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Evolution Weekend 2013 (And How To Fight It)

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It's that time again, good readers. The second Sunday in February (or Friday or Saturday, depending on your house of worship) marks the arrival of "Evolution Weekend". On this weekend, according to its atheist founder Dr. Michael Zimmerman, hundreds of congregations will devote time to preach or discuss about Darwinism, the truth of the theory of evolution, the falsity of creationism and intelligent design, etc.

It's all part of Zimmerman's "Clergy Letter Project", a website featuring thousands of individual clergypersons who embrace the theory of evolution (but not intelligent design or biblical creationism, of course).

According to Zimmerman, some 550 congregations are expected to participate in Evolution Weekend 2013. That's more than the 467 initial congregations which participated in 2006, but far less than the 1,049 congregations that participated in 2009 -- Darwin's 200th birthday. These are primarily more liberal congregations, as you would expect.

Essentially, it's a big "Darwin praise service", in the words of the creationist critic Ken Ham of Answers In Genesis. Zimmerman doesn't like that phrase, and said so in a recent Huffington Post article, but let's face it -- the "Clergy Letter Project" website even has a laundry list of pro-evolution liturgical (worship) resources for churches and clergy to use. So Ham is correct, quite honestly.

All the same, Evolution Weekend 2013 is a good occasion to think about evolution, a word that still spooks Kansans because of the massive beat-down and ridicule they received from angry evolutionists so many years ago.

Times have changed, or "evolved" as it were, and now the evolutionists can't get away with all that mess anymore. Louisiana, Texas, and most recently Tennessee have already broken the ice, and put forward some science standards that replace Darwin Indoctrination with Science Education.

These new standards don't teach or allow any creationism, but they **DO** allow for asking questions, developing critical thinking skills, and academic freedom for science teachers.

(For some unspecified reason, that last sentence tends to scare the evolutionists. Shrug.)

Anyway, to celebrate Evolution Weekend 2013, this blog will take a brief look at some evolution-related issues over the next couple weeks. No rush, no pressure, just looking at items here and there.

The main message of Evolution Weekend 2013 is that evolution is somehow compatible with Christianity. That's a religious message, not a scientific message, yet evolutionists (especially Kansas evolutionists) feel compelled to preach it over and over again. Why? Because evolution is a political battle, NOT a scientific battle, and so they want to appeal to the religious voters -- and there are many in Kansas.

But the truth is extremely clear on this one. Evolution is **INCOMPATIBLE** with Christianity. That's right, incompatible. So if Christians do NOT challenge evolution, they are asking for trouble -- especially in terms of losing some of their young people. The famous evolutionist, Dr. Richard Dawkins, said it best in 2011:

"I think the evangelical Christians have really sort of got it right in a way, in seeing evolution as the enemy.

"Whereas the more, what shall we say, sophisticated theologians are quite happy to live with evolution. I think they are deluded.

"I think the evangelicals have got it right, in that there is a deep incompatibility between evolution and Christianity, and I think I realized that about the age of sixteen."

Okay, let's stop there for now. Just some things to think about.

Would you like a fuller explanation about the Incompatibility thing? Then click on this Genesis Station link.

http://cjonline.com/interact/blog/contra_mundum/2010-05-22/two_religions_part_two

Meanwhile, the last word goes to atheist/evolutionist Frank Zindler:

"Now that we know that Adam and Eve never were real people, the central myth of Christianity is destroyed. If there is no need of salvation, there is no need of a savior. And I submit that puts Jesus, historical or otherwise, into the ranks of the unemployed. I think that evolution is absolutely the death knell of Christianity."