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More emerges on the role of Darwinism in the latest mass murder in Norway. Evolutionist Rev. John Stott dies at 90 last week. But which man left the fossil prints in the sand and what can we say about man made in God's image? And you have guessed it - man is this week's theme. It's been an excitingly difficult week which will be topped off by the re opening August 13th of our rebuilt flood devastated Jurassic Ark fossil flood logjam site in Queensland. Now read on – enjoy and plan to join us mid August.

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1. **YOU TUBE LINKS** now on AskJohnMackay.com home page on the right hand side.

2. **NEW QUESTIONS ON ASK SITE:**

a) If God created man, why do men have useless nipples? Surely this is a wasteful way to create. [ANSWER](#).

b) The Bible says man was made in the image of God. What does that mean? [ANSWER](#).

3. **WHERE HAS ADAM GONE** dilemma reported by *Christianity Today*, June 2011, in an article entitled “The Search for the Historical Adam” begins. *CT* writes “The centre of the evolution debate has shifted from asking whether we came from earlier animals to whether we could have come from one man and one woman”. The source of the problem is reconciling the belief all humans are descended from one specially created man, Adam, who brought sin into the world, with the theory of evolution, which says humans are descended from a group of ape-like ancestors, who came into existence by evolutionary processes.

The article (which is very long) quickly dismisses the views of any who believe in a literal Adam and Eve, and presents the views of various theistic evolutionists, the most notable of which is Francis Collins, of Human Genome fame, who has founded an organisation named the BioLogos Foundation, whose openly stated aim is to promote theistic evolution, especially amongst evangelical Christians.

According to *Christianity Today* “BioLogos not only promotes the current scientific consensus on human origins, but ways in which Scripture can be reinterpreted to accord with evolutionary theory.” *Christianity Today*, which claims to be “a magazine of evangelical conviction,” has an editorial on the Adam controversy where they wrote: “At this juncture, we counsel patience. We don't need another fundamentalist reaction against science. We need instead a positive interdisciplinary engagement that recognizes the good will of all involved and that creative thinking takes time. In the long run, it may be the humility of our scholars as much as their technical expertise that will bring us to deeper knowledge of the truth”. Links: *Christianity Today* [Article Editorial](#)

ED. COM. No time to beat around the bush on this one – if the first man Adam and all creatures mentioned in Genesis 1 came into existence by the kill or be killed processes of evolution, then suffering and death were already in the world when the god of the Theistic evolutionists pronounced it very good (Gen 1:31). Sin didn't enter the picture till Genesis 3, so physical death and suffering were not a consequence of sin in Collins' BioLogos rewrite of world history. Therefore any future Gospel promise for dealing with sin and its consequences through Christ creating a new heavens and new earth which will also be called 'very good' (Rev 21:21), has one major down side. Such a good new creation can also have the same kill or be killed processes, can also operate just as it did the last time the god of the Thiestic Evolutionist called it very good when the world and all that was in it really really wasn't!

Wake up world – Collins' theistically evolving god is a liar who offers you nothing but death and suffering in exchange for temporary academic independence from the authority of the Real Creator God who is Jesus Christ. But beware - the only 'god' who fits the 'has been a liar from the beginning' description, is Satan aka Lucifer aka Devil. And we add a warning to Collins, Biologos and Christianity Today, you are deceived and have become deceivers. Like the Pharisees of old, Jesus warns you, "you are travelling the world to find proselytes and when you do you make them bigger sons and daughters of hell than you are". (Matt 23:15).

Christianity Today's suggestions about how this dilemma will be solved by "positive interdisciplinary engagement", "creative thinking", or by reinterpreting Scripture to fit the latest scientific version of evolutionary theory are ludicrous. The situation will only be resolved by putting the Word of God, who was there in the beginning, above the words of men like Collins and Biologos who were not.

This is not a new issue. Creation Research has dealt with it in more detail in a debate with John Polkinghorne, an Anglican theologian and theistic evolutionist, held at Liverpool Cathedral in 2005. This debate is available as a DVD "*The Big Question: Is evolution compatible with Christianity?*" (Ref. evolutionism, theology, Fall of Man)

DID YOU MISS PROFESSOR Ed Neeland's rebuttal to Dr Francis Collins claim that God used evolution? [CLICK](#).

