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EDITORIAL

The first issue of **Daylight** has been well received, and I wish to thank especially those of you who offered their good wishes and encouragement. About twenty new members have joined recently, including some non-Catholics who wish to support our work - welcome to you all !

We are delighted to announce that Prof. Maciej Giertych B.A.,M.A.,Ph.D.,D.Sc., has agreed to become our first Honorary Member - we thank him for his moral support. You can 'meet' him in the impressive interview he gave in the video 'Evolution - Fact or Belief ?'

"Science vs Evolution" This new book is the answer to an oft-spoken need - a straightforward account of the scientific evidence that contradicts the theory of evolution. Malcolm Bowden, author of "Ape-Men - Fact or Fallacy ?", has packaged a tremendous amount of information into a highly readable form, including very useful sections on recent research. The conclusion is inescapable : real (creation) science triumphs over pseudo (evolution) science ! The approach is entirely non-Biblical. Very useful, and excellent value for money at £7.95.

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Please notify me if you intend to send a copy to prominent Catholics (e.g. Bishops), periodicals or organisations, or well-known scientists (e.g. Sir David Attenborough), so that we can try to avoid any duplication and co-ordinate the publicity as efficiently as possible. For example, the Natural History Museum (London) and the Royal Society already have a copy.

"Science et Foi". This is the title of the quarterly magazine of CESHE, and is only published in French, which I do not read fluently. I have several back-numbers available free on request, to persons willing to undertake writing a short resumé of particularly interesting articles, or perhaps a partial translation, for possible publication in **Daylight**. Please let me know if you would like to help with this very useful task.

Newman Graduate Education. I have recently received some excellent Newsletters on Evolution/Creation from this new Australian organisation, which aims : "to alert parents and children to the dangers of the false science, the pseudo-psychology and the erroneous ethics that are promoted in schools and universities and propagated by television and newspapers." It is intended to include some of their publications with future issues of **Daylight**. This new Catholic venture is worthy of support.

N.G.E., 7 Kambora Avenue, Frenchs Forest, NSW 2086.

Starting from a committee of six persons in 1987, **Daylight** now has over 120 supporters. Judging from correspondence, it is the only international creationist periodical in the World for English-speaking Catholics. Please inform us if this is not true ! We would like to help to promote all activities world-wide that are working towards the same objective : the restoration of God the Creator in the minds and hearts of mankind. May He bless you for your prayers and sacrifices in this apostolate.

Anthony Nevard.

LIGHT NEEDED IN THE DARKNESS

Maciej Giertych

In the U.K., in the homeland of Charles Darwin, a group has organised itself to produce a newsletter on Creation Science for Catholics called "**Daylight**". Daylight indeed is exactly what we need in the field of evolution research. We have been hopelessly in the dark for so long and for no good reason. *Fiat lux*, let there be light, in the whole creation-evolution controversy! We need it badly.

Let me start by quoting a passage from Charles Darwin's "The Descent of Man" (p.258):

...[B]reaks depend merely on the number of related forms which have become extinct. At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilised races of man will almost certainly exterminate, and replace, the savage races throughout the world. At the same time, the anthropomorphous apes, as Prof. Schaaffhausen has remarked (Anthropological Review, April 1867, p.236), will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilised state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some low ape as a baboon, instead of as now between the Negro or Australian and the gorilla.

Regardless of the biological nonsense this passage contains it is evident that Darwin was a racist. He considered the Caucasians as evolutionarily more advanced than the Negroes or Aborigines. No wonder all textbook drawings illustrating the evolution of man show creatures increasingly less hairy and less black.

These are supposed to be reconstructions from bone fragments. Yet bone fragments tell us nothing about hairiness or skin colour. However it is such false impressions that public education leaves in the minds of children. Those who finish biological education in the high school, and this includes almost all trained in the humanities, are left with the impression that humans are to be valued differentially according to the position they are presumed to hold on the evolutionary ladder.

Another similar hoax in this field pertains to the size of the cranium, smaller in apes than in humans. This indeed can be deduced from some bone fragments. It is assumed that evolution involved growth of the cranium from pre-humans to humans. Hominids are arranged in a sequence with increasing craniums. This postulated cranial growth is assumed to be a consequence of natural selection. After all, we are *Homo sapiens*, the thinking man, thus we must have a tool for that exceptional capacity. Yet everyone knows that size of the cranium is hardly a feature of adaptive value. It is not used in selecting a mate, nor is it correlated to features that are. Certainly it is not correlated with intelligence or memorising capacity. Expressions such as "egg-head" or "big-head" are derived from evolutionary thinking, but tell us nothing about the size or shape of a person's skull.

