

form to another came about abruptly by drastic, *radical* changes! What does this mean? It means - we are being asked to believe that animals gave birth to entirely *different kinds of animals!* WOW! Can you imagine? Why, this is harder to believe than the old, slow theory! No wonder Goldschmidt's idea was labeled the "Hopeful Monster" theory! Yes, evolutionists have switched boats, but this one has more holes in it than the first!

All this ought to tell us something! It tells us that evolution is nothing but guesswork. As Henry Morris expressed it: "Its nature is coming more plainly into focus and can be discerned as that of a vast framework of deductions built upon the foundation of a false premise" (*The Twilight Of Evolution*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Baker Publishing, p.35).

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Editor's Note: The Psalmist says, "You made (man) a little lower than the angels" (Psa. 8:4), but the American educational system, unbelieving scientists and the media tell young people you are the product of millions of years of dumb blind evolutionary forces and are only a little higher than the anthropoid apes or chimpanzees. With this as a basic philosophy in our culture is it any wonder that young men shoot their fellow students who are praying? Warn your child against the insidiousness of Darwinism. Williams, who has for over thirty years preached at LaVergne, TN has written a wonderful little book called *The Other side of Evolution*. You can have a copy for only \$5 each, post paid. Write him at the above address.

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WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND DLU?

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When I enrolled at Lipscomb in the Autumn of 1955 the cost of tuition per quarter hour was \$8, which would be the equivalent of \$12 for a semester hour. According to the University's report on the internet, the cost is now \$302.75 per semester hour. A minimum of 132 hours is required for graduation. This means a student over a four year period must take an average of 16.5 hours for each of eight semesters. That amounts to \$9,990.75 for an academic year (two semesters). Boarding and lodging costs another \$4,140 per year. Thus the annual financial cost for a student to attend David Lipscomb University is \$14,130.75.

Yet, there is a much greater cost to consider; that is, what will it cost in the spiritual well being of your son or daughter if they attend DLU?

Lipscomb president, Steve Flatt, announced in the early Spring that F. LaGard Smith will join the Lipscomb faculty this Fall. In connection with that let me mention that we published an article by Wayne Jackson in the January issue of *Bulletin Briefs* which documented the heresy practiced and taught by F. LaGard Smith. Here are four major points of that article:

LAGARD SMITH'S BOOK

Wayne Jackson

F. LaGard Smith is a professor of law at Pepperdine University. In addition, he writes popular-level books on a variety of religious themes. One of these, *Who Is My Brother!*, is creating a good deal of controversy. In certain areas of the book, brother Smith makes some excellent points. At other times, he argues positions that are inconsistent with New Testament teaching. For example:

1) LaGard favors a much broader level of religious fellowship than is sanctioned in the Bible. He has no problem appearing with Pat Robertson on the 700 club (to promote his books). He worships with the instrument with brethren in England, and celebrates the Passover with “Messianic” Christians in Jerusalem, personally assisting in the preparation of the sacrificial lamb.

2) Though brother Smith argues strongly most of the time for the essentiality of baptism for the remission of sins, on other occasions he suggests that “commitment to Christ” is “more important” than baptism. He contends that the issue of whether or not one must understand the “purpose” of baptism when receiving it, is one of those “grey” areas about which “we’re simply not told.” His *‘tis/taint mentality is quite confusing*.

3) LaGard is very open-ended on the issue of divorce and remarriage. A case can be built for concluding that he believes that non-Christians are not amenable to the marriage law of Christ. His spirited defense of Homer Hailey, who wrote a book advocating this position, clearly points in that direction

4) Our esteemed brother does not believe that the wicked will suffer eternal conscious punishment in hell. He advocated that view at Pepperdine in 1988, and confirmed it in a series of letters to me in ‘92. He further hints of this in his *Brother* book.

