

"...having the eyes of your heart enlightened..." Ephesians 1:18

Read about the "Queen of evolutionary problems" on page 2

Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guests and we are pleased that you have chosen to visit us today. Our goal is to do everything according to God's word, including respecting its silence. This is a church of Christ; we are not a denomination, not part of anything larger than this local church and we have no earthly "headquarters." The five elders oversee this work and, ultimately, we answer only to Christ. The comments you hear today are primarily aimed at our own members, as we examine Scripture and seek to be built up in our faith in Christ. If you don't understand something, please do not hesitate to ask one of the elders. We welcome and appreciate your comments and questions on any issue and especially if you see or hear anything that you feel does not correspond to God's word. We are here to serve; please help us do that.

Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection plate. Thank You

Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 AM – Classes

Auditorium: Authority

Room 13/14: Parenting

10:30 AM – Assembly

Speaking today: David Posey

2 PM Class at the Building

Room 13/14

Minor Prophets

5 PM (building)

Fruit of the Spirit

Weekly Young Adults Class

David & Christie Posey's home: 5 PM

Tuesday, 10 AM

Ephesians: Chapter 5:22-33

Wednesday, 7 PM

Auditorium: Authority

Room 13/14: Parenting

Men's Saturday Morning Meeting

7 AM, second Saturday of the month (see Tyler Wade)

Information

Children's Classes

We have classes for children from 18 months and up. Please see the map in the hallway or ask any of the members which room is appropriate for you and/or your child. There are several Bible studies in progress on Sunday afternoon and evening. Check with David Posey if you have questions.

Restrooms

There are two sets of restrooms: one off the first hallway to the right of the lobby and another at the end of the first hallway to the left. Ask anyone and they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

For Small Children

There is a special room for nursing mothers and a separate "cry room" at the rear of the auditorium. You enter them from the first hallway to the right, across from the restrooms.

Online

You can find copies of class material and archives of previous editions of the View and listen to sermons online at www.folsomchurch.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/folsomchurch>

View & Junior View

Be sure to pick up a copy of the View and Junior View; both are sent out weekly, plus there are some hard copies printed on Sundays and available in the foyer.

"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God"

Ecclesiastes 2:24

Top Three Reasons Why the Popular Evolution Story is a Myth

BY F. LAGARD SMITH

We have Charles Darwin to thank for opening our eyes to the forces of natural selection so useful today in medical research, healthcare, and technology. But Darwin also did us a great disservice, all too blithely extrapolating from observable “bounded” evolution to his Grand Theory of microbe-to-man “unbounded” evolution. In a nutshell, Darwin speculated that, since there is evolution within well-defined species, then all species must surely be the result of evolution. Logical enough, but simply wrong. Darwin’s extrapolation is fraught with a host of problems, at least one of which—in three particulars—is fatal to his Grand Theory.

That fatal flaw? The origin of sexual reproduction. Evolution (and evolutionists) simply can’t explain it, and Darwin himself never even tried. The way he talked around the edges makes one wonder how Darwin could not have considered the difficulty, especially since he candidly addressed a number of other difficulties with his theory. In his books, Darwin discussed sexual selection, gender divergence, and all sorts of matters pertaining to breeding, but, curiously, not a single word about *the origin of sex*. Did Darwin simply take sex for granted since the biological world is awash with sex? Was he just too close to the problem to recognize it? Or is it possible that this particular difficulty was too much of a threat to his elegant theory to highlight it for his readers and critics?

Whatever the explanation, it’s clear that Darwin never seriously dealt with the following three devastating problems with his theory:

1. Natural selection could not have “selected” from genderless asexual replication the DNA information necessary for evolving the very first male and female forms necessary for sexual reproduction. If, as evolution theory teaches, asexual replication was the sole, primitive form of biological reproduction on the planet, in order to move the evolutionary process forward to sexual reproduction it first would have been necessary to evolve separate genders. Male and female forms would have to appear separately, concurrently, and compatibly in order for the first-ever sexual reproduction to occur. Because genderless asexual DNA only enables the production of exact copies, there is no DNA information that possibly could be “selected” to produce never-before-seen gender.

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2. Natural selection could not possibly have evolved even the most elementary form of sex by *meiosis*—a radically different form of reproduction from “exact-copy” asexual *mitosis*.

Unlike *mitosis*, in which an organism simply clones itself by making identical “selfies,” male/female *meiosis* requires a precise 50% reduction of (compatible) chromosomes, a mind-boggling process of “crossing over,” and a breathtaking recombination whereby the offspring is a genetically-different organism from any other that’s ever existed. Without having all the right kinds of bells and whistles in place simultaneously in Generation One, the first-ever prototype of male/female *meiosis* never could have gotten off the ground to move on to Generation

Two of sexually-reproducing creatures. No gradual process of natural selection possibly could have evolved this revolutionary form of reproduction.