We can easily suggest other sequences just as ridiculous, say from man to pig, to tapir, to ant-eater, to elephant - demonstrating the evolution of the trunk- or conversely, demonstrating the vestigial nature of the nose. If this sounds ludicrous it is because we know that in all other features the sequence is absurd.

The whole problem with arranging evolutionary series, whether among hominids or in other groups, is that a good sequence in one feature fails to agree in almost all others. Hairiness is not correlated with skin

colour. Neither hairiness nor skin colour is correlated with cranium size. None of the three is correlated with the thinking capacity or with the level of civilisation, nor do they have any relation to the definition of humanity.

Why then is there so much insistence on the evolutionary nature of man ? Is it not connected with the efforts to breed man ? With the philosophy of eugenics ? After all, Major Leonard Darwin, the son of Charles, was President of the Eugenics Society in the early twenties, Honorary President of the International Federation of Eugenic Organisations since 1927, and in 1939 he lauded German pioneers in eugenics for their "influence in changing German thought in the right direction." ("The Eugenics Review", vol.31-32: pp.33-34.) In the next generation, Sir Charles G. Darwin, grandson of Charles, was on the advisory board of "The Mankind Quarterly", the international quarterly launched in July 1960 to deal with race and inheritance.

It was not only in Hitler's Germany that inhuman racial policies were derived from pseudoscience in human genetics and evolution. Eugenics is as much a problem today. The prenatal identification of hereditary diseases followed by abortions, the sperm-banks of Nobel Prizewinners, the test-tube babies selected for quality prior to implantation, the research on *in vitro* hybridisation of man with apes, the pressure for euthanasia - all of these aim at genetically improving mankind, at promoting our evolution. All of these see man in a false biological context assuming nonexistent correlations between somatic and spiritual values. All of these ignore the Creator and His Will.

Man is not an animal. The history of Science has taught us that all humbug is eventually debunked. Cytogenetics has taught us that biologically we are human beings from the first moment of conception.

Population genetics has taught us that races form as a consequence of isolation and disappear following recombination. Anthropology has taught us that both evolution and devolution of human civilisations are possible depending on spiritual advance or decline. Civilisations, by providing motive for isolation, create races and not vice-versa. Sociology has taught us that care for the weak benefits not only the cared-for, but also those who care, while aggression against the weak eventually destroys also the aggressor. True science always discovers the Creator and His Design.

The distinguished writer is Professor of Genetics at the Institute of Dendrology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Graduating with Honours in Botany, Chemistry and Geology at Oxford University, he went on to gain an M.A. in forestry, Ph.D in plant physiology, and D.Sc in genetics.

Previously an evolutionist, Prof.Giertych began to realise in later years that:

"The evidence for evolution shifted from paleontology and embryology to population genetics...Without my noticing it, my special field became the supplier of the most pertinent evidence supporting the theory...Until then I was not aware how shaky the evidence for evolution was, how much of what was "evidence" had to be discarded, how little new evidence was accumulated over the years and how very much ideas dominate facts. These ideas have become dogma, yet they have no footing in natural sciences. They stem from materialistic philosophies...A whole age of scientific endeavour was wasted searching for a phantom...It is time those working in the humanities were told the truth."

Foreword to "Creation Rediscovered", by G.J.Keane, 1991.

FROM YOUR LETTERS.

I am delighted with the information you sent to me. It is good that there appears to be quite a lot going on...My aim is to try and arrange a talk which could be given to the local Christian school. P.B., Cambs.

We have a tape of a talk given by you about the scientific values of evolution theory - nil - which we would like to thank you for tremendously. Thanks and well done. D.L., Co.Kerry.

Thank you for the **Daylight** leaflet, which I found very interesting. I am glad that you are starting an exclusively CATHOLIC anti-Evolution pamphlet...best wishes for all success in your new venture. C.C., Wilts.

A couple of years ago I attended a meeting at Farm Street on Creationism and Evolution. Since then my interest in the question has grown considerably and I should very much like to know if there exists some society or association which is dedicated to disseminating reliable information about this question. F.L., London.

Thank you very much for the first number of your new newsletter - I think the form is a great improvement. We'd like to order 5 copies for our book-rack. Fr.D., London.

In February I was fortunate enough to hear the fascinating talk you gave to the meeting of Pro Fide Forum in London, and to see the excellent video on the Creation/Evolution controversy... M.L., Kent.

I bought the video 'Evolution- Fact or Belief?' I was very pleased with it and have lent it to various people. Bishop X has it at the moment. P.G., Liverpool.

I am an EFL [English as a Foreign Language] teacher and often I discuss Creation with the intelligent young foreign students. T.G., London.

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The European Creationist Congress is a biennial event, to be held for the first time in England. Interest in creation science is intense, and demand for places will be high. A recent public day-conference in Bognor Regis had 700 participants ! If you are interested, book soon !

