

Martin Roser: William Jennings Bryan, *The Menace of Darwinism*, 1922 (Ausschnitte)

“The Menace of Evolution” ist 1922, also drei Jahre vor dem Scopes – Prozess, veröffentlicht und in hoher Stückzahl verbreitet worden. Diese Schrift versteht sich als Kampfschrift gegen den verderblichen Einfluß des Darwinismus auf die amerikanische Kultur und Gesellschaft.

“The tendency of Darwinism, when taken seriously, is to undermine faith, first, in the Bible as an inspired book, and then in the miracles because contrary to evolution; next, repudiation of the virgin birth and the resurrection of Christ because miraculous, and the rejection of Christ as Son and Saviour. Lastly, Darwinism leads to the denial of the existence of a personal God.

Darwin’s views made the holder thereof an agnostic, led him away from belief in the Bible, God, and Christ; and, as I prove in this lecture, the natural tendency of Darwinism is to lead those astray who put their faith in evolution.

Evolutionists are divided into two classes – atheistic evolutionists, who do not admit the existence of a Supreme Being at all, and theistic evolutionists, who travel with the atheists to the Beginning of life and then assume the existence of God as Creator of life. While the theistic evolutionist does not affirmatively deny God, he is more dangerous to Christian faith than the atheist, because, while claiming to believe in a Creator, he puts God so far away that consciousness of God’s presence loses its power to comfort. How can one be conscious of God’s presence in his daily life if God has never, since life began, touched a human heart or put His hand upon the destiny of nations or individuals? Evolution also paralyzes the sense of responsibility to God. What compelling force can a sense of responsibility have if it must be strained through the blood of all the animal life below man? Nearly all atheists come from the ranks of the theistic evolutionists. Theistic evolution may be

described as an anesthetic which deadens the pain while the patient’s religion is being gradually removed, or it may be likened to a way-station on the highway that leads from Christian faith to No-God-Land.

Belief in God is the basis upon which rest all the great influences that control our lives – all these will go if belief in God goes. The existence of God, therefore, becomes the basic fact not only in religion but in society and civilization.

The Bible gives us the world’s only conception of God; it gives us our only conception of Christ, and it gives us itself as an infallible guide.

The Bible must be rejected or defