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PART 4: BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

SAUL OF TARSUS

Some 1,900 years ago a highly educated Pharisee named Saul met the Creator enroute to the city of Damascus. It was a violent confrontation and he was thrown to the ground and subsequently lost his eyesight. He was told by Jesus to go into Damascus and await further instructions. **Acts 9:1-8**

Saul spent the next three days fasting and praying. His entire theology had been shattered and it was necessary to re-evaluate his life decisions. His entire effort to stamp out Christianity was wrong; he was deflated, bewildered and confused.

For the first time in his life, God gave him a vision and Saul eagerly waited to receive the truth from Ananias. **verses 10-21**

In time Saul changed his name to Paul. He became an apostle and received direct revelations from Jesus. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote that mankind at one time knew God, but instead of being thankful, they rejected God and began to believe in fables. As a result, mankind became foolish because they changed the truth of God into a lie. **Romans 1:19-25**

CHARLES DARWIN (1809-1882)

Charles Darwin was born in England in 1809. He was educated as a naturalist, geologist and biologist. With his secular education and a stroke of the pen, he proposed that the Biblical account of creation was not true.

Darwin theorized that all life on earth such as humans, animals, birds and fishes originated from a primeval cell, which through a mystical event created itself. From this single cell, more complex systems developed and over time this evolved into different species on earth.

In time more and more scientists and other educated people began to believe in Darwin's theory of evolution even though there was no evidence. Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) made the case for the existence of bacteria, which was later verified with the advent of the first modern light microscope in 1893. Since that time, there hasn't been a single case where bacteria developed itself into a more complex living organism. There is no evidence whatsoever for the macro evolution espoused by Darwin.

Powerful electron microscopes now allow us to see into the atomic world. With the discovery of the DNA in 1955, it became clear that each living organism has a blueprint for its own reproduction and there is no DNA crossover from one species to another.

The theory of evolution is a foolish idea from a foolish man just like the apostle Paul stated a long time ago. The idea that a cosmic explosion produced life is just as absurd as the notion that man evolved from apes.



Evolution is impossible and no true scientist can honestly hold to such a theory; however, to be politically correct, educators are pressured to conform and teach this asinine theory.

GOD OR DARWIN

A true Christian simply cannot adhere to the teaching of evolution. It is the height of stupidity in God's eyes because it advocates the following:

- ❖ There is no God.
- ❖ Man does not have a soul and spirit.
- ❖ Mankind is merely an evolved animal.

I reject Darwin and his foolish theory of evolution because I believe in the creation account found in the Bible. **Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; 20-25**

It requires just as much faith to believe in evolution as it does to believe in God. The dictionary defines faith as a "firm belief in something for which there is no proof." Therefore, the adherents of evolution are in reality are not zealots of science but a religion in which time solves everything.

THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

The biblical view of man is that he has a physical body, soul and a spirit. **Hebrews 4:12**

The spirit of Adam died when he sinned and he was reduced to just a body and a soul. This is why Jesus stated that a person must be born again. **John 3:5-7**

A baby in the womb with a dead spirit has no knowledge of God. This is applicable to someone who has been born as well. An unsaved person will not seek salvation unless he is in tremendous distress or the Holy Spirit is drawing him. **1 Corinthians 2:10-16**

The physical body, also known as "the flesh," cannot inherit eternal life and must be left on earth when it dies. When a Christian (soul and spirit) moves to heaven, the physical body is left behind to decay in an earthly grave. **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

THE PHYSICAL BODY IS A VEHICLE

God has a spiritual law which states that a human soul can only exist on earth if it is attached to a physical body. **Hebrews 9:27**

The human body is a living miracle. It is controlled by a computer made from protein (the brain). The brain stem is an extension of the brain and be likened to an automatic control center. All the messages to and from the brain via electric impulses are routed through the brain stem, which also controls the breathing, swallowing, heart rate, blood pressure, consciousness and sleep.

The physical body has an elaborate endocrine system consisting of a number of glands which are controlled by the brain through electrical impulses. These glands in turn produce hormones (chemical substances), which drive a number of systems in the body such as digesting food, cleansing the blood, cooling the body (sweating) and keeping the reproductive organs functioning properly. Hormones are also used to prepare a person for fight or flight, giving an extra boost of energy in an emergency.

The physical body comes with certain standard equipment:

1. Two high powered color cameras, capable of seeing two dimensionally.
2. Smell locator
3. Two hearing devices that makes sound heard in stereo.
4. A tasting device
5. Sensors by the millions encompassing the entire skill structure of the body.

The physical body is designed and built to run itself. It is up to the soul of a man to feed the body, provide it with water, empty out the waste, and maintain the body according to the instructions given in the Bible.

When the soul is saved, happy and content, the physical body will work flawlessly according to the design of our Creator, Jesus Christ. **Proverbs 14:30; 15:30; 16:24; 17:22**

THE SOUL

The soul is the real you. It consists of a soul body, which is just as solid in the spirit world as your physical body is to anything on earth.

The physical body is merely a replica of the soul body. The soul brain exists just like the physical brain but it comes in two parts: the conscious part and a subconscious part. We can know this by examining the following passages that describes human souls in heaven. **Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 19:1-9**

All your emotions, intelligence, talents, skills and personality are located in the soul brain. **Exodus 31:1-6; 35:30-35; Matthew 15:15-20**

Mankind thinks with the soul brain, which sends signals to the physical brain, which in turn makes it possible for you to see, hear, smell, speak, touch and project yourself in the physical world.

A car by itself does not have a personality; it takes on the behavior of the driver. A car will be judged by its driver. In much the same way, the soul controls the body.

The human brain is the computer used by the soul brain to control the body and process information from its surroundings. Right now my soul brain and my born again spirit are directing the physical brain what to write.

The physical brain dies with the physical body. If my physical brain were the true me, I would cease to exist the moment my physical body died. **Matthew 10:28**

THE SPIRIT OF MAN

There is an independent part of the soul brain which the Bible calls "the spirit." People who are not born again are able to think, talk and live out their lives even though they have a dead spirit. **Ephesians 2:1-5**

When God created Adam and Eve, they were created in the image of God (triune). **Genesis 1:27**

It is the spirit that makes it possible for a man to communicate with God. Jesus walked with Adam and passed on knowledge to him before he sinned. **Genesis 2:15-20**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?