Please send for details and application form from:

European Creationist Congress.

The fee is £85.00 for registration by 1 April, or £90.00 thereafter. This covers all meals and accommodation. There is limited day visitor availability - (please send for details).

"AS THEY SAY..."

Quotations of scientists on
The Origin of the Solar System
selected by **Stephen Wylie**

"We cannot even show convincingly how galaxies, stars, planets and life arose in the present Universe."

Dr. Michael Rowan-Robinson, reader in Astronomy, Queen Mary College, London. New Scientist, 20 January 1983, p.186. (Book review, 'The Accidental Universe', by Prof. Paul Davies, C.U.P., 1982.)

"Cosmologists, scientists who study theories of the origin of the solar system, are confronted with a great problem...The study of the origin of solar systems is a real stinker. This is one of its charms. And the last 300 years have seen an illustrious band of scientists struggling with the problem and unfortunately coming to no generally accepted hypothesis...It is a sobering and humbling thought that for all the ingenuity and effort which have been expended on cosmogony, we still have no adequate explanation for the formation of our planetary system."

David W. Hughes, book review of "The Origin of the Solar System: the Capture Theory." John R. Dormand and Michael M. Woolfson, Ellis Horwood Ltd., Chichester, 1989. Astronomy Now, March 1990, p.13.

"Our outlook through this peephole at the vast mysteries of the universe only confirms our belief in the certainty of its Creator."

Dr. Wernher Von Braun, NASA rocket expert, designer of the Saturn V Moon rocket. "Into the Glory", p.203, by J. Buckingham, Logos International, Plainfield, New Jersey 1974.

"It is a curious thought that although the motions of the planets have long provided one of the best examples of the successful application of the laws of physics, there is still no proper understanding of the origin of the solar system...The planetary orbits possess an unusual, even mysterious degree of order."

Prof. Paul Davies, The Cosmic Blueprint, Heinemann, London, 1987, p.129.

"In astronomical terms, the Moon must be classed as a well-known object, but astronomers still have to admit shamefacedly that they have little idea as to where it came from. This is particularly embarrassing because the solution of the mystery was billed as one of the main goals of the US lunar exploration programme... But astronomy would be rather dull if we knew all the answers and it is clear from this book that 'Where did the Moon come from?' is still an open, exciting and challenging question."

David W. Hughes, Senior Lecturer in Astronomy and Physics, Dept. of Physics, University of Sheffield, UK. Book review of "Origin of the Moon", edited by W.K.Hartmann, R.J.Phillips and G.J.Taylor, Lunar and Planetary Institute, 3303 NASA Road 1, Houston, Texas, 1986. Nature, 28 May 1987, p.291.

"Cosmologists - and the rest of us - may have to forgo attempts at understanding the universe and simply marvel at its infinite complexity and strangeness."

John Horgan, staff writer, "Trends in Cosmology :Universal Truths", (Report of gathering of more than 30 of the world's leading astronomers and physicists in Sweden to discuss the origin of the universe.) Scientific American, October 1990, p.83.

EVOLUTION -FACT OR BELIEF ?

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Peter Wilders reports :

Wherever the video is seen it causes a stir, and people are visibly shaken by its content. The more people that see it, the more people there are who are obliged to review their philosophy of life and hence their faith...I have found virtually no one, apart from strongly orthodox Catholics, who have not been deeply troubled by it...

We have learned the hard lesson that the version with the theological conclusion [i.e. the first version with Fr.Fehlner's interview, Ed.] is anathema to liberal Catholics. The new scientific version is difficult for them to swallow, but that is all...After the bitter pill refuting evolution is digested, the way is wide open for acceptance of traditional Church teaching. The curious thing is that the religious version is acceptable to the Evangelical-type Christians ! There seems little

doubt, to a number of people including myself, that we have the tool for changing the face of the Church.

The video (the scientific version) has now been accepted by the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications. In fact, it is already available for viewing in the Vatican Film Library, and will be entered in the Library catalogue. This should remove any barrier from showing the video at diocesan or parish level. The product is there and the way is open !

I can certainly confirm Peter's views from my own experience. An attempt to arrange a showing of the video in a seminary by one of our priest members was thwarted by the Rector who claimed it would not be of interest to the seminarians !! Yet the loan of a copy to a Seventh-Day Adventist acquaintance led to me selling two copies, and being invited to give a talk !

It is essential that you readers, who are surely the most committed Catholic creationists in the UK, do your utmost to loan, sell, show or publicise this video, which has such power to do good for the Church. Interest Catholic organisations, schoolteachers, LIFE and SPUC, Legion of Mary, Scouts, Knights, Newman Association, Catenians, and non-Catholics as well. If we don't, no-one will !

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