the high cost to care for them!



### The statistics of democide

Dr. Rudolph J. Rummel, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Hawaii, in Statistics of Democide lists the following figures in "20<sup>th</sup> Century Mortacracies" for 1900-1999. In the table below are his mid estimates between the highs and lows, rounded to the nearest million.

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| ○ <u>China's communist rule</u> , mainly Chiang Kai-shek & Mao Zedong (1917-1987):      | <u>81 million</u>  |
| ○ <u>Russia / Soviet Union</u> , (Joseph Stalin: at least 23 million) (1917-1987):      | <u>62 million</u>  |
| ○ <u>Forced labor in Colonial Africa</u> , mainly King Leopold in the Congo (1900-1920) | <u>50 million</u>  |
| ○ <u>Adolph Hitler</u> (1937-1945)  | <u>21 million</u>  |
| ○ <u>Japanese Military Regime</u> (1937-1945):  | <u>6 million</u>   |
| ○ <u>Other demacides</u> from countries with less than ~1.5 million combine to          | <u>34 million</u>  |
| ○ <u>Total</u>  | <u>262 million</u> |

The High estimate is approximately twice this number. These numbers don't include any battle deaths, which in all the international and domestic wars, revolutions, and violent conflicts so far is 35,654,000, less than 14% of the total democide over the same time period.<sup>18</sup>

This also doesn't include abortion, predicated on an unborn baby's lack of moral worth as a human, which is estimated at 1,000 million (a billion) or more worldwide in the last 50 years.<sup>19</sup> Many Christians have abortions, however they also are against biblical teachings. As in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you . . ." God creates, we have no right to kill unborn babies.

## THE ENVISIONED NAZI EVOLUTIONARY 'UTOPIA'

The consequences of an evolutionary model of government brought devastation upon humanity with Adolph Hitler's Nazi regime. It's claim was to build a superior race to provide a 'richer' human life, by aiding the principle of natural selection through exterminating the unfit 'breeding stock' (the inferior races, the less intelligent, the handicapped, even the unproductive). Another reason to exterminate the unfit were was of their financial burden on the state, thus 'survivors' could live an even 'richer' life.

### Hitler's hit list

It is not generally revealed that the full title of Darwin's book is, *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*. After Adolf Hitler read that book, he decided that there were some races that needed to be removed from humanity by means of deliberate selection. [not all races in his list are shown]

- "Nordic (blond, blue eyed) - Close to pure Aryan.
- Germanic (brown hair, blue-eyed, or less desirable, brown-eyed) - Predominately Aryan
- Slavic (white but degenerative bone structure) - Close to Aryan, half-Ape
- Oriental - Slight Ape preponderance
- Black African - Predominately Ape
- Jewish (fiendish skull) - Close to pure Ape"<sup>20</sup>

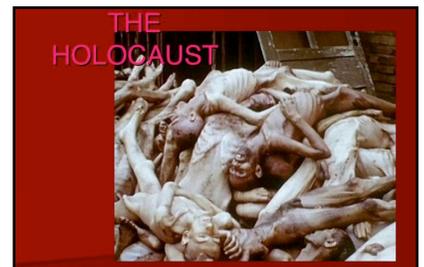
### Hitler's evolutionary quotations from *Mein Kampf*

There are claims that Hitler was a Christian as he mentioned God in some speeches. It was not the God of the Bible however, but his "personal" god. His belief in evolution is however, indisputable.

- "The stronger must rule; it must not unite with the weaker . . . for if this law did not hold, any conceivable evolution of organic living things would be unthinkable. [p. 278]"<sup>21</sup>
- "But little as Nature wishes a mating of weaker with stronger individuals, still less does she want the fusion of a higher with a lower race, since otherwise the whole labor of selective evolution, perhaps through thousands of years, would be set at naught. [p. 279]"<sup>21</sup>
- "Because everyone who believes in the higher evolution of living organisms must admit [the] struggle to live must have had a definite beginning in time . . . [p. 249]"<sup>21</sup>
- "He who would live must fight. He who does not wish to fight . . . has not the right to exist. All that is not of pure race in this world is trash." <sup>22</sup>

### Adolf Hitler enacts action T-4, then the holocaust

"In 1939, Adolf Hitler authorized a program of  euthanasia, to kill the incurable, physically or mentally disabled, emotionally distraught, and the elderly. . . . disabled children and adults, who were considered "unsuitable" to live or who were thought not to contribute enough economically (Berenbaum, 2014). Many patients were starved to death, some were gassed, while others were killed with an overdose of sedatives. . . . Approximately 250,000 people were killed, and the killing of the handicapped under action T-4 is considered a precursor to the Holocaust."<sup>23</sup>



### Nuremberg war crimes trials, 1945-1946

Defendants claimed they had done nothing wrong because the laws of their country said it was okay to kill Jews and other undesirables. Therefore there must be a higher law than national laws.

"U.S. Supreme Court justice . . . and (Chief Prosecutor) . . . in his opening remarks . . . : 'The Charter of this Tribunal evidences a faith that the law is not only to govern the conduct of little men, but that even rulers are, as Lord Chief Justice Coke [said] to King James, 'under God and the law.''"