NOTE: You may order a copy of Jackson’s full review for \$3.50 postage paid from **P.O. Box 55265, Stockton, CA 95205.**

THE QUESTION REPHRASED

What will be the eternal cost for your child to attend DLU? Do you want him or her to come home from this “Christian University” and say, “Mama, F. LaGard Smith says it’s okay for a Christian to go to Israel and worship with the

Messianic Christians and help prepare their animal sacrifice” or “its okay to go overseas and worship with those who use the instrument.” They might tell Dad, “brother Smith says there is not really going to be eternal, conscious punishment in hell for the wicked. And brother Smith says one’s understanding of the purpose of baptism at the time of receiving it is in the ‘grey’ area. And, Daddy, you know he’s a lawyer.”

Usually well-meaning Christian parents think if they send their children to a college associated with the Lord’s church that they will be safe from worldly influences and be grounded in the faith in daily Bible classes. Many of our children sit at the feet of professors and hear things contrary to what they have been taught in the home or their home congregations. They just accept what they hear as truth because this or that professor at the university said it. Our young people need to be encouraged to “try the spirits” to see if they are from God (I John 4:1) and that means Bible class teachers, preachers and college professors as well.

PRO-LIFE SUPPLIES

A pro-life group in Davenport, Nebraska, called Victory Won, publishes booklets and videos on pro-life issues. These material not only deal with the evils of abortion on demand, the dangers of pornography and such like, but also teach the importance of chastity, parental right to know and other positive aspects of the pro-life issue. They also handle “pro-life” balloons” (great for VBS) and such things as the “precious feet” pins. The latter bought individually cost two dollars or more, but from Victory Won they can be purchased for as little as \$65 per hundred.

A note of caution, most of their materials are written from an educational and scientific view point but you must screen all of it so that you are sure it is good for our young people. Phone them at 1-800-767-7258 and ask for their little catalog.

EVOLUTIONISTS HAVE SWITCHED BOATS

Jon Gary Williams

For many years promoters of evolution claimed that during multiplied millions of years life on earth evolved through small, intermediate stages. This is the way evolution has been presented in the textbooks. And, of course, if evolution occurred, evidence of this should be found in the fossil record. There should be millions of examples of transitional

forms showing how life gradually evolved. This is what evolutionists expected to find, and this is why for over 120 years they searched the fossil record for instances of gradual evolution. However, none have been found, not a single one!

As time passed the lack of such transitional fossils became more and more obvious and embarrassing to the followers of Charles Darwin. Since intermediate forms could not be found, many correctly assumed that evolution could not have happened gradually. In the 1940s the renowned paleontologist, G.G. Simpson, stated: “...continuous transitional sequences are not merely rare, but are virtually absent...their absence is so nearly universal that it cannot offhand be imputed to chance, and does require some attempt at special explanation, as has been felt by most paleontologists” (*Tempo And Mode In Evolution*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1944, p.105).

So, what did evolutionists do? Did they give up? No! They continued to paddle upstream! But they switched boats! They began to invent another, even more absurd, theory. As the old, slow Darwinian concept was being abandoned, they turned to the idea of a *rapid* type evolution. Here is how Simpson explained it: “It is thus possible to claim that such transitions are not recorded because they did not exist, that the changes were not by transition but by *sudden leaps* in evolution” (*The Meaning Of Evolution*, New York: Mentor, 1956, pp.102,103). In the 1950s the well known geneticist, Richard Goldschmidt, made the same claim. His view was labeled the “Hopeful Monster” theory.

What? Evolution by “leaps”? “Hopeful monsters”? What nonsense is this? As silly as it sounds, this view has now become the accepted theory. By the 1970s and 1980s leaders in evolution were calling it “explosive” evolution; that is, new forms of life just “exploded” on the scene! Derek Ager of the British Geological Association, wrote: “The point emerges that if we examine the fossil record in detail, we find, over and over again, not gradual evolution, but the *sudden explosion* of one group at the expense of another” (“*The Nature Of The Fossil Record*,” British Geological Association, Presidential Address, Vol.87, No.2, p.133).

While this new theory conveniently “explains away” the problem of the lack of fossils, it creates an even *greater problem*. We are asked to believe that changes from one