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SYT 550: Modern Apologetics
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REQUIREMENTS:

2 One Page Letters to the Editor:

- The Origin of Life
- Some Random Problem
 - Either to a real article or an imaginary one
 - Remember you are talking to the *editor*, not the writer
 - Remember that you are a representative of the *Gospel*
 - Don't be so rude that the public might side with the "underdog" under attack
 - Quote people whose views you would respect

Apologetics

- Misconceptions within orthodox Lutheranism
- "You can't reason people into Christianity": nonetheless, one can attract
- Apologetics is Romans 1, Acts 17, but is philosophy, not theology
- We use only the tools present to everyone: reason, common sense, nature
- They remove obstacles to people being confronted by the Word of God
- Apologetics does not bully or push, but draws and persuades

2 Foci:

- Existence of God
- Authenticity of the New Testament

Visible and Invisible World:

- The invisible world has made a resurgence
 - Unfortunately it is a largely fictitious and dangerous world
 - To wit the increases in Eastern Mysticism, New Age worldviews
- The scientific or visible worldview also remains
 - Galileo was condemned by the Vatican for contradicting Aristotle
 - Calvinism tries to learn astronomy from the Bible, not the stars!

God and the Astronomers, Robert Jastrow

- "Science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation."
- "As the scientist scales the final peak, he meets a band of theologians who've been sitting there for centuries."

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Evidence for God from Nature

- Not until the 20th Century did purposefully atheistic states develop
- 2 reasons for doubt
 - 1) Greek Science and Philosophical Development (700 BC)
 - Doubt in the existence of the pantheon of gods
 - Rise in the belief in evolution, or a non-theistic explanation of origins

- Plato and Aristotle rejected non-theistic theories of origins
- Socrates discovered a science without meaning, and so turned inside
- 2) 18th Century
 - Reason first questions God, then questions self
 - Darwin speculated that if his theory was true, how much are our thoughts worth?

Immanuel Kant

- Hume woke him from the dogmatism not of Christianity, but of reason
- Hume was later rejected by the modern age, because he questioned too much
- Human reason is unable to establish the existence of God
 - Aquinas' ways of arguing are:
 - 1) Motion: there must be an unmoved mover
 - 2) Causation: there must be an uncaused cause
 - 3) Contingency: everything is contingent on something; there must be a necessary being
 - 4) Moral: there is goodness; degrees of goodness imply a supreme goodness
 - tao: a universal law of good and evil posited by C.S. Lewis
 - A variation on the moral argument
 - 5) Teleological: the universe is ordered, therefore there must be an orderer
 - Kant argues that this is the best and hardest to refute argument
 - This can only lead to a Great Architect but not a creator out of nothing
 - But science has destroyed the distinction between architect and creator
 - Anselm's ontological argument upgrades these arguments to that of a perfect being
 - Think of the most perfect imaginable being
 - If you can imagine it, it must exist
 - A very weak argument indeed!
- God must be an emotional preference
- There was no longer any respectable scientific or rational reason to acknowledge a creator
- Nationalism became the alternative to religion, leading to Naziism, the French Revolution, etc.

William Paley

- 1802: *Natural Theology*
 - Science must answer for itself
 - Paley used science against the prevailing winds of philosophy
 - His writing and the rise of Methodism helped prevent a British revolution
- Showed that organisms without a creator are as unthinkable as machines without a maker
 - Hume argued that organisms are self-reproducing and so do not need a creator
 - Watches, however, cannot reproduce as so require a constructor
- Also tried to demonstrate the *benevolence* of God
 - Cannot be demonstrated from natural law

Charles Darwin

- *Origin of Species*
 - Did not invent the theory of evolution
 - Repopularized it
- The first person to upset the apple cart of Paley's arguments
- Darwin himself, in his life, was never completely convinced of his own argument
- Biology was taken completely out of a theistic frame of reference

- Darwin was arguing more an ideology than a science, by historical admission

Sir Julian Huxley

- 1959: “Darwinism removed the whole idea of God from the sphere of rational discussion.”

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Evolution's Collapse

- Formally collapsed in 1953
 - DNA: Dioxynucleic Acid
 - Watson, Crick, Wilson
- See Campbell, Jeremy: Grammatical Man (information theory)
 - WWII: Developed the theory of information systems
 - Especially developed during the breaking of the codes of the Luftwaffe
 - Information is neither matter nor energy, but a separate substance!
- Life is a far more sophisticated information system than was known
 - Erwin Schrodinger (1945) speculated that there would be a "life-code"
 - Watson, Crick and Wilson followed the hint and found it
- What is information?
 - Information theory or *communication* theory
 - Not a piece of knowledge, but a coded message
 - "Coded information sequences"
 - Source -> Channel -> Receiver
 - How does one encode the message so as to traverse the channel and be properly decoded?
 - What about noise? (uncoded, random signals)
 - Redundancy: repeat the message is often as possible and compare and reconstruct
- The more complex the system, the more information is encoded
 - How many binary signals do we need to identify one of eight?
 - $I = \log_2 N = 3$
- The more improbable, the more information is contained
 - Something that is the result of chance cannot convey information
 - Noise destroys information, it cannot create it
 - Information is a measure of improbability
- Evolution cannot account for the rise in information in evolution
 - Information is entropic: it naturally decreases, not increases

Ex: "O mistress mine / where are you roaming?"

- Singh's experiment
- A machine is equipped with the English alphabet, and can spit out a million tries a second
- How many tries before the machine creates this phrase
- 1/26 probability to reproduce each letter $(1/26)^{31} = 300$ million times the age of the universe
- The probability of man occurring by chance is $10^{40,000}$
- About the same chance of a tornado assembling a 747

Note: the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics is not the same as the Law of Information

- Earth is not a closed system
- Evolution therefore cannot be critiqued from this perspective

- "Get your easter rabbies early"
- "A defective on the police force"
- "A detective on the police farce"
- "Bottle-scarred" / "battle-scared"

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Neo-Darwinism

- The evolution of DNA to allow a species to produce more offspring than others
- As opposed to the survival of the fittest based on successful adaptation (traditional)
- *Problem*: statistical probability simply can't allow for
 - the rise of new information
 - increased complexity of information
- 1966: The first public debate on the problems with evolution
 - "intelligent design" is not the same as "creation science"
 - Computer science demonstrates that the probabilities are not workable using "randomness"
 - Biology is trying to escape quantification into the realm of mere qualification
- Information theory cannot account for its origin
- Information does not come into existence through chance processes, however

The Mystery of Life's Origin

- Hydrogen, carbon and oxygen
 - must tend to organize into living organisms
 - "Biochemical predestination"
 - Has never been demonstrated
- "There is a fundamental flaw in all current theories in the chemical origins of life"
 - The writer of the preface, a "converted" evolutionist, wrote these words
 - His classes at the university were taken away from him

Cosmos, Bios, Theos

- The universe is so information rich that it can't be accounted for by randomness

Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny

- Belief that the embryo proceeds through all evolutionary stages in the womb
 - A Martian could work out all the equations for the formulas of the shapes of the words
 - But that would not give the sentence any *meaning*
 - Counting the atoms of DNA and its frequencies doesn't get you closer to what it *means*
- Genesis should never be taught in the public school
- Intelligent design, however, is based on sound principles of human reason (Romans 1:20)
- Life is highly improbably, and science can only deal with the probable

1) *Does your discipline recognize singularities?*

2) *Is your discipline sophisticated enough to recognize a singularity if it saw one?*

- Spontaneous generation does not exist
- So there is no logical way to get from inanimate matter to animate matter

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Alexander Oparin

- Soviet father of evolutionary theory in the 1920s
- "The spontaneous generation controversy from Descartes to Oparin", John Farley
- Two kinds of belief:

- mechanistic (chance combination of elements)
- holistic/dialectic: (evolutionary process, no sharp boundary between “living” and “non-living”)
- Only the holistic view remains; the mechanistic has been abandoned
 - Louis Pasteur disproved the theory of spontaneous generation
 - Even Darwin’s theory assumed the existence of basic forms of life
- Life is only a complicated case of the usual development of matter
 - All we need to do is discover how matter “develops”!
 - Marxism needs “critical points” and doesn’t like “gradual development”

Science

- Has greatly changed in the last 100 years
- More on this tomorrow

Stephen Jay Gould

- Punctuated Equilibrium: no gradual development, but “great leaps”
- A different form of “Marxist evolution”!

Natural Reason

- “I believe in intelligent design, because the alternative, random chance, is impossible.”
- *Ukrainian constitution*: rights based on God, conscience, and past, present and future generations
- *Canadian constitution*: rights based on the supremacy of God
- *US*: bringing in special revelation is unconstitutional; but reasonable philosophy is not

Chaos Theory

- Prigozhine: how order can arise out of chaos
 - At the borders of chaos, strange new things can happen
 - Out of the chaos of a cold and warm front, an ordered “tornado” can develop
- Order is not enough: ordered *complexity* is what we’re looking for

Complexity Theory

- Stewart Kauffman: father of “complexity theory” (late 1980s)
 - The next stage after chaos theory
 - “We need to find the opposite of the second law of thermodynamics”
- Largely refuted by the scientific community
- There simply is no proof that complexity can arise out of simplicity
 - There must be a counterpart to the law of thermodynamics
 - Because evolution *must* be true
 - It’s only intuition, but “it feels right” (Waldorf, Complexity)
 - Stewart Kauffman, Investigations

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- Hoyle, Evolution from Space:
 - “Payley remains in the tournament, with a chance of being the ultimate winner”
- Wiler-Smith, The Creation of Life: A Cybernetic Approach to Life
- Dr. Dwayne Schmidt, And God Created Darwin
 - The complexity of the jawbone
 - Approved by Philip Johnson

Points to Hammer

- Evolution as an ideology remains rejected by prominent, competent scientists
 - Our opinion as pastors and theologians doesn't count
 - We merely provide counterexamples from competent scientists
- Kierkardt
 - Many principles of evolution cannot be proved
 - "But I for one do not think it has been proven beyond all reasonable doubt."
- Origin of Species for the *Everyman's Library, 1959 edition*
 - 100th anniversary edition
 - Sir Thompson, Director of Commonwealth Biological Control, Ottawa
 - Fellow of the Royal Society
 - Wrote the Preface
 - "I'm not satisfied that Darwin proved his point, or that his influence...has been beneficial."
 - "In science, heresy is a virtue, and reaction is often a virtue."
 - "But the facts and interpretations...have now ceased to convince."
 - "Their explanation (natural selection)...is not plausible now."
 - "...hypotheses based on hypotheses, where fact and fiction mingle in an inextricable confusion."
- Dr. Colin Paterson, The British Museum, Paleontology Department
 - Speech at American Museum of Natural History, NY
 - Sunderland, Darwin's Enigma created doubts in his mind
 - "I'd been working on this stuff for twenty years, and there was not one thing I knew about it. Either there was something wrong with me, or there was something wrong with evolutionary theory... 'Can you tell me anything you know about evolution?' The only answer I got from the geology department was silence...(In Chicago) One person (an evolutionist) said, 'I do know one thing: it ought not to be taught in High School.'"
 - He developed a presentation of paleontology at the museum that left evolution an open question
 - Eventually the evolutionary establishment forced the museum to change its view
- Richard Milton, Shattering the Myth of Darwinism
 - A science writer in Britain with no Christian credentials
 - The mythology of dating is especially refuted
- Jonathan Wells, Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth (2000)
- Michael Denton, Evolution: A Theory in Crisis
 - The theory is in deep trouble
 - What are the current scientific problems with the theory
- Be careful of "*modern creationist literature*"
 - The claims may not always be scientific
 - Henry Morris has some insightful comments and is more reliable
 - Ken Hamm is often too glib and cartoonish in his presentation

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- Science could not have arisen without belief in the regularity of nature
- Only a faith that distanced God from creation could allow science

Thomas Kuhn(?), The Structure of Common Evolution

- Ideally science changes by honest self-criticism
- In reality, science will not change a paradigm until the anomalies are overwhelming
- Or, paradigms only shift when the next generation comes and the old passes away

- This suggests a subjective view of science

Hillary Lawson, Dismantling Truth: Reality in the Post-Modern World

- A radically subjective view of science

Noretta Koertge, A House Built on Sand

- Attacks coherentism or anti-foundationalism
- What truly upset the apple cart was
 - Einsteinian relativity,
 - The discovery of sub-atomic particles, and
 - The interchangeability of matter and energy
- Logical Positivism/Empiricism
 - If we build only on logic and objective data, we can't go wrong!
 - All metaphysics must be abandoned
 - Ethics must be abandoned: "thou shalt not kill" simply means "I don't like killing"
 - The Vienna Circle
- Symbolic Logic
 - "Snow is White" is true IFF Snow is White
 - "*meta level*" / object level
 - (IFF means "if and only if")

Karl Popper, The Logic of Scientific Discovery

- Also wrote on Quantum Theory, Objective Knowledge, Conjectures and Refutations
- He wrote against Marx and Plato
- Attacked the notion that history follows any logic (psychohistory?)
- Attacked logic
 - If theory A is true, then objective A must follow
 - Objective A follows, then theory A is true
 - FALSE!
 - If it rains, the streets will be wet
 - The streets are wet, therefore it rained
 - What is a streetcleaner came?
 - If T then O, but O does not necessarily mean T
 - If T then O, but if not O, then not T
 - TRUE!
 - Falsificationist Science
 - All we need is one negative to disprove the theory
 - Science is ultimately about disproof and falsification, not proof and verification
 - If you can't prove under what circumstances a theory would be false, it's not science
 - Immunization of a theory against falsification removes it from the realm of science
 - Evolution

Suppe, Frederick The Structure of Scientific Theory

Hesse, Mary Revolutions and Reconstructions in the Philosophy of Science

- The more generalized the theory of science, the more likely it is to be false
- Indiana University is a center for the study of the philosophy of science

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Frank Tippler, *The Anthropic Cosmological Principle*

- Also wrote *The Physics of Immortality*
- Strong and weak anthropic principle
- The universe is organized so as to produce human beings
 - STRONG: the universe is designed this way
 - WEAK: unless the universe were designed this way, we couldn't exist
- Debunks what they feel is a bad argument
- *British Journal of the Philosophy of Science* 1988, p. 389-395
 - William Lane Craig refutes the glibness of the book
 - The logical mistake they make is this:
 - I face 100 soldiers, I hear the explosions, and find I'm still alive
 - Either they missed, or they intentionally missed
 - I'm surprised!
 - But I shouldn't be, because if I weren't alive, I wouldn't be there to be alive
 - (according to Tippler's argument)

Two Propositions

- "God exists": can be demonstrated philosophically
- "God is love": can only be known by special revelation, not proved

God in Creation and Revelation: a Story

A leader of the French resistance in WWII is put in prison for 6 weeks with the leader of the resistance. When they're let out, they know each other and trust each other. Many people tell the fighter that they've seen the leader in Nazi uniform. The fighter can only assume that the leader is infiltrating the resistance, and working on their behalf, whatever the other fighters might think. The same is true of our relationship with God. We know what God is truly like through his Son. Whatever we may be told about God, and whatever we may see to the contrary, we know what God is really like.

New York Times, Nov 10, 1980

- Paleontologists promote the view of sudden changes
- Stephen Jay Gould promotes "sudden bursts of evolution"; punctuated equilibrium
- The changes occurred so fast that intermediate forms will never be found
- Immunization against falsification!
- Darwin and Huxley knew of the problems, but hoped the fossils would be found in time

Evidence for Evolution

- Paleontology: fossils (did it happen?)
 - Little evidence has been uncovered
 - Some paleontologists have admitted defeat (see above)
 - So there HAVE to be LARGE changes
- Biochemistry: geneticists (how could it happen?)
 - There are no mechanisms to describe the transition
 - So there HAVE to be SMALL changes

Luther Sunderland, *Darwin's Enigma*

- Interviews with museum directors of Paleontology Departments

Walter Lammerts

- Worked in genetics at the University of California
- Adaptation is limited
 - Like a rubber band stretched between two points
 - You can stretch the middle point but it will return to its original shape
 - A horse's leg, for example, could perhaps be stretched a few inches
 - Eventually, however, further "stretching" is impossible
- Black fly experiments
 - They only live one day, so they're good for longitudinal experiments
 - Radiation caused startling results: multiple wings, colored eyes, etc.
 - But left to their own devices, the deviations stopped and they returned to normal
 - Fruit flies never become bumblebees

Special and General Theories

- "Special theory of evolution": macroevolution
- "General theory of evolution": microevolution – really just "devolution"
- Bad terminology: it gives in too much

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Dating Methods

- William Thomson, Lord Kelvin
 - The present temperature of the earth points to a short life
 - However, radioactivity was not taken into account
- Carbon-14 (1950, Dr. Libby)
 - Normal Carbon has an atomic weight of 12
 - Radioactive carbon has a weight of 14, which decays at a certain rate
 - No more carbon-14 is taken in at an organism's death
 - So we can calculate the difference in non-decayed carbon-14 and normal
 - The Difficulty
 - There is a gap of 20% between carbon-14 formation and decay
 - Therefore there the earth could be no older than 30,000 years old, or our physics is wrong
 - Contamination works very well within 5,000 to 10,000 years
- Decay to lead of inert gases gives 1,000s to 1,000,000 years
 - But we don't know how much lead there was at the beginning
 - Wall Street Journal, Feb , 1976: "Genesis Revisited"
 - The Earth could not have spun off from the Sun
 - Instead, dust rapidly accumulated around the Sun in "centuries" only!
 - All the planets must have been formed before the Sun
 - Enormous quantities of helium are predicted; but they can't be found
 - Therefore the universe's age must be younger than we think
- Earth's Magnetic Field
 - There is a perceptible, gradual decay
 - The fields cannot be older than 10,000 years
 - Any older, and the earth would have melted down

Paul Zimmerman, *Rock Strata and the Bible Record*

- The genealogies are insufficient to prove the years of the earth

Aging

- Aging has little to do with diet
- High ages occur in regions with high mountains with high mineral content
- This mineral content puts up a shield against cosmic radiation

Human Evolution

- Skull 1470:
 - Shown in National Geographic
 - 1,000,000 years older than pre-man
- Lucy:
 - Named under the influence of the song “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”
 - Now widely recognized as a monkey skull

