

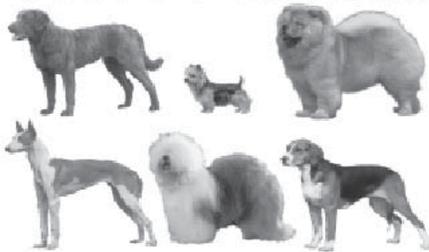
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DOGS DO CHANGE...



INTO DIFFERENT DOGS!

"After their kind" Genesis 1

CREATION CORNER

Natural Selection

When plants and animals bear young, there are variations. That is why you do not look exactly like your parents.

Evolutionists say that these variations can eventually make completely different species, by what they call "natural selection."

But this theory is not true. There are variations that occur, but they are always within the same species. For example, there are over a hundred different breeds of dogs—yet they are all dogs. Even scientists will tell you they are all in the dog species. There are no changes that make them into tigers or horses.

Variations never produce a new type of creature. There are many breeds of cows, but they never give birth to an elephant. It is a different kind of animal. The variations that occur are natural varieties within species.

"Evolution" is the teaching that one species changes, or evolves, into another species. But that never happens. We can search the world and never find anything other than distinct species. There are varieties within each species, but each species is

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distinct from the others.

Evolutionists teach that everything happens accidentally—without any intelligent planning or purpose. But the truth is that every creature was planned. Every part of your body was made according to a blueprint. Consider your eyes, your ears, and your tongue. How could random chance make them?

Another term used, by the evolutionists, is "survival of the fittest." That is supposed to mean that because the strongest and 'best' animals have a better chance to live and have babies, this way they gradually change from one species to greater species. But really what happens, is that damaged ones die, and those closest to the pure pattern of that same species survive, they don't become something else.

Evolutionists also talk about "inheritance of acquired characteristics." This is the idea that, if you lose an arm, your son will only have one arm. But that, of course, is not true. It was a theory which scientists rejected in the 19th century. Yet it is the basis of evolutionary theory today. Your children inherit, not accidents, but DNA code patterns. That is why your puppy dog will only have puppy dogs. It will not have cats or cows or cucumbers.

The DNA code is a barrier wall which evolution cannot pass across. This code locks every species into a certain basic pattern. But within each pattern, or species, there is variation. But natural variations result in changes, or varieties, only within the species; changes which make one species into a different species never occur.

It is because of natural variations that everyone's face looks a little different. Yet even those differences come from inherited DNA patterns. That is why you look so much like your ancestors.

Evolutionists fear to admit that there is any purpose in the formation of galaxies, stars, planets, or living creatures. They fear it, because purpose points to a super-intelligent Creator.

Every true species produces young according to the genetic code (DNA) within its genes. It is absolutely impossible for a mother cat to produce a fish, a canary, or a gopher. It just cannot be done. And a cat cannot produce a half-cat and half-something else. Cats only produce cats. Some cats are black, some white, and some tricolor. These are variations within species and this is quite normal. It is only when variations produce new species, that evolution has occurred. And this never happens.

Evolutionary theory requires total randomness in everything made, but all about us we see purpose in everything. The plant is given roots to extract water and minerals: and leaves to process sunlight and water to produce sugar. The animal is given legs, eyes, ears, and marvellous internal organs. Everything has a purpose. Nothing is random or haphazard. Everything is wonderfully designed.

Only God can make a tree, a butterfly, or a humming bird. And when He works, He does not work in a confused manner. He made many different kinds of creatures, but each kind is special. We can be thankful we are special to Him also. = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The History of Mohammed: 7 AD 624 Jihad: 'holy' war!

About a year after his settlement in Medina, the humble outcast of Mecca proclaimed a holy war (jihad) against its leaders. He sent out raiders to ambush the caravans that passed through the entire area. He wanted to bring Mecca to poverty, as well as enrich himself and his followers. In sending his men to raid the caravans, he was adopting the

morals of most Arab tribes in his time. Here is the story of his first successful raid. It provided him with the camels and supplies to be extremely successful in his later ones:

Mohammed went in person to the plain of Bedr, one of the usual watering stations, located about forty miles from Mecca. It was January 624. Praying and waiting, his spies brought him word that a caravan of traders, consisting of a thousand camels richly laden, was on its home journey to Mecca and Yemen from Syria.

But the prophet's group was so impoverished, that they only had two horses and seventy camels, mounting these by turns. His cause seemed hopeless, but he declared that Allah would give them the victory.

He himself waited at a short distance away at an overlook, and prayed for victory in this first episode in a holy war destined to continue for centuries.