[Similarly] The Founders of the American Republic insisted that human government must be established on unchanging moral principles that transcend human opinions and feelings. . . . As Constitution signer and U.S. Supreme Court Justice James Wilson expressed: 'Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine'"<sup>24</sup>

## A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

### ***After-birth abortion: why should the baby live?***

This is the title of a 2012 book by Alberto Giubilini (human bioethics) and Francesca Minerva (public ethics). In the abstract they state:

“Abortion is largely accepted [regardless of] the fetus' health. By showing that (1) both fetuses and newborns do not have the same moral status as actual persons, (2) the fact that both are potential persons is morally irrelevant and (3) adoption is not always in the best interest of actual people, the authors argue that what we call ‘after-birth abortion’ . . . permissible . . . including cases where the newborn is not disabled.”<sup>25</sup>

There's a recent push on this eugenics issue, but debate has been going on for over 40 years.

“[In 2011] on, ‘Up with Chris Hayes’ [Peter] Singer [Professor of Bioethics at Princeton] said. ‘A person is a being with some awareness of who they are. . . .’ When asked [about] a four month old baby, he said, ‘. . . to say a four month old baby is not actually a person, that's simply true.’ [He] also advocated euthanasia for persons who lack the ‘capacity to understand . . . continued existence.’ . . . [On health care] he said, ‘. . . some form of health care rationing is . . . desirable.’”<sup>26</sup>

In America, Europe (especially Scandinavia), Asia, and elsewhere, eugenics/euthanasia is again advancing. There are frequent news stories of laws and of doctors deciding that a person is unfit to live, such as the recent article in JAMA,<sup>27</sup> an article on backdoor euthanasia,<sup>28</sup> and hundreds more.<sup>29</sup>

### **Two views on suffering and death:**

In evolution:

- Through our struggle for existence, suffering and death are what produced man, so they are a required ingredient for life, a good thing.

But in God:

- “When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” (Romans 5:12),
- Also, “For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.” (Romans 1:20)
- And finally: “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

### **Belief in evolution**

Evolution is a worldview without God. The big bang forming the universe from nothing, life from nonlife, microbes evolving into man. “There are no gods, no purposes . . . no ultimate meaning in life . . .” We began with that quotation and have come full circle.

Is this the ‘hope’ we want to impart to our children, our grandchildren, and beyond? As Dostoevsky said, “If God did not exist, everything would be permitted”.

Do we wish they follow the worldviews of William Provine, Richard Dawkins, Margaret Sanger, and Peter Singer; or the biblical worldview of faith, hope and love: “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged?” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.

## SUMMARY

- ❖ To find the truth, examine the data on both sides of the issue.
- ❖ No purposes, and no goal-directed forces, no ethics, no meaning in life, and no free will – really?
- ❖ Is it immoral to bring a Down syndrome baby into the world? Check the testimony of parents.
- ❖ In the 1920s, Darwinian eugenics resulted in over 70,000 forced sterilizations in the U.S.
- ❖ Margaret Sanger favored: one-baby code, eradicating Negroes, and killing infants of large families.
- ❖ Rather than loving God and your neighbor, evolution prioritizes animal lives equal to human lives.

- ❖ Rulers and regimes lacking moral or ethical foundations through Darwinian racial philosophies and policies have caused the deaths of over a quarter of a billion civilians in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- ❖ An unborn baby's lack of human moral worth has produced the deaths of over a billion worldwide.
- ❖ Hitler, believing we evolved from apes, based on Darwin's 'Preservation of Favored Races', listed Slavics as 'half ape', black Africans as 'predominately ape' and Jews as 'close to pure ape'.
- ❖ Hitler's philosophy of 'selective evolution', "the stronger must rule" and 'he who does not wish to fight . . . has not the right to exist' exterminated unfit 'breeding stock' to build a master race.
- ❖ Defendants at the Nuremberg trials claimed the laws of their country said it was okay to kill Jews and other undesirables. The tribunal countered: 'that even rulers are . . . under God and the law'.
- ❖ Peter Singer, Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva in *After-birth abortion: why should the baby live?*, and others, condone infanticide up to 4 months or until the baby knows its own existence.
- ❖ In evolution, suffering and death are a required ingredient of life, but in creation they are a result of man's sin which was rectified for those who accept Christ (100% God and 100% man) as Savior.
- ❖ Our worldview encompasses the hope we wish for our children, our grandchildren and beyond?

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# CLOSING CONSIDERATIONS ON EVOLUTION'S ACHILLES' HEELS

**To find the truth, examine the evidence on both sides of an issue.**

## Online creation science resources:

Answers in Genesis (AiG): [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org)  
Creation Ministries International (CMI): [creation.com](http://creation.com)  
Institute of Creation Research (ICR): [icr.org](http://icr.org)

ICR has very good creation science articles in their free monthly magazine - *Acts & Facts*

## The evidence this presentation, and in creation science articles in general, versus evolution articles:

This presentation has over 150 references (almost 20 per chapter), with 2 out of 3 from secular resources. The next time you see an evolutionary presentation, a science program, or a magazine article, check if any references are given. Examine the evolutionary process it discusses. You'll find few give any evidence, evolution is just assumed.

Don't Just Assume  
QUESTION EVOLUTION

## And, examine your relationship with Christ:

It's the most important decision in your life.  
It will determine your eternal destiny.  
You only have one chance (this life) to get it right.  
Again, as on the top of this page: Examine the Evidence  
Online sources:

*Christian Research Institute (CRI): [equip.org](http://equip.org)*

Books:

*The Bible*  
*Evidence that Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell  
*The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel