

Outline and Extracts for *Man His Origin and Destiny*

Hopefully, these brief notes will make the book more quickly accessible.

Some introductory notes:

The 1954 book *Man His Origin and Destiny* is still very much worth reading. Even if it was published 59 years ago, it is still as current as any more recent books on the topic. Whether intended by the author not, I take that to be some evidence of prophetic powers.

This book, published in 1954, and dependent on the thinking of scientists and other observers in the years preceding 1954, is remarkably still current on most points. DNA was discovered in 1953, probably not leaving time for Elder Smith to be aware of that event and respond to it, but apparently it makes very little difference to have discovered DNA. The basic logic of evolution has not changed a bit since then. They must still rely upon the same silly arguments, and it is actually harder to defend, because of the immense extra complexity demonstrated by DNA which is unexplainable in evolutionary terms. Only a similar immense amount of atheistic stubbornness can allow the evolutionists to still make the same old and tired claims.

The ancient and modern theories of evolution are all wrong, and provably wrong, and we have had many Church leaders point this out clearly, but we still have a group of LDS scientists and others who stubbornly hold to this atheistic concept. I find this strange and irrational. I cannot comprehend why these LDS evolutionists hold their beliefs so strongly, and still claim to believe in the gospel. This is a great puzzle, perhaps a larger one than how any intellectually honest person can accept evolution as an explanation for life in the first place.

The Big Bluff

People cannot believe that such outrageous lies and speculations, as typically accompany support for evolution, would be told by scientists. Most people have not the time to examine all these claims for themselves, so the bluff continues to work.

Reversing the usual process

For LDS people, there is a tendency to start with the words of the brethren, and then add in any real consideration of science later. At this point in time, it makes more sense to make clear the bogus nature of the science, and then point out that the brethren agreed long ago that the science is bogus. Rather than just quoting Scripture, let us look at the actual science as a place to start. That is what I have tried to do in the preceding materials.

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INTRODUCTION 1-20

p.1 "For a long time I have wished that someone more capable than I would write a defense of the fundamental principles of the Gospel for the benefit of our youth who are confronted in their studies in high schools and universities with the modern theories of so-called science and philosophy which are in conflict with the revealed doctrines of the Church. I realize that many books and articles have been published in defense of the faith, but not one that deals with these pernicious doctrines which have become so universally accepted even in what we are pleased to call our Christian nation. There cannot be any conflict between truth revealed from heaven and truth revealed through the research of man; for truth is a unit and never is found in conflict with itself. Unfortunately we live in an age when many theories which have not been proved are accepted as truth. These theories have been changed from time to time and are still subject to great modification; yet they persist, and their advocates present them as if they have been definitely demonstrated. We find them deeply embedded in most textbooks in geology, astronomy, psychology, sociology, biology, anthropology, and even in the histories which are used in our schools.

Our children are taught in their homes, in our Auxiliary organizations and in our Priesthood quorums, to believe in the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Then they go to school and find these glorious principles ridiculed and denied by the doctrines of men founded on foolish theories which deny that man is the offspring of God and that when we pray to him as our Father, our words are meaningless and that man is the offspring of some worm or *amoeba* that in some unknown way multiplied to fill the earth with all its plants and animal life.

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Under these adverse conditions is there any wonder that the student becomes confused? He does not know whether to believe what his parents and the Church have taught him, or to believe what the teacher says and what is written in the textbook he is given to study. Naturally students have confidence in their teachers and as that confidence increases, there comes a lack of confidence in the doctrines of the Church and the parental instruction."

CHAPTER 1 CONFLICT BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION—1 21-29

p.1 "Is there a conflict between science and religion? Between the revealed word of the Lord to his prophets and the truth revealed through scientific investigation, there is no conflict. There can be no disagreement wherein truth is arrayed against truth. Could such a thing be possible all things would perish in confusion. There is a conflict existing between revealed truth coming from the Lord to his chosen servants and the false doctrines advocated by men of science. There is also a conflict between false religion and truth revealed through scientific investigation. The time will come when nothing will remain except truth."