Mohammed's troops charged the merchants and fighting began. The tradesmen outnumbered Mohammed's warriors three to one. But their superiority of numbers was overbalanced by the religious fanaticism of the prophet's followers. They had 'Allah' on their side and the promise that they would go immediately to heaven if they died in battle.

While he waited, Mohammed fell into a brief trance and received another vision from the angel, assuring him that Allah approved and the men would win the battle against the 'forces of evil'.

At this, the prophet mounted his horse and rode to his followers; he rekindled their enthusiasm and led them in battle to total victory. The innocent traders who were only trying to support their families and feed people back home, in Mecca and Yemen, were slaughtered.

The Koran ascribes the glory of this triumph to divine aid. Mohammedan historians relate that the angelic cavalry, headed by the archangel Gabriel, did frightful execution with their invisible swords on the terrified traders. I think in this episode we can tell what kind of 'angel' this counterfeit 'Gabriel' was.

The prophet spoke bitterly of "his enemies," the hapless traders, as their dead bodies were cast into a pit. Only a few remained alive.

He scowled fiercely at one of the prisoners brought before him. The unhappy man exclaimed: "There is death in that glance!" Agreeing, the prophet ordered him to be beheaded. Two days later when

another was ordered to be executed, he asked piteously: "Who will take care of my little girl?"

"Hell-fire," replied Mohammed, instantly ordering the man to be cut down.

Since this event marked the beginning of a jihad, which was to last for centuries, we must ask a few questions:

Were these slaughtered men warriors? No, just traders minding their own business. Had they initiated the attack on the prophet's men? No, they were just passersby.

Had they been given opportunity to accept Allah and his prophet, Mohammed? No, it could not be said that they had rejected Islam. They were killed without being given a chance.

These questions and the answers help us better understand the events of September 11, 2001. The 6,000 people that died there were also private citizens. None of them were soldiers. Both men and women were slain; some children as well. They had not attacked Islam; they hardly knew anything about it. They were just innocent people who were minding their own business, like the tradesmen in the plain of Bedr who were killed in January 624.



OLD TIME STORIES

The Old Eagle Tree

In a distant field, stood a most gigantic tulip tree, of a century's growth. It looked like the father of the surrounding forest. A single tree of huge dimensions, standing all alone, it was magnificent.

On the top of this tree, an old eagle, called the "Fishing Eagle", had built her nest every year, for many years, and, undisturbed, had raised her young. Strange she would choose this place, as she got her food from the ocean and this tree stood full ten miles from the seashore! It had long been known as the "Old Eagle Tree."

On a warm, sunny day, men were hoeing corn

in a nearby field. At a certain hour of the day, the old eagle set off for the seaside, to gather food for her young. As she returned this day with a large fish in her claws, the cruel men surrounded the tree, yelling and hooting, and throwing stones, and so scared the poor bird that she dropped her fish, and they carried it off in triumph.

The men soon left, but a boy named Joseph, felt so sorry he sat down under a bush, to watch, and to feel sorry for the mother eagle. The bird soon returned to her nest, without food. The eaglets at once set up a cry for food, so shrill, so clear, and so clamorous that the boy felt very sad.

The parent bird seemed to try to soothe them; but their appetites were too keen, and it was all in vain. She then perched herself on a limb near them, and looked down into the nest in a manner that seemed to say, "I don't know what to do next."

She came to a decision; again she poised herself, uttered one or two sharp notes, as if telling them to "lie still", balanced her body, spread her wings, and headed again to the sea, another twenty mile trip. Joseph watched to see the result. His eye followed her till she grew small, smaller, a mere speck in the sky, and then disappeared.

She was gone nearly two hours, about double her usual time for a voyage, when she again returned, on slow, weary wings, flying unusually low, in order to have a heavier atmosphere to sustain her, with another fish in her talons.

On nearing the field, she circled it, to see if her enemies were there. Finding the coast clear, she once more reached the tree, drooping, faint, and weary, and evidently nearly exhausted. Again the eaglets set up their cry, which was soon hushed by the distribution of a dinner, such as, if it were cooked, a king might admire.

"Glorious bird!" cried the boy, "what a spirit! Other birds can fly more swiftly, or sing more sweetly, some scream more loudly; but what other bird, when persecuted and robbed, when weary and discouraged, and so far from the sea, would do this? I will learn of thee, noble bird! I will remember this. I will set my mark high. I will try to do something, and to be something in the world; I will never yield to discouragements." = ^ .. ^ =





STORY LESSON

The Legacy of Alcohol

Do you know what a legacy is? If your father should die and leave to you a fine house or farm, or money in the bank, or books, or automobiles, or any other thing to have for your own, it would be a legacy. When a person gets anything in this way from a parent we say that he inherits it.