Arthur Custance, Genesis and Early Man

- The history of early man and what is really going on
- Cavemen were civilized, and they drew dinosaurs
- Civilization decayed from cities to cave, not vice-versa
- Detritus in caves were poor imitations of city pottery

Cladistics

- The study of “branches” of life
- Mathematically quantify similarities between animals
- Without hypothesizing some “common ancestry”

Natural Selection

- Requires
 - A source of variation
 - Elimination of the less fit
- Suppose
 - All the organisms had never died
 - Then all forms would continue to exist!
- It can only explain adaptation, not evolution

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- So far research has not fulfilled the hope of replicating human intelligence by machine

Speaking Minds

What Computers Can't Do

The Oxford Companion of the Mind (no entry for Eccles, a Christian)

Sir John Eccles, *Mind and Brain* and *Evolution of the Brain, Creation of the Self*

Horgan, *The Undiscovered Mind: How the Human Brain Defies Replication*

Eccles and Popper, *The Self and Its Brain*

Radical Interactionist Dualism

- Brain and mind cannot be reduced to each other

- However, they do interact with and influence each other
- The mind is a psychological phenomenon with no physical explanation

“It may even be that natural selection explains our cognitive architecture in some detail. It also may not be. The fact is, we don’t know whether natural selection explains our cognitive architecture...too many of the big pieces are missing...We don’t know how the mind works. So we don’t know what got selected, if indeed selection selected us...there is a lot that we still don’t know about anything.” (2001)

We are not logical machines

- We are able to think creatively
- We are able to err
- We dream

The Eye of the Mind (Eccles)

- The retina has 10^7 cones and 10^8 rods
 - Cones store color and the rods store shape and size
 - All this information is sent...where?
- There is *nowhere* in the brain where the image is “refocused”
 - The information is cross-transferred between hemispheres
 - Sight is psychological, not physiological
- “The picture...never reappears in the brain. The reconstitution as a retinal image requires a synthetic operation...this picture is perceived in the mind. It is a mistake to think it is perceived in the brain.”

CSM

- Central State Materialism: “mind” merely describes the function of the brain
- The mind is a projection of the brain the way digestion is a projection of stomach and intestines
- Yet no AI based on this thought has ever been produced
- Computers can manipulate the quantitative, but not the qualitative

Expertise

- Why is it that humans cannot show the logic behind their knowledge?
- Is the logic simply “hidden” or really non-existent

Turing Test

- This merely suggests that the computer is a very good *illusion*
- It rests on the assumption that humans merely give the *illusion* of intelligence

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Jean-Pierre, *Conversations on Mind, Matter and Mathematics*

Roger Penrose, *The Emperor’s New Mind*

- Debunks the AI cause, but maybe the mind rests on Quantum Phenomenon

Parapsychological Phenomenon

- Precognition, clairvoyance, telepathy, remote viewing
- *Modern Experiments in Telepathy*, 1954
 - “No alternative to acceptance...”, Introduction
 - A series of cards are presented: + □ ○ ≈
 - Later, they were charged with fraud, but no true evidence was produced

- Dr. J. Rhine, Duke University
 - They gather extraordinary case studies
 - 5,000-10,000 actual cases of parapsychological phenomena
 - Examples:
 - 1) As a family drives in a parking lot, the man has a vision of being knocked down
 - After the game, the very thing he saw actually occurred
 - 2) A woman has a recurring nightmare of a nurse inviting her into a morgue
 - As she gets on the plane, *the same woman says the same thing*
 - She decides not to get on the plane, which later crashes

CSICOP: Council for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal

- Founded by Dr. Paul Kurtz, philosopher at SUNY-Buffalo
- Dr. Kurtz is the leader of the American Humanist Association
- They have also been charged with fraud
- James Randy the Great, the Magician
 - Tried to show that Yuri Geller, the Israeli paranormal, was a fraud
 - Sent magicians into paranormal labs to try and “spy out” the process
- Clearly there is “an axe to grind”

Resistance to Parapsychology

- Could causation move backward in time?
 - Precognition involves causes in the future affecting events in the past
 - When we sleep, our conscious and unconscious sometimes glimpse each other
 - The unconscious may give the conscious a “revelation” of the future
 - Déjà vu is a proof of this phenomena

The Paranormal and Human Experience

- 70 Christian Saints were known to have levitated
 - St. Thomas Aquinas
 - St. Francis of Assisi
- Buddhism has the same phenomena
- Not all parapsychological phenomena are “demonic”
- But if we seek after it, we are at risk

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THE OCCULT

Lyle Watson, *Supernature*

- Photography of the supernatural
- Dr. Kirlian used an instrument in electrotherapy
 - This instrument seemed to capture images of living things
 - The Human Aura
 - These lights correspond with the points of Chinese acupuncture, not of the nervous system

