

## *Evolution Is Satan's Creation Story*

Gerard J. Keane, *Creation Rediscovered, Evolution and the Importance of the Origins Debate*, Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., Rockford, IL, 61105, 1999.

There was a small group of Catholic men and women saying the Rosary across the street from an abortion clinic in Melbourne, Australia. As a couple approached to enter the clinic, one man detached himself from the group and waited for the couple near the clinic entrance, hoping to speak to the young woman. Her male escort struck him from his blind side knocking him to the street, his head narrowly missing the curb. This was Gerard Keane the author of *Creation Rediscovered, Evolution and the Importance of the Origins Debate*, a second edition of which has just been released by Tan Books. So Gerard Keane, who likes to be called Jerry, has a special claim to our attention when he writes:

"The idea of man as simply an evolving creature, the highest of the animals, must inevitably lead to the devaluation of the individual's fundamental rights. In many parts of the world, the rights of the individual have come to be regarded as secondary to those of the state. In "modern" societies, the very right to life itself is simply denied to unborn human beings if abortion is desired by the mother. The widespread "blindness" throughout modern societies that regards unborn human children as less than fully human is largely attributable to pro-Evolution conditioning over many years. In most liberal democratic societies, consensus pluralism has replaced obedience to the laws of God. The kingship of Christ is understood by relatively few, let alone considered seriously as the ideal governing philosophy of society" (pp.281,282).

During World War II, I spent some time in Australia training with Australian troops preparatory to moving up into the New Guinea battlefield. There were lots of long hikes with heavy packs frequently punctuated with cries of "double time yo!" When the welcome shout of: "take ten" went up from the head of the column, the Americans simply collapsed by the side of the road. But the Australians would usually get together under a tree, one of them would break out a concertina from his pack, and they would all start singing:

Bless them all,  
 bless them all,  
 the long and the short  
 and the tall.  
 There'll be no promotions  
 this side of the oceans  
 so cheer up my lads  
 bless them all.

The Americans would stare at them dumfounded. Where did they get the energy? This is the same reaction I have to Jerry Keane. His book is 400 pages long with a huge bibliography, indicating the tremendous research he put into it, plus he got the whole manuscript "camera ready" on his own home computer!

Every Australian seems to be a born salesman. When things had quieted down a little in New Guinea and we were setting up our tents, an Aussie would invariably stick his head under the flap, and say: "Souvenirs Yank?," as he held up a bag of Japanese bric-a-brac that he had picked up on the battlefield. They seemed to have an inexhaustible supply of Samurai swords - we found out later that they were making them out of jeep springs! Now I don't think Jerry's father would have tried to sell me a jeep spring (maybe one of his uncles would), but the point is that Jerry Keane is also a born salesman. He is already touring the country promoting his book, not for financial motives, but solely to impress on people the crucial importance of the "origins debate."

Keane examines the disastrous effects of evolutionism in many areas of thought: theology, philosophy, psychology, morality, etc., but in this little review I would like just to concentrate on his presentation from science where he is at his best..

The book has a beautiful cover - a photograph of Earth seen from space superimposed over Jupiter's Great Red Spot, making the Earth look very small indeed. There are many full color illustrations, the most dramatic being those taken by satellites of the various planets in the solar system. Here is just one example from many I could cite:

"Of Saturn's other satellites, two perform a most amazing feat. The jagged and irregular *Janus* and *Epimetheus* are nearly the same size, at 118 miles and 75 miles [diameter] respectively. They are called *co-orbitals* because they share very nearly the same orbit. Their orbits are separated by only 30 miles. One makes the trip in 16.6 hours, while the other takes 16.67 hours. This slight difference creates an interesting relationship. *The faster satellite catches up with the slower one every four years. Then, instead of colliding, they exchange orbits. The outer, slower one, slips into the inner orbit and speeds up. The inner, faster one, moves into the outer orbit and slows down. Four years later they meet and switch orbits again*" (pp.51,52).

Keane asks how can the atheistic evolutionists possibly explain this by blind chance events since the so-called "Big Bang"? Also how can the so-called "theistic evolutionists" explain it, who like Fr. Stanley Jaki, won't allow any divine intervention during the creation of the universe, but insist that everything happened by secondary causes alone. These satellites, etc. are rather what we are told of Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs:

"When He prepared the heavens I [Wisdom] was present...I was with Him forming all things and was delighted every day, *playing* before Him at all times" (Prov. 8:27,30).

God and the angels must have had a lot of fun doing those satellites!