CHAPTER 2 CONFLICT BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION—2 33-49

Higher critics of the Bible.

p. 33 "DURING the past century and the first half of the present century there has arisen a multitude of critics who have taken upon themselves the task of destroying, if possible, the

divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. These critics are divided into two groups, each claiming scientific learning. One of these groups deals with the history and authorship of the several books in the Bible. They call themselves "higher critics" of the sacred record; but in fact they are destructive critics. They proclaim that the books of the Bible are without divine inspiration and were not written at the time indicated by the record, and in many instances were written by others than those whose names they bear. The other group deals with the geological history of the earth and "organic evolution" of all living things upon her face. Their contention is that the earth is more than seven billion years old; that all life upon it "evolved" from some infinitesimal life in the far distant past by spontaneous generation. These two groups are parts of the same general class, and each is bent upon the destruction of the story of creation and the development of humanity as this story is told in the Bible."

p. 47 "I repeat that the deliberate teaching of false doctrines, which corrupt the minds of many, by professing divine authority and to be ministers of Christ, is a crime of the greatest magnitude. This is likewise true of those who put forth false theories of science as truth."

CHAPTER 3 FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES OF THE CHURCH 50-59

Eighteen items are listed as fundamental doctrines of the Church. All need to be defended against false teachers of religion and science.

CHAPTER 4 THE DOCTRINE OF GOD—1 60-87

p.61 "Our learned enemies of the Gospel and the divine mission of Jesus Christ, in their overwhelming conceit ... have rejected Jesus Christ as the Son of God. They have rejected him as the Redeemer of the world and the Savior of men. They have denied his Godhood and his resurrection, while they condescendingly permit him to be a merciful and moral teacher of mankind. In fact they think they have learned through their study of science that God could not possibly be an exalted man. He could not be the Father of Jesus Christ in the literal sense as being the Father of his body, for to them God is a force, an influence, a mystery which no man can solve."

p. 79 "They have blinded themselves by hugging to their bosoms impossible and ridiculous theories concerning God based upon organic evolution. Therefore to maintain their views it becomes necessary for them to reject God as an anthropomorphic being and the Father of Jesus Christ; and no matter how overwhelming the evidence of his resurrection, that also must meet with their scoffing and rejection."

CHAPTER 5 THE DOCTRINE OF GOD—2 88-114

Accepting evolution requires eviscerating the scriptures, especially concerning the nature of God.

p. 88 "It is very evident that in the days of the apostles of old the true knowledge of God was fully understood. These apostles never confounded the separate entities of the Father and the Son."

p.91 "Then came also the influence of a pagan emperor, who, while not a member of the Church, by his imperial influence, dominated the ecclesiastical officials who bowed to his decrees."

p.92 "Arius believed, as nearly as we are able to discover his views ... that the Son was younger than the Father; that there was a time when the Son did not exist. He maintained that the Father must be older than the Son and that under such circumstances the Son must be subordinate to the Father. This doctrine implied that there are two Gods separate from each other. The other faction, championed by Athanasius, contended that there were not three separate Gods in the Godhead, but only one, and that in some mysterious manner God appeared as the Father, as the Son and as the Holy Ghost, but not three separate Gods."

p.99 "There is no doctrine in the Bible more plainly taught than the doctrines of the anthropomorphic nature of both the Father and the Son and their separate personages. It is written also that God "created man, male and female, after his own image and in his own likeness, created he them." It is an astounding thing that from the days of Athanasius and the great council at Nice, the true doctrine concerning the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, has been lost to the Christian world, both Catholic and Protestant."

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p.115 "the creed formulated and adopted in the year 325 A.D. ... marked the point where the church as it then existed rejected God and Jesus Christ his Only Begotten Son. From that day until now the Christian world has confounded the Persons in the Godhead and attempted to make of them a mysterious essence or spirit which fills the immensity of space. The pagan scientist is just as sorely confused. God to them may be likened to the forces of nature. or some unknowable influence which likewise fills the immensity of space. They talk of the "God of Nature" and the "God of Science." Both the worshipers in their churches and the scientists in their laboratory have rejected the real anthropomorphic God and in their writings have ridiculed him. Both teach that such an idea as that God has a physical body after which man was formed is a "primitive" doctrine harking back to "primitive man."