3. Natural selection could not possibly have provided simultaneous, on-time delivery of the first sexually-compatible pair of any species in order to move to the second generation of that species, nor certainly to any other, “higher” species along the supposed chain of common descent from microbe to man. How do we know

we have a distinct species? When it can’t reproduce with any other species on the planet. Species are not just different in form and function. Most crucially, they’re sexually unique. Despite certain similarities with the mating and reproductive processes of other species, each species is unique in its sexual equipment, its particular method of reproduction, and in its sexual instincts. Since no random, gradual, natural process possibly could have provided the first compatible pair of each of millions of sexually-unique species, no upwardly evolving “evolutionary tree” ever occurred.

Taken together, the first two problems are quietly acknowledged by evolutionists to be the “Queen of evolutionary problems” for which, despite their best efforts, they have no answers. Remarkably, the third (even more obvious) problem is never once addressed by evolutionists. Could that be because, as with Darwin himself, mentioning it would risk destroying an elegant, but fatally-flawed theory?

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THE CULTURE COLUMN

From Culture Translator*

Suicide

What it is: Two more Marjory Stoneman Douglas students have died—this time by suicide.

Why it's heartbreaking: Recent graduate Sydney Aiello and current sophomore Calvin Desir both died by suicide within days of one another. Experts believe PTSD and “survivor’s guilt” may have been the cause. Since the coping mechanisms in teen brains are not fully developed enough to deal robustly with trauma, they need our help processing and healing from emotional and physical wounds. Your child needn’t be involved in a school shooting to experience suffering: a bad break-up, abuse, the death of a loved one, and bullying can all trigger unhealthy emotional responses. [Here are five ways](#)* you can help your teen survive and grow from traumatic experiences.

Unplanned

What it is: [A film](#) (link leads to a trailer for the movie) about the true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director who became staunchly pro-life, releases to theaters today.

Why it's promising: We haven’t seen it, so we can’t speak to its quality, but we do think it has the potential to start some really good conversations by confronting some hard realities. It’s rated R for “some disturbing/bloody images”—a move by the MPAA that the filmmakers say “seems to be indirectly endorsing the pro-life position: namely that abortion is an act of violence”—so, ironically, “many teenage women in this country who can legally obtain an actual abortion without parental permission will be prohibited from going to see [*Unplanned*]...without obtaining parental permission.” If you decide to take your kids to it, make sure to have a holistic conversation about the sanctity of every human life.

Scriptures: *Romans 1:29-32; James 5:6; I John 3:15*

Social Media

How will we remember the social media era? Probably not very well, according to a story from *VICE*. It cites research into how memories are formed and how the act of documenting for social media interrupts that process. While savoring the moment continues to take a backseat to broadcasting it, it’s likely social media lovers are losing their ability to even recall being in the scene they were so intent on photographing. Bring this research to your teen’s attention the next time screen time limits come up in conversation, reminding them that while likes and

retweets might feel good, a truly felt memory lasts a lifetime.

Fashion

A Catholic mother of four sons wrote an op-ed in *The Observer*, Notre Dame’s college paper, in which she lamented the popularity of leggings amongst young women. Many media outlets have angled the story to frame the backlash to her plea to college-aged girls to “think of the mothers of young sons” before they choose the form-fitting garment. It’s a dicey conversation on so many levels. Are girls really that responsible for male sexual thoughts and behavior or should guys control their own thoughts and actions regardless? Is this shaming normal, healthy physical attraction or could this “Leggings-Hating Mom” have a point? In this swirling conversation it’s easy to forget that modesty is a value that both women and men are urged to cherish, and that there are objective ways we can hold our bodies as sacred places where the Holy Spirit lives. Rather than targeting just one kind of clothing or gender, you can remind your teen that their bodies aren’t sexual commodities to be exploited or gawked at, but rather the very place God has chosen to take up residence in this world and thus due the proper respect and dignity from both themselves and others.

Scriptures: *I Timothy 2:9-11; Matthew 5:27-30*

A Positive Turn of Events?

Girls at a Maryland high school found out their male classmates had ranked them by their looks—up to the decimal point. Though the young men did face discipline from the school, the girls on the list decided that the situation hadn’t been fully resolved. Faculty meetings, a mediated confrontation, and an on-going co-ed campus group working toward respect for female students are just some of the good outcomes from what was a negative situation. As anyone who attended a high school knows, this kind of behavior has never been uncommon—but maybe Gen Z will pump the brakes on a culture that objectifies and demeans women’s bodies.

Finally, ponder Paul’s words in Titus 2:11-14; put it into 2019 cultural terms:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to *renounce ungodliness and worldly passions*, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are *zealous for good works*.

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*The information in this link aligns with what we learned in dealing with our grandson Reichen’s situation after Sandy Hook.