Merrill Unger, *The Mystery of Bishop Pike*

- The true story of Anglican Bishop Pike

John Warwick Montgomery, *Principalities and Power and Demon Possession*

- Lutheran writer

Malachi Martin, *Hostage to the Devil*

- Catholic who was an exorcist in the US
- Believe there was a problem with demon-possession in the Vatican

Signs of Demon Possession

- Unusual strength
- Unknown languages
- Special knowledge
- No natural explanations

Story of the Pastor with the Exorcism

- Michigan or Wisconsin
- Had cheated on a test in seminary
- 8 year old possession

A Christian cannot be possessed

- Unless they have lost faith
- Only after losing faith can they become possessed

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NEW AGE

Carl McColman, *Jesus and the Goddess*

- An attempt to fuse masculine/feminine ying-yang philosophy with Christianity
- A former Lutheran!; teaches at “the Atlantean Mystery School”

16th Century hymns:

- centered in Christ
- similar to the 4th century age of confessional hymns

17th Century hymns:

- centered in my soul in dialog with Christ

18th Century hymns:

- the soul begins to talk to itself: “Soul adorn thyself with gladness”

Show there is nothing more interesting and fascinating than the true reality of God in Jesus Christ.

UFOs

- An occult phenomena

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SIGMUND FREUD

- “As Moses led the people of God to the law, so Freud has led people out of bondage to the law”
- The Father of Modern Psychology (turn of the century Vienna)
 - Rebelled against his Jewish background
 - Prescribed cocaine to many of his patients

- Came to his most prominence in United States
- Neurotic: someone who has too many moral controls
- Psychopath: someone who has too few

Webster, Richard *Why Freud Was Wrong*

- Sin, Science and Psychoanalysis

Bitz, Paul *Sigmund Freud's Christian Unconscious*

- Freud was raised by a Christian nanny
- His obsession and dislike of Christianity came from this quiet upbringing

Szasz, Thomas *Ideology and Insanity, The Myth of Mental Illness & Sex by Prescription*

- No such thing as mental illness
- There can be physiological problems in the brain
- Or moral illness: misbehavior

Helmut Schock, *Psychiatry and Responsibility*

- Psychiatry does not have as good a success rate as modern medicine
- Medicines for physical illnesses are spectacularly successful
- Talk therapy is almost as useful as no therapy

Herbert Mowra, *The Crisis in Psychiatry and Religion*

- Practiced psychiatry for a long time
- Psychologists, on the other hand, spend much time in laboratory
- Psychoanalyst is a pure Freudian
- His concern is that Freud says to make a neurotic normal, you must make them a half-psychopath
- He suggests a neurotic is someone who is halfway between normal and psychopath
- We must build more character into a neurotic, not less

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Willard Gaylin, *Talk is Not Enough* (2000)

Hobson and Leonard, *Out of Its Mind: Psychiatry in Crisis* (2001)

Kinsey, *Sex and Fraud: The Indoctrination of a People*

- Kinsey broke the law to prove his points
- A shameless demagogue according to the book

Derek Freeman, *Margaret Mead and Samoa*

- The people of Samoa were happy because they were sexually free
- 'The Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth'
- She was a well-meaning victim of self-deception
- The natives allowed her to believe what she wanted to believe
 - Many cultures are very pliant and will not contradict a guest
 - Many of her answers received "yes" when they meant "no"

Stanton Jones and Mark Yarhouse, *Homosexuality (new)*

- Discusses and supports the traditional Christian sexual ethic

Sokoloff, Boris *The Permissive Society*

- A British author in “Holding Up A Mirror” expanded on this
- Sexual permissiveness leads to the fall of every empire in history

Michael Medved, *Hollywood vs. America*

- Medved is himself a Jew
- He blames Jewish Hollywood for Hollywood’s anti-American posture

Leon Puodles, *The Church Impotent: The Feminization of Christianity*

- Eventually, the church will become repugnant to men

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ABORTION

- Jews were not permitted into a Gentile house
 - Due to the possible abortion of babies in the house
 - This would make it “unclean” due to touching of a dead body
 - The exception was if a Jewish matron looked over the house
- 1 Tim 1:9
 - where murder is linked with immorality and witchcraft (pharmakia)
 - this is possible a reference to abortion
- Racham
 - The Hebrew word for “mercy” and “womb” is the same
 - Same in German and Dutch
- Middle of the 19th Century
 - The details of human reproduction were now understood
 - They realized “quickening” did not occur; the fetus is always alive
 - Abortion laws then came into place
- Bernard Nathanson
 - Abortionist who killed 60,000
 - When it became possible to do surgery on the unborn changed his mind
 - How can you kill and heal the same babies?
- Morality and Religion
 - Not all moral issues are religious issues
 - Should an atheist be permitted to rob banks because he doesn’t believe in the 5th commandment?
- Mignonette Case
 - A French boat sunk leaving a few men and one 14 year old cabin boy alive
 - They decided to kill the boy to be able to survive
 - Their plea of “necessity” was thrown out by the courts