CHAPTER 7 THE HYPOTHESIS OF ORGANIC EVOLUTION—1 130-158

The modern-day LDS evolutionists have done as all the others have, dismissing the Bible as myth while accepting even stranger myths of scientific speculation. These two ideas are closely bound together – rejecting the writings of the prophets and accepting the ideas of man. The dual thrust of their deviation needs to be made clear. President Joseph Fielding Smith makes it clear that these two problems inevitably go together, and he certainly deals with both of them extensively, possibly to the extent of confusing readers of his book, who do not expect such an approach.

My interpretation of evolution is that it is nothing but an elaborate hoax, a bluff.

p. 132

"These advocates of modernism and evolutionary teachings, glory in the fact that their influence has helped to eliminate from Christianity, the "dogma of Adam's fall," and the "legendary husks and rinds of our sacred books."

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"It was natural for people in former times to think that life developed spontaneously. Did they not see what appeared to them countless forms of life spontaneously appearing? Such life

appeared in cheese, in stagnant pools, decayed matter or most anything that stood long enough in the warmth of the sun. Even men who professed Christian convictions accepted this to be the fact. Crocodiles were generated from the slime of the Nile, bees and flies from decomposed flesh, and some writers endeavored to draw a line between animals which were generated in carion and those coming from earth and water. In fact there was scarcely a limit in the minds of many as to the extent of spontaneous generation. This belief continued down to the middle of the nineteenth century especially in relation to insects and bacteria and lower forms of life, and it was the scientists who followed the ideas of Darwin, Wallace and others, who were the keenest in the search to discover if this apparent notion were true. When careful research was made the whole theory exploded; and it was these scientists who were forced to admit that such a thing as spontaneous generation is not true."

p. 136

"This question has never been answered successfully other than the account in the scriptures: If spontaneous generation cannot be created now, how could it be possible several million or billion years ago? Conditions, according to the teachings of science, are more favorable now than they possibly could have been in the far distant past. To get a beginning these advocates must *assume* some starting point, notwithstanding there is no evidence that will support it. All evidence points to the contrary. Now a word in relation to this assumed starting point."

p. 137-8

"Then again the question arises: Each of these animals had to have a companion, and we find ourselves in a quandary to discover just why and how both males and females came into existence, both in the animal world and among trees and other vegetation. So we find ourselves floundering in the depths of an unfathomable hypothesis about which no one has ever been able to do more than to make an uncertain guess."

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"from the writings of Hon. William Jennings Bryan:"

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"Darwin does not use facts; he uses conclusions drawn from similarities. He builds upon assumptions, probabilities and inferences, and asks the acceptance of his hypothesis notwithstanding the fact that connecting links have not hitherto been discovered. He advances an hypothesis which, if true, would find support on every foot of the earth's surface, but which, as a matter of fact, finds support nowhere. There are myriads of living creatures about us, from insects too small to be seen with the naked eye to the largest mammals, and yet, not one is in transition from one species to another; every one is perfect. It is strange that slight similarities could make him ignore gigantic differences. The remains of nearly one hundred species of vertebrate life have been found in the rocks, of which more than one-half are found living today, and none of the survivors show material change. The word hypothesis is a synonym used by scientists for the word guess; it is more dignified in sound and more imposing to the sight, but it has the same meaning as the old-fashioned every day word, guess. If Darwin had described his doctrine as a guess instead of calling it an hypothesis, it would not have lived a year."

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Elder Smith ridicules the evolution ideas of scientists.

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"More particularly, in later years, these researches have gone forth with the hopeful desire of finding in the fossils evidences of creatures formerly existing in all the stages from the simple vertebrates up through continuous processions till they could come to *homo sapiens*. or modern man. These researches carried on with the greatest zeal, have not resulted in any discoveries to prove the theory of evolution. These disappointments have forced the advocates to resort to deception -- deception of the most reprehensible character. In the American Museum of Natural History, New York City" are "restorations" of "missing links."

