MORE DAWKINS MYTHOLOGY

Richard Dawkins, author of *The Blind Watchmaker*, famed as a patron of scientific truth, is actually a patron of mythology. His fables include these: the elaborate, interlocking universe arose from a “big bang”; life sprang from non-life; and mind-bogglingly complex life forms arose through blind forces. His mythical gospel is that man came from nothing, has no ultimate purpose, is accountable to no one, and is going nowhere. The latest Dawkins’ myth is that America’s love for “religion” is hindering her scientific advancement, and he proposes *even more* humanistic education as the solution. He says, “Beyond any doubt America is the world’s leading scientific power. Throughout history there has never been anything like modern America as a leader of science ... What’s remarkable is that America is the leading scientific nation despite being held back by this incubus, this burden of ignorance and superstition [the belief in God and divine creation]” (“Religion is holding America back,” *Business Insider*, Oct. 30, 2015). The truth of Dawkins’ proposition that belief in God, particularly the God of the Bible, hinders scientific advancement is easily tested by the laboratory of history. First, if such belief hinders science and if atheism advances it, modern science would have sprung from something other than a Christian civilization, but that didn’t happen. Most of the fathers of modern science held a biblical worldview. (See the free eBook *Scientists Who Believe the Bible*, available from www.wayoflife.org.) And if belief in

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CHICK-FIL-A SUPPORTS “LGBT” CAUSES

Last month, Chick-fil-A sponsored a film festival that promotes open-mindedness toward the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) movement. The film festival, Level Ground, was founded by two Fuller Theological Seminary students to create “safe space for dialogue about faith, gender and sexuality through the arts.” Participating in the October 15 festival were Jennifer Knapp, a Contemporary Christian Music artist who “came out” as a lesbian in 2005, and Karen Swallow Prior, an English professor at Liberty University and a research fellow for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (“Chick-fil-A challenged,” *Baptist News*, Oct. 29, 2015). This summer, Chick-fil-A donated food to a gay pride parade in Iowa (“Why is pro-marriage Chick-fil-A sponsoring an LGBT film festival?” *Charisma News*, Oct. 28, 2015). In 2012, there was a huge outpouring of support for Chick-fil-A after its president, Southern Baptist Dan Cathy, voiced support for traditional marriage and was attacked by homosexual rights activists. Less than two years later Cathy backtracked on that, telling the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that it had been a “mistake” to “support political or social agendas.” He said that he had been working with LGBT activist Shane Windmeyer and that Chick-fil-A had “dramatically” cut donations to groups considered to be “anti-gay” by homosexual activists.
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The Bible as God's Word hinders science and if atheism advances it, America would be light years behind Communist Russia and China in scientific advancement. This, of course, is not true. The “godless Communists” have had to steal America's technology just to stay in the game. In fact, there is a direct correlation between America's technological greatness and her respect for the Bible. From her inception, America was a nation powerfully influenced by Christianity, and the Bible was her most esteemed Book, exalted in her churches, quoted by her presidents and judges, kept in her homes, and taught in her schools. As America has lost a reverence for Scripture and as atheism has spread, she has actually lost her technological edge as well as a great deal of her power, respect, and wealth. Richard Dawkins has gained fame and fortune by marketing his hatred of Jehovah God in an age of blasphemy and the worship of Self. His book The God Delusion has sold more than three million copies, but Jesus Christ asked, “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). According to Jesus, man has a soul; it can be lost; and the saving of it is worth more than the whole world. I, for one, will stake my life and eternal destiny on the words of Jesus.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT’S ADVICE TO AMERICAN SOLIDERS

Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States (1901-1909), is one the many great (though imperfect) leaders that America has produced in a bygone era. Though there is no clear evidence that he was born again, he did profess faith in Christ, attended Episcopal and Dutch Reformed Churches regularly, and was a student of Scripture, the Bible being one of the books that he carried on safaris in his “pigskin library.” Roosevelt’s militarily philosophy was to “speak softly and carry a big stick.” The hero of Rough Rider fame had often demonstrated the will and courage to fight when necessary, and he sent his “Great White Fleet” of 16 battleships on a world tour to remind the nations of his “big stick.” Roosevelt wrote the introduction to a pocket New Testament & Psalms distributed to World War I soldiers by the New York Bible Society. In Roosevelt's day, the United States was still “the land of the free and home of the brave” for the very reason that the Bible was respected. In that day, it was legal, right, and proper to distribute Bibles anywhere and everywhere in American society. Roosevelt’s instruction to U.S. soldiers were diametrically opposed to the way that most armies have acted historically (and the way that the German and Turkish armies, in particular, acted). Following is what he wrote: “The teachings of the New Testament are foreshadowed in Micah’s verse (Micah vi. 8): ‘What more does the Lord require of thee than to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?’ DO JUSTICE; and therefore fight valiantly against the armies of Germany and Turkey, for these nations in this crisis stand for the reign of Moloch and Beelzebub on this earth. LOVE MERCY; treat prisoners well, succor the wounded, treat every woman as if she was your sister, care for the little children, and be tender to the old and helpless. WALK HUMBLY; you will do so if you study the life and teachings of the Saviour. May the God of justice and mercy have you in His keeping” (emphasis in the original).
CHINA REPLACES ONE-CHILD POLICY WITH TWO CHILD ONE