MARXISM

Christ in the Communist Prisons

- Was 14 years in prison in Romania
- He converted from Judaism after WWII
- He retained his sense of humor, even in the midst of suffering

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Karl Marx (1818-1883)

- Son of a Jew who converted to Christian
 - In Prussia, one must be a Christian to practice law
 - Whether the conversion was genuine is unknown
- First University Essay: “The power of Christian love” based on John
- Fancied himself an unappreciated poet
 - His father also mocked this “lack of productivity”
 - Became embittered by this unappreciation
- Marx loved humanity in the abstract, but hated it in the concrete
- 1848: Working People of the World Unite
 - Many people left Germany at this time
 - Marx was part of this revolution
- 1864: 1st International Laborers Association
 - France, Germany, Poland, Italy met in England
 - Had to meet in London because of freedom of speech tolerated there
 - 1871: Paris Commune (civil war in France)
 - Collapse of 1st International
- 1873: Marx collapses
 - 1881: Wife dies of cancer
 - March 13, 1883: Marx dies
- 1889: 2nd International founded
- 1917: 3rd International – the Bolsheviks / Leninists
 - Bolshevik means “majority” in Russia
 - Came from the fact that the “majority” supported Party discipline, the minority did not
 - The “useful idiots” of the west can support us, but only those under party control can belong
 - “Obedience to the point of death”
 - Replaced the first democratic government of Russia destroyed by the Soviets
 - The Czars had already been dismissed – the Soviets killed them
- 1948: 4th International - The Stalinists
 - 1953: Stalin proclaimed that the USSR had become “socialistic”
 - Capitalism -> Socialism -> Communism

The Theory

- Hegelian dialectic vs. Greek philosophy
 - Thesis / Antitheses -> Synthesis
 - But Hegel was an idealist, believing in eternal reason
- Marx replaced idealism with materialism
 - Dialectical materialism -> Diamat
- Three Laws of Dialectic
 - 1) Unity of Opposites
 - Every manifestation shields a hidden conflict
 - Hidden conflict between management and worker behind capitalism
 - Class hatred was built into all classroom examples
 - 2) Transformation of Quantity into Quality
 - By lowering the temperature of water step by step, we eventually get *ice*
 - Small changes will eventually result in a massive change
 - This critical point is the “nodal point”
 - 3) Defeat of the antithesis in the new synthesis

- The end of the Hegelian cycle
- Only the unjust social structure makes evil people
- Socialism will create an environment where selfishness will be overcome
- Only when the entire world was socialist would this occur
- “From each according to his ability, to each according to his need”
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- Gorbachev was a fanatical abolitionist
 - The USSR had been drowning in alcohol to escape their problems
- USSR’s Triangle
 - The Party
 - The Army
 - The KGB

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Carou-Hunt, *The Theory and Practice of Communism*
 Thomas Sowell, *Marxism, Philosophy and Economics*

Socialism vs. The Alternative

- Capitalism: itself a Marxist term
- Socialism: the public ownership of the means of production

Malcolm Muggeridge, *Chronicles of Wasted Time*

- Been everywhere and interviewed everybody
- Converted from liberal Anglican to conservative Roman Catholicism
- Mother Theresa was the formative influence in this change

Solzhenitsyn, *Lenin in Zurich*

- The West and the Germans conspired to get Lenin into Russia
- The hope was that he would destroy what was left of Russia

Whittaker Chambers, *Witness*

- “Communists are that part of mankind that have recovered the power to believe.”
- The second oldest faith: “the vision of paradise without God”
- Alger Hiss helped him smuggle secrets to the Soviets

Carroll Quigley, *Tragedy and Hope*

- “A History of the World in our Time”
- Withdrawn from publication the same day it came out

Social Credit

- Established by Major Douglass
- Factories produced
 - An item
 - Dividends
 - Salaries
 - The purchasing power generated fell short of the total amount produced

Edward Norman, *Secularization*

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CHRISTIAN ORIGINS

- “The real issue is whether the religion confessed makes you happier and more helpful to other people”
 - Comments of an Islamic Studies professor in Egypt
 - This seems to be the modern view: stay away from historicity
- The important thing is not about how we feel but whether it’s true
 - Only Christianity has a solid, historical basis
 - 4th Century is the first complete NT manuscript
 - Quotations from other manuscripts exists to within years of the resurrection
 - Partial manuscripts also exist as early as the 1st Century