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"In their stubbornness and determination to destroy faith in God as the Creator and in the scriptures which definitely declare in simple understandable language that God is the Creator of all things, they are forced to take this untenable position so they guess that once many millions of years ago, life *must* have come on the earth spontaneously. They have no proof, they can discover no proof, and before any court where justice is dispensed and evidence is required. their case would have to be thrown out of court."

p. 161-2

"To the man who has faith in God and believes in divine revelation, there is a perfect knowledge how life began, but to those who reject the Divine Creator of necessity there *must* be a postulate of that kind, for the fact that life exists has to be accounted for even by the ungodly."

p. 165

"*Haeckel* saw the difficulty and tried to explain it in a meaningless way. He postulated will in the form of an unconscious directive force lodged in every atom, its unconscious soul. But that is so utterly void of evidence and so utterly contradicts the universal sense of the race that we must dismiss it. It is easier, instead of distributing an imaginary rudimentary mind to all the atoms of the earth and of all worlds, it is far easier to conceive of a really intelligent Mind that guides and directs the purposeful forces and selective movements in all the forms of growth and life."

What Haeckel is postulating we might call pantheism.

p. 166

The eye is an instrument composed of parts coordinated to each other.

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"The decree of the Lord has been violated by man, as in the case of the ass and the horse, but the result in such cases is for the posterity to come to an end. A divine law has been violated. This is one of the stumbling blocks that stands like a mountain that cannot be crossed in the way of the progress of the Darwinian theory."

p. 174 - The supposed evolutionary development of horses.

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As a little reflection should render it clear that if neither the effects of use and disuse nor acquired characters are inherited, the theory of evolution is impossible, it is surprising that the majority of geneticists in English-speaking countries seem still to accept the evolutionary theory.

The attitude of these is most illogical.

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Speaking of the various pre-men: "These poor fellows must have wandered about a good bit, from England to Java, to Germany to France, and if we carry it further to deserts of China and even to parts of the Western Hemisphere. It is too bad that these poor fellows did not keep all their bones in one place so that the evolutionists would not have to be put to the inconveniences of manufacturing the missing parts. However, any man who can manufacture a Man from an Amoeba through countless stages covering millions of years, is capable of doing most any thing."

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"There is not and cannot be, any compromise between the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the theories of evolution. Were evolution true, there could be no remission of sin. In fact there could be no sin."

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"Organic evolution tends to rob God of his mercy, his justice and his saving grace. It denies the resurrection of the dead and the gift of Jesus Christ to all men that they will live again. It denies the spiritual creation and places the earth and all of its inhabitants beyond the power of redemption. It teaches that in some unknown way and at some unknown time, life commenced in some spontaneous way in a speck of protoplasm. It cannot explain how this speck of protoplasm, or cell, happened to be. It is merely a postulate, a guess that such a thing really happened. Therefore man is beholden to no one for his existence. He is not, according to this theory, the offspring of God. He had no divine origin, no spirit in his body that is eternal. When he dies he shall return to the dust and death is the end of all. There is no other conclusion; no doctrine more hopeful than total extinction of the individual. These are the rewards offered to you and to me and to every creature through this wicked doctrine which today prevails so nearly universal, making atheists of mankind. Is there any wonder that men of renown like John Fisk can say: 'Theology has much to say about original sin. This original sin is neither more nor less than the brute-inheritance which every man carried with him.' Or, Sir Oliver Lodge: 'As a matter of fact, the higher man of today is not worrying about his sins at all, still less about their punishment. His mission, if he is good for anything, is to be up and doing; and insofar as he acts wrongly or unwisely he expects to suffer. He may consciously plead for mitigation on the ground of good intentions, but never either consciously or unconsciously will anyone but a cur ask for the punishment to fall on someone else, nor rejoice if told that it already has so fallen.'

This is what comes naturally out of the doctrine of organic evolution. It ridicules religion. It denies the Fatherhood of God and the Sonship of Jesus Christ. It places man as the natural kin of the animal, a descendant of a rat, a worm and an amoeba. Those who like it may have this doctrine, but they have no right to attempt to drag their fellow men, who are 'begotten sons and daughters unto God,' down to their level."

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"There has been an utter failure on the part of evolutionists to prove their theory. The arguments from natural selection, embryology and palaeontology have completely broken down; and the feverish anxiety to find the supposed "missing link" failed, even though not one, but thousands of links would be in evidence if the theory were true, such zeal shows the natural desire of man to account for the wonders of creation, apart from the Creator."

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