China has officially replaced its “one-child” policy with a two-child one. The draconian one-child policy was introduced in 1979 to slow population growth. The result has been the murder of an estimated 336 million babies, mostly females. That is a third of a BILLION children that have been killed in the womb, and this figure doesn't include the infanticides that have been committed outside of the womb. As a result, there is a shortage of wives for Chinese men who want to marry. There are 20 million more men than women in China (“The ‘marriage squeeze,’” Business Insider, Apr. 23, 2015). In 2014, Chinese filmmaker Zhang Yimou was fined 7.48 million yuan ($1.2 million) for breaching the nation's one-child policy (“Filmmaker fined,” CNN, Jan, 20, 2014). Zhang directed the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The new policy is only a matter of tweaking existing policy. The Communist government still claims for itself the power of life and death over its slave population. China has made great strides in many areas, but it is not a great nation.

ON NETANYAHU’S STATEMENT ABOUT AL-HUSSEINI

The following is excerpted from “Positive Spin on Netanyahu’s Blunder,” Israel Today, Oct. 26, 2015: “A gross overstating is the worst that can be said about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s blaming the first ‘Palestinian’ leader Haj Amin Al-Husseini for persuading Hitler to implement the ‘Final Solution to the Jewish Problem.’ … Though criticism of this statement isn’t out of place, too many of the responses from left-wing politicians and journalists are nothing more than attempts to derail what should be a proper discussion and turn it into a cheap political catfight. … Such false innuendoes, however, couldn't stop the surge of responses that used Netanyahu's inaccuracy to remind everybody of Haj Amin Al-Husseini's very real involvement in murderous attacks against Jews, and about his enthusiastic collaboration with Nazi Germany. Among the many historians commenting on Netanyahu’s statement was Wolfgang Schwanitz, who with Barry Rubin authored Nazis, Islamists and the Making of the Modern Middle East. Quoting from his book, Schwanitz reminded everyone that ‘at their meeting [on November 28, 1941, Hitler and al-Husseini] concluded the pact of Jewish genocide in Europe and the Middle East, and immediately afterward, Hitler gave the order to prepare for the Holocaust. The next day invitations went out to thirteen Nazis for the Wannsee Conference to begin organizing the logistics of this mass murder. … al-Husseini made it clear that if Hitler wanted Muslims and Arabs as allies he must close Europe's exits to Jews. At the same time, al-Husseini and Arab rulers also told Britain that if it wanted to keep Arabs and Muslims from being enemies, it must close entrance to Palestine to all Jews. By succeeding on both fronts, al-Husseini contributed to the Holocaust doubly, directly, and from the start.’ … The full story of al-Husseini's direct involvement in the Holocaust is found in Serbian scholar Jennie Lebl's book Haj Amin and Berlin.”
THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE IS COOPERATION

The following is from CreationMoments.com, February 17, 2015: “According to evolution, biological history is one of ‘red in tooth and claw.’ In this view, living things compete with one another. The fittest survive at the expense of the less fit. In a forest, this means that trees compete with one another for light, water and nutrients. Taller trees benefit from the light they prevent shorter trees from receiving. But as it turns out, the true law of the jungle is cooperation. What goes on beneath the forest floor is essential to the forest itself. Tree roots gather water and nutrients from the soil. In addition, fungi live among the roots, feeding off the sap and other carbon compounds produced by the tree. In return, the fungi help make nutrients in the soil available to the tree. The picture of cooperation goes even further than this. Researchers have learned that the trees themselves cooperate with one another. This cooperation even exists between species. Researchers shaded some trees, leaving others in the sun. Tagging trees with different isotopes of carbon, scientists were surprised to find carbon compounds made by the sunbathed trees present in the shaded tree! The trees that were doing well were helping the trees that were not able to photosynthesize, even if they were a different species. The true law of the jungle turns out to be cooperation. Rather than survival of the fittest, this cooperation between living things reveals a carefully designed creation made by a loving Creator.”

WORLD VEGAN DAY

World Vegan Day was November 1. Founded in 1994 by Louise Wallis, head of The Vegan Society, it is devoted to the promotion of vegetarianism and “animal rights.” Biblically speaking, there is nothing especially healthy or spiritual about vegetarianism. God allowed eating meat before (Gen. 9:3-4) and during the law of Moses (Lev. 11:3), and He has renewed this liberty in the church age. In fact, forbidding meat is identified as a doctrine of devils (1 Tim. 4:1-5). There is a restriction against eating blood, though, both in the Old and New Testament dispensations (Gen. 9:4; Acts 15:29).

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