This book represents a new departure in Catholic apologetics. Keane is not at all defensive, but very aggressive, which is typically Australian. Evolution *didn't* happen, he repeats over and over, because it **couldn't** happen! He gives many demonstrations of this fact. From his many citations from molecular biologists, here is the Catholic Michael Behe writing in his *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*:

"The relevant steps in biological processes occur ultimately at the molecular level, so a satisfactory explanation of a biological phenomenon - such as sight, digestion, or immunity - must include its molecular explanation...it is no longer enough for an evolutionary explanation of that power to consider only the *anatomical* structures of whole eyes, as Darwin did in the nineteenth century (and as popularizers of evolution continue to do today). Each of the anatomical steps and structures that Darwin thought were so simple actually involve staggering complicated biochemical processes that cannot be papered over with rhetoric...Thus biochemistry offers a Lilliputian challenge to Darwin" (p.15).

Keane cites frequently from the wonderful work Protestant creationist scientists have done in this field. This is from Walter ReMine in his *The Biotic Message*:

"Message theory is explicit. It says life was fashioned to look unlike evolution. To successfully accomplish this, the designer had to avoid creating life forms too densely packed within morphology space. A densely packed system of life - without gaps - would look like evolution. Message theory says the gaps in life are intentional, because they look *unlike* evolution. If life forms could be significantly spanned by linking them together with experimental demonstrations, then message theory would be wrong. If gradual intergradations of small steps linked life on a large scale, then message theory would be wrong. Message theory is testable science. The biotic message cannot peacefully coexist with evolution. They both cannot be true. It is one or the other, and clear-cut evidence of large scale evolution would be clear-cut evidence against the biotic message" (p.17).

The story is the same from genetics. Evolution *didn't* happen because it **couldn't** happen. From his many citations from geneticists, here is the Nobel Laureate, the Catholic Jerome Lejeune:

"Whatever may be the process actually employed by nature, close sanguinity over several generations or speciation by a single couple in one generation only, the laws of the chromosomal mechanism require absolutely that a new species appear in an extremely small branch which almost immediately detaches itself from the root stock. To put it another way, the classic neo-Darwinian hypothesis of an imperceptible accumulation of small genetic changes (point mutations) causing a whole population to evolve very slowly toward a new type, is definitely debarred. Starting from a common ancestor, whose karyotype [The appearance, number and arrangement of the chromosomes in the cells of an individual.] we can reconstruct very closely, it is not possible to produce a continued chimpanzification, an indiscernible gorillization, an imperceptible orangutization or again a slowly progressing hominization" (p.124).

The same story is repeated in whatever branch of science Keane examines. Evolution *didn't* happen, because it **couldn't** happen! This is amply demonstrated in his close examination of the fossil record where **no** intermediate fossils are found.

Jerry Keane has been extremely fortunate in the friends who have written the Introductions to his books. In the First Edition (which is repeated in the second), the Polish geneticist, Professor Maciej Giertych, wrote what was probably the most quoted paragraph from the entire first edition:

"A whole age of scientific endeavor was wasted searching for a phantom. It is time we stopped and looked at the facts! Natural sciences failed to supply any evidence for Evolution. Christian philosophy tried to accommodate this unproved postulate of materialist philosophies. Much time and intellectual effort went in vain, leading only to negative moral consequences" (p.xii).

I suspect the same will be true of the following passage from the wonderful Preface to the second edition by the Franciscan theologian, Fr. Peter D. Fehlner, F.F.I.:

"It is no accident that so many prominent promoters of the evolutionary perspective as the basis for a total reconstruction of Christian thought and life are Marian minimalists, indisposed to a hierarchical, mediational vision of the Universe, tending always to collapse the higher orders of grace into a single, naturalistic level of existence. Nor is it a coincidence that many promoting Theistic Evolution in the Church are radically opposed to a dogmatic definition of the universal mediation of the Virgin Mother centering on her roll as co-redemptrix with her Redeemer Son on Calvary and during the celebration of the Eucharist" (p.xix).

And here are the final paragraphs of *Creation Rediscovered*:

"...would the rediscovery of Creation strengthen belief in Christianity? Would it contribute to greater awareness of and reverence for the essential dignity of all human beings, and thus have a beneficial effect on society generally? To answer questions such as these in the affirmative, the concept of Special Creation offers a comprehensive explanation of reality, and powerfully reaffirms the indispensable doctrine of Original Sin...

"The rediscovery of the true story of Creation therefore remains an essential prerequisite for both the reconversion of society and the restoration of Catholicism as the True Faith and perennial philosophy...the Church must speak to the troubled world of each century in the most enlightened terms possible. And the story of Creation - just as it is given in *Genesis* - will always be relevant to her "Good News" message to a fallen world" (pp.361,362).

Fair dinkum mate! ("Mate" pronounced "mite."),  
Australian for, **well done Jerry!**

Bro. Thomas Mary

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