Epistemology

- Degrees of Proof
 - Certainty (mathematics and logic)
 - Mathematical realities follow quite simple, predictable rules
 - High Probability: (empirical science: physics, chemistry, then biology)
 - Existence of God based on intelligent design
 - Beyond Reasonable Doubt: (criminal jurisprudence)
 - Balance of Probabilities: (civil jurisprudence)
 - Likelihood: (historical events)
 - The veracity of the Gospels
 - Human events are very complex

Justice Haim Cohn

- Israeli Supreme Court Judge
- The only lawyer who finds a fault with the case of Jesus
- He uses Christian higher-critical authors to establish this
- The resurrection is Anti-Semitic literature

Jeffrey L. Sheller, Is the Bible True?

- Very good from an apologetic point of view
- Takes apart the “bible code” idea

Philip Jenkins, Hidden Gospels: How the Search for Jesus Lost Its Way

- Incisively critiques bad scholarship of the Scrolls and so called “hidden texts”
- The hidden texts were in fact produced long after the biblical texts

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HISTORICAL CRITICISM

Hans and Marie-Louise Keller, Miracles in Dispute

- Published by Augsburg in the late 1970s
- As propaganda for children and adults
 - Supernatural Explanation
- Destroys causality but explains the Scripture

Naturalistic Origin

- Preserves causality but destroys the meaning of the text

Mythical Origin

- The miracle was a divine act
- But it could not have happened
- The event did not happen, but was strictly mythological

Ernst Troeltsch

- Battled dogmatism in the name of science
- Historical Criticism:
 - 1) *Critical principle*: nothing can be said to be certain, only probable (vs. dogmatic principle)
 - 2) *Principle of analogy*: past experience must be interpreted in light of current experience
 - 3) *Principle of correlation/causality*: all effects have causes
- Its fallacy is that nothing unique can ever happen
- Otherworldly causes are not possible as explanations

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Video: Eyewitness to Jesus

- NT Dating
 - Christmas Eve, 1994
 - Fragments of Matthew found by German Scholar
 - About the size of a credit card
 - Chapter 26 with six Greek phrases
 - Date to 60 AD
- 125 AD: Gospel of John fragment
- Graham Stanton, King's College
- Charles Huleatt
 - Man who discovered the papyrus
 - 19th century British "evangelical" priest
 - Served as a missionary in Luxor, Egypt as hotel chaplain
 - Also worked as a chaplain for the local hospital in 1891
 - Discovered the fragments at a bizarre
 - Died with his family in the Messina earthquake of 1908
 - 150,000 others died
- Arthur Hunt
 - Received the papyrus
 - Gave them a late 4th century dating
 - Used only his experience in the dating of other papyrus
- Carston Tidai
 - Happened to take the time to stop at Oxford
 - Can't be dated using carbon dating
 - Comparison must be used

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From a Frog to a Prince

Prof. Richard Dawkins

- Oxford University, England
- Information is a measure of complexity
- Creatures appear to be brilliantly designed machines
- Complexity cannot arise by chance
 - From no information to much information is hard to believe
 - Argument from Personal Incredulity
- But a little bit of chance and a lot of time can

Dr. Michael Denton

- Otago University, New Zealand
- Evolution is not an established fact
- Argument from irreducible complexity
 - Feathers
 - Reptilian to Bird Lungs
 - Transitional phases end up being unusable
 - Argument from Personal Incredulity

Prof. Verner Gitt

- Information Theorist
- Where does the information come from?

Dr. Don Batten

- All mutations discovered so far are:
 - loss of information
 - rearrangement of information
- Nowhere do we see additions of information

Dr. Lee Spetner

- Johns Hopkins University Biophysicist
- Signal/Noise Ratio
- Certain basic types were created, which then diversified

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“Would you ask the way of life from a dead man or one who is living?”

“The cross is the center of all revelation. Ever thought what the bible would be like without the cross?”

“Education cannot do it. Social reform cannot do it. Only the cross can do it.”

11 Theses on Apologetics

1. Christianity distinguishes between knowledge ABOUT god and knowledge OF God
2. Man is not objective, but a sinner interested in escape
3. Man's science is limited
4. Scientific reasoning can show God's existence from natural reason
5. Natural reason cannot create faith
6. Neither natural or revealed Law can create faith, only the Gospel
7. The Gospel is an historical and intelligible message about the incarnate God
8. The incarnation is communicated effectively through the Gospel message
9. The bare “historical” facts of Jesus are accessible to human reason

10. Faith's assent is based on intellectually reasonable facts
11. Apologetics can only remove barricades, not convert