We inherit a great many things besides houses and lands and other kinds of property. For instance, perhaps you have eyes and hair the same color as your mother's, and your nose and chin are like your father's. So you have inherited the color of your hair and eyes from your mother and the shape of your chin and nose from your father.

The Alcohol Legacy: We inherit our brains just as we do our faces. So, if a man spoils his brain with alcohol and gets an alcohol appetite, his children will likely have an appetite for alcohol also, and may become drunkards. What a dreadful kind of legacy to inherit!

If a mother drinks alcohol when she is expecting a baby that poor little one will be born already an alcoholic with its little brain already hurt and will go through the symptoms of DTs just like a grown person quitting alcohol may do. All its life it will have to live with the damage done by alcohol to its little unborn body. What a cruel thing alcohol is in our world!

There is good news though, if you are someone who has been damaged like this, talk to Jesus about it and give yourself completely to Him. He will give you power to beat the alcohol appetite and can restore and bless your mind and body if you trust in Him and choose to obey Him.

There is a promise in the Bible that says: "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten..." Joel 2:25. This means that the harm that sin has done to us, our own or the sins of others, will be undone by a special blessing from Jesus, if we give our hearts to Him and trust in Him.

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MISSION STORY

Ratu Ambrose

The town of Suva was in the center of a large semicircular bay, which was protected by a coral reef that acted as an excellent breakwater. About two miles across the bay from Suva, near the southwest end of the bay, there was a village called Suva Vou (New Suva).

In that village there lived an old chief by the name of Ratu Ambrose. The chief was a nominal Christian, and had built the Wesleyan church there. Whenever John Cole and John Fulton came to Suva Vou the chief always attended their meetings, and if they happened to come on a Sunday he invited Misi Coli to preach in his church. Before the Coles had to leave Fiji, John Cole had warned John Fulton about him.

"You had better look out for Ratu Ambrose," confided John Cole one day as they were coming back home across the bay in a small boat from a meeting at Suva Vou.

"Yes?" questioned John Fulton.

"Yes! and I mean yes!" declared John Cole vehemently.

"That man is a descendant of the old cannibal king Thakombau. Here in his district they call him King of Suva and, John, if the old Fijian Government were in power today, he would be king of Fiji. But that man is not honest. He once held a high government office, but they say he embezzled funds and was guilty of sedition. Anyway, he was banished for some time, and has been in prison several times because of his evil deeds."

"He seems sincere enough now," broke in John Fulton. "Maybe he looks it. But several of the government men have warned me about him; 'Look out for old Ratu Ambrose!' they cautioned. 'He will do anything for money! And if he thinks there is any money in it he would even become a Seventh-day Adventist.'"

"Dear me! He doesn't look that bad to me," again broke in John Fulton.

"Well, you ought to ask his wife, Queen Clara, then. She could tell you. He learned to love the Englishman's whisky, and when he gets drunk he beats poor Clara half to death and pulls her clothes off. She has often had to flee half naked to save her life."

"Dear me! What a man!"

"What a man, is right! He himself boasts that there is no sin he has not committed, and everybody

knows that he cheated the Wesleyan Mission out of a sum of money in such a clever way that they couldn't take him to court!"

"Dear me! Dear me!"

"So you see it's no wonder that everybody says, 'Look out for old Ratu Ambrose.'"

"No, it's no wonder," agreed John Fulton thoughtfully. Then he added, "But I wonder if he is too great a sinner for the dear Lord Jesus to save?"

Not long after the Coles had left, John Fulton was forced to leave for a while to bring Susie home to her mother for a time, to recover her failing strength. He returned to Fiji with another missionary couple, the Parkers.

Calvin Parker was glad for the success of the open-air meetings that John Fulton was able to call together, and rejoiced in John's ability to tell the simple story of Christ's second coming in the Fijian language. They studied the possibility of establishing a second mission station in several places, but had come to no conclusion.

Then one Sunday they sailed across the bay to Suva Vou. "This is where Ratu Ambrose lives," said John. "Remember how we have been warned to look out for the old chief, for he will do anything for money. Well, he appears to be interested in the truth, He attends every meeting we hold here."

"That's good," commented Calvin,

They walked up the hillside into the village. But before they had come to the chief's house, they noticed that Ratu Ambrose had come outside to greet them. "Sa mbula! Sa mbula ["Are you well"]?" he cried. "I'm so glad you came today, Misi Fulitoni. It is Sunday, and you shall preach in my church."