4. EVOLUTIONIST JOHN STOTT DEAD 27July 2011. Stott (1921-2011) was Rector (senior minister) of All Souls Langham Place, London UK, and long before Francis Collins and BioLogos were promoting evolution, Stott wrote: "...several forms of pre-Adamic 'hominid' may have existed for thousands of years previously. These hominids began to advance culturally. They made their cave drawings and buried their dead. It is conceivable that God created Adam out of one of them. You may call them homo erectus. ... But Adam was the first homo divinus, if I may coin a phrase, the first man to whom may be given the Biblical designation 'made in the image of God'. Precisely what the divine likeness was, which was stamped upon him, we do not know, for Scripture nowhere tells us. But Scripture seems to suggest that it includes rational, moral, social, and spiritual faculties which make man unlike all other creatures and like God the creator, and on account of which he was given 'dominion' over the lower creation". John Stott, *Understanding the Bible: Expanded Edition*; 54-56) [Original edition: Scripture Union, London (1984), pp. 48f.] <http://www.christian.org.uk/news/evangelical-leader-john-stott-passes-away-at-90/>

ED. COM. It may be "conceivable" to learned theologians that God created Adam out of a pre-existing hominid, but this is not what Genesis says. The first chapters in the Biblical record clearly state that the first man, Adam, was made from "dust of the ground", i.e. raw materials, not some pre-existing creature. Genesis also clearly states that Eve was made from tissue taken from Adam. Thus Adam and Eve were separate creations, but of one flesh, and ultimately the whole human race is derived from this one man Adam. In John Stott's story, God at best had to stamp his image separately on at least one female hominid. Sadly, John Stott was a prominent example of how the Church academics gave up the battle for the truth when evolution became the acceptable dogma in the world during the 20th century. It is not surprising that having abandoned confidence in the

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real history in Genesis, Stott beginning in the 1980's publicly and seriously questioning the literal truth of Jesus teaching on a real eternal future in hell fire. Stott was writer of many books on the Bible and Christianity and was considered one of the world's leading evangelical preachers and writers for many decades. Wonder how his rewrites are getting on as the real Jesus stares over his shoulder. (Ref. theology, theologians, compromise)

5. JOIN US AUGUST 13th at the Jurassic Ark site Gympie to see the repaired site, and the updated Outdoor Creation Museum. It is looking great! Join us for a BBQ at the Gympie site 12pm - 3pm, 108 Sykes Rd, Bells Bridge, GYMPIE 4570. Meet the Creation Research Team, enjoy good fellowship and share in Christ's great blessings. RSVP by 9th August to info@creationresearch.net or phone Anne on 07 32064467. More details on the Project [CLICK](#).

6. YOU TOO CAN SEE our latest field trip results if you don't get our printed newsletter [CLICK](#).

7. HUMANS PREDISPOSED TO GOD AND AFTERLIFE, conclude Oxford researchers, according to an article in ScienceDaily 14 July 2011. An international team of researchers led by two Oxford University academics has carried out a number of studies of religious beliefs in 20 different countries, involving many cultures and religions. The project was named "The Cognition, Religion and Theology Project" and cost 1.9 million British pounds (around 3 million US dollars). According to ScienceDaily the researchers were not trying to prove or disprove the existence of God but wanted to know if "concepts such as gods and an afterlife appear to be entirely taught or are basic expressions of human nature" and they concluded "that humans are predisposed to believe in gods and an afterlife, and that both theology and atheism are reasoned responses to what is a basic impulse of the human mind". One of the research directors, Professor Roger Trigg, from the University of Oxford's Ian Ramsey Centre, explained: "This project suggests that religion is not just something for a peculiar few to do on Sundays instead of playing golf. We have gathered a body of evidence that suggests that religion is a common fact of human nature across different societies. This suggests that attempts to suppress religion are likely to be short-lived as human thought seems to be rooted to religious concepts, such as the existence of supernatural agents or gods, and the possibility of an afterlife or pre-life".

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. We could have saved them 1.9 million pounds by recommending they accept the Biblical teaching that man was made in the image of the Creator God who is an eternal Spirit, so it follows that spiritual awareness aka religious belief, along with the belief in a life beyond our earthly existence, is built into humans because our image reflects the nature of our Creator. As this research discovered, deep down people know/suspect/conclude that death is not the end to their existence.

That's what makes atheists such hypocrites. If there really is no god why bother fighting us God worshippers about it – just leave us alone in our delusion- we will die happy even if you won't. But Atheists and Agnostics can't seem to do that – they act as if they are compelled to foister rejection of God upon all of society. Rather than being a "reasoned response", the God deniers of atheism and agnosticism are in deliberate reasoned rebellion against the Creator, as they willingly forget that it was our rebellion that got us into this mess in the first place.