It was actually John's first real sermon in Fijian in a church, and he felt a little nervous. But God was with him and he preached that day on the second coming of Christ with more than human power,

"Come again," begged Ratu Ambrose when the meeting was over. "Now you can preach in our language we want to hear more about the Word of God, and about the Lotu Savasava. Come and stay two or three weeks and teach us every day,"

"Maybe your missionaries wouldn't like us to stay so long and hold so many meetings," said John.

"It's my church. I built it," said Ratu Ambrose emphatically. "I have the right to ask you to come, and I want you to come and stay a long time."
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Year 2: 2nd Quarter:
"FAVOURITE BIBLE STORIES"
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 9:
"ESTHER, THE BRAVE QUEEN"

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days. There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." Proverbs 26:27

Sunday

Text: Esther 2:5-7 "Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, ... And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter."

Israel had been carried into Babylon as captives because of their refusing to obey the Word of God and their joining with idol worshippers. They were in Babylon for 70 years, and then under King Cyrus the way was opened for the Jews to return and rebuild Jerusalem. Many went but many more just stayed in Babylon.

God sent prophets to encourage them to return, and he raised up other kings who issued decrees making it possible for them to return, again many did but many more did not. God could see that trouble was coming for the Jews if they did not leave Babylon and go back to their own country,

but warnings did no good.

Things had been good for the Jews during the reign of Darius, but under Ahasuerus, things began to change badly. There was a Jew named Mordecai, who worked for the king in the gate of the palace and there was a man named Haman, who wanted everybody to bow down and worship him like a god.

Because Mordecai would not do this, Haman hated him with a bitter hatred. Haman did not want to just get Mordecai and hurt him or kill him; he decided to arrange a scheme to kill all of Mordecai's people, the Jews, who remained in Medo-Persia.

Satan was determined to defeat God's good plans for the Jewish people to be a blessing to the world, by showing all, how serving the God of Heaven leads to great joy and prosperity. Because God had been warning the Jews in the area of Babylon, now ruled by the Medo-Pesians, to leave and go back to Jerusalem, and they refused to obey Him, they were leaving themselves in a position where Satan could do them harm. Satan was planning to work through Haman and get the Jews destroyed!

Thought - Whenever we refuse to do what God advises or commands, Satan can take advantage of us to do us harm.

Monday

Text: Esther 1:10-12 "On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded ... the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him."

There was a little girl named Hadassah whose mother and father had died. Mordecai, who was her cousin, adopted her as his own daughter. He named her Esther, a star, and she grew up to be a very beautiful young lady.

Now King Ahasuerus was a very rich king, and he decided to make a great feast and invite all the rulers of the land to come to it. The preparations for this feast were very costly, every one had their own specially made gold cup and the palace was

decorated with the costliest materials.

The King's wife, Queen Vashti, also held a separate party for the ladies of the kingdom. Now after 7 days of drinking and feasting, the King sent his chief servants to bring Vashti into the hall where the men were drinking, so all could admire her beauty. But she, feeling that this was not a right thing for a queen to do, refused to come.

Now the Queen figured that when the King would sober up, he would be glad that she didn't allow herself to be displayed before the drunken men at the feast, and so it would likely have been. But the King had some unwise counsellors and they talked the king into removing Vashti from being Queen.

Then they came up with a scheme to please the king and get him a new queen. They decreed that all the lovely young girls in the country be brought to the Palace and the King could choose the one he liked the best and make her the new queen.

Thought - The king was too proud to back out and admit he had made a mistake to order Vashti to appear before the drunken men, so he went along with the plan.

Tuesday

Text: Esther 2:16,17 "So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti."

Through the land all the pretty girls were collected up and brought to the palace, and among them was Esther. She was brought to the house of women in the palace and turned over to Hegai the keeper of the women. Mordecai walked by the house of the women each day to learn how Esther was doing, but he advised her not to tell them she was a Jewess.

The young girls had to go through a year of ceremonies with different spices and perfumes before they would be brought to the King to see if he liked them or not. Hegai was sure that Esther was something special and the King would choose her and so he gave her special care and was kind to her.

After each girl went to appear before the king,

she was sent to a different part of the house of women and unless the king called for her by name she would not see him any more. It was really a kind of slavery for these women.

When Esther's turn came to appear before the King, he was so pleased with her over all the other women, that he chose her to be queen. So it was that the little orphan girl, Hadassah, came to be queen in the land of the Medes and Persians.