It would be a tragedy if the academics involved in this project spent 1.9 million pounds, to find out how spiritual we all are, but failed to accept the free gift of eternal life offered by the Creator and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Ref. philosophy, world views, theism, deism)

8. LAETOLI FOOTPRINTS "SURPRISINGLY MODERN" according to articles in ScienceDaily 19 July 2011 and ABC News in Science 21 July 2011. The Laetoli footprints are preserved in rock in Tanzania. Researchers from the UK, Belgium and Japan have used computer imaging techniques to analyse the Laetoli footprints and determine the walking style of whoever or whatever made them. The research team used image analysis based on methods used in functional brain imaging, to obtain clear three-dimensional views of the eleven intact prints in the trail, and then compared these with footprints made by humans and great apes.

The Laetoli footprints are dated as being 3.7 million years old, but human ancestors with fully upright bipedal gait are not believed to have evolved until 1.9 million years ago. Because of the old date, the footprints have been presumed to be made by *Australopithecus afarensis*, a fossil ape-like creature whose best known example is “Lucy”. However, as Robin Crompton of University of Liverpool explained: “It was previously thought that *Australopithecus afarensis* walked in a crouched posture, and on the side of the foot, pushing off the ground with the middle part of the foot, as today's great apes do”. He went on to say: “We found, however, that the Laetoli prints represented a type of bipedal walking that was fully upright and driven by the front of the foot, particularly the big toe, much like humans today, and quite different to bipedal walking of chimpanzees and other apes.”

Links: [ABC ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. As we have said before, if these footprints had been found on a beach today no-one would identify them as anything but human. It is evolutionist “old date” put on the rock layer containing the ?, followed by the belief that humans didn’t evolve until long after the Laetoli footprints were buried, that force evolutionists to reach the foolish conclusion that the creature making the prints was ape-like in every way yet it made human-like prints.

That does not mean we think fossil prints should not be studied. The fact that footprints are such short lasting structures can tell us about rapid sedimentary coverage to fossilise them, and as a result fossil human footprints can also tell us about the spread of human settlement across a land.

Previous studies of the Laetoli footprints have shown them to be human, but anthropologists have consistently ignored such findings in favour of their belief in an evolutionary timeline. For previous Evidence News reports on the footprints click [here](#). (Ref. anthropology, walking, palaeontology, fossils)

9. NORWEGIAN TERRORIST “WAS ‘DARWINIAN’, NOT ‘CHRISTIAN’” proclaims the headline of an article in WorldNetDaily 24 July 2011. Initial media reports claimed Anders Behring Breivik, who murdered some 77 people in Norway with a bomb and a gun, was a “fundamentalist Christian”. However Breivik’s personal manifesto specifically denies any claims to being a follower of Jesus Christ as God, or even to his being religious but does claim he is a believer in the supremacy of European culture.

According to WorldNetDaily: “Breivik hails Charles Darwin, whose evolutionary theories stand in contrast to the claims of the Bible, and affirms: ‘As for the Church and science, it is essential that science takes an undisputed precedence over biblical teachings. Europe has always been the cradle of science, and it must always continue to be that way. Regarding my personal relationship with God, I guess I’m not an excessively religious man. I am first and foremost a man of logic. However, I am a supporter of a monocultural Christian Europe.’”

Link: [WorldNetDaily](#)

ED. COM. No doubt there will be many evolutionists, theistic, atheistic and anything in between, who will object to the connection between evolution and an act of terrorism. However, the connection between Darwin’s evolutionary theory and Anders Behring Breivik’s views is easy to establish.

Darwin was a quiet gentleman who lived in the British countryside, and would probably be horrified by mass murder, but towards the end of his life Darwin wrote: “Lastly I could show fight on natural selection having done and doing more for the progress of civilisation than you seem inclined to admit. Remember what risks the nations of Europe ran, not so many centuries ago of being overwhelmed by the Turks, and how ridiculous such an idea now is. The more civilised so-called Caucasian races have beaten the Turkish hollow in the struggle for existence. Looking to the world at no very distant date, what an endless number of the lower races will have been eliminated by the higher civilised races throughout the world”. (Letter to William Graham, 3 July 1881).

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Darwin's evolutionary theory proclaims man as just another animal, subject to the same natural selection, where the strong eliminate the weak in the struggle to survive. Darwin's racism came to the fore when he claimed the struggle for existence would keep going within mankind, and non-European races would eventually be selected out by Caucasians (Europeans). Not only is time proving him wrong, but his attitude, and that of Breivik, is the direct opposite of the Bible-based belief that all human beings are made in the image of God and are, therefore, equally precious in His sight.

For more details about how Darwin went from being a bright young theological graduate to an agnostic who believed the European races would eliminate the "lower races" see our article Charles Darwin: The Descent of a Man. Click [here](#) to download PDF (Ref. Darwinism, races, criminology)

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