Thought - Imagine what it would be like for those girls to have to leave their homes and stay forever in the house of women in the palace of the king. It was like being a bird in a golden cage.

Wednesday

Text: Esther 3:8,9 "And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

Now, Haman started to set his plot going to get rid of Mordecai and all his people. He went before the king and told him that there was a people in his kingdom that did not obey his laws and he asked for permission to have them killed. In fact, he paid the king money to be able to do this. The king agreed and gave him the royal seal so he could do what he pleased.

Haman made the law that on a certain day all the Jews were to be killed. This caused Mordecai and all God's people to cry and weep before the Lord in sackcloth.

Esther found out that Mordecai was in great distress near the gate of the palace wearing sackcloth. He could not come into the palace like that, because no one was allowed to wear sackcloth in the king's palace. Esther wanted to know what was the matter.

She sent a servant with a change of clothes to him, but he would not accept them. Esther needed to know what was going on, so she sent a trusted servant and thus she found out all about the decree.

"I have not seen the king for many days," Esther

told Mordecai through the messenger, "and if I go to see him without permission and he does not hold out his sceptre to me, I shall be killed."

But Mordecai warned her that she herself would not escape this death decree, and that maybe it was for this very emergency that God had allowed her to become Queen.

Esther asked him to have all the people fast and pray for three days and she would seek the Lord also, then she would go in before the King, and she said, 'If I perish, I perish.'

Thought - Esther knew that she herself could do nothing; only God could save them now.

Thursday

Text: Esther 5:1,2 "Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre."

Esther dressed her best, and with a prayer in her heart, she went to the king's court and appeared before the King. She knew that if the king did not hold out his sceptre, she would be executed. But when the king saw her there, he held out his sceptre to her and she came and touched the top of it.

The king asked her what her request was, even to half of his kingdom. Esther, guided by the Holy Spirit as to what to do next, invited the King and Haman to come alone to a banquet that she would prepare for him that day. He agreed and told his servants to tell Haman to hurry up and come to the queen's banquet.

The king was well pleased with the banquet, and again asked Esther what was her request. Again, guided by the Lord, she asked that the King and Haman would attend another banquet on the next day, and she would tell him then; and he agreed.

Haman was so pleased with himself when he had come from the banquet of the queen, but he again saw Mordecai there in the Palace gate, his heart boiled with hate and he came home all in a

huff. His wife asked the problem and advised her husband to ask the king to allow him to execute Mordecai the next day. He thought that a great idea.

He was so sure of his triumph now, that he had built a high gallows in his yard where he planned to have Mordecai killed. But now we see the hand of God spring into action to answer the earnest prayers of His people.

Thought - Notice our memory verse and remember the lesson if you are tempted to do something cruel or mean.

Friday

Text: Esther 6:1-3 “On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king’s chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king’s servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.”

God was working here; the king was not able to sleep and so he asked to have the history books read to him. He heard how Mordecai had saved his life when two of his servants had planned to kill him. Had any reward been given to this man, he asked?

When he learned there had not, he sent servants to see if any early people were in his court already, and who should be there but Haman, wanting to see the king as soon as he got up, to get permission to kill Mordecai! The king invited him in.

“What shall we do for the person the king wants to honour?” the king asked Haman. Now Haman thought the king wanted to honour him, so he said, “Let the king’s robe and the king’s crown be put on him and let him ride the king’s best horse and be led through the city by a nobleman saying ‘thus shall it be done to the man the king delights to honour’.”

“Good idea,” the king agreed, “You go do that to Mordecai the Jew.” Imagine the shock of Haman as he had to carry out this plan before the entire city! He had no sooner come home in shame from this task, than the servant was at the door to bring him to the queen’s banquet.

At the banquet he began to feel better until Queen Esther told the king, that she and her people were wrongly sentenced to be killed and that Haman was the one planning to do it! The king was shocked and Haman was terrified.

The king went into the garden for a minute to gather his thoughts, and when he stepped back in, Haman had thrown himself on the queen’s couch to plead for his life. When the king saw this, he said, “Will he attack the Queen right in front of me?” and he had Haman taken away with his head covered.

When the king learned of the high gallows Haman had built for Mordecai, he ordered Haman hanged on it. Then he gave Haman’s job to Mordecai, and passed laws that the Jews could defend themselves if they were attacked. So the death decree was turned aside, and once again the Jews had favor in the land. Although not many Jews returned to Jerusalem at this time, many did later under the guidance of Ezra.

Thought - Even when a situation seems hopeless; there is help in our God! In the last days all will seem hopeless for God’s people, but all those who trust in Him, will be saved out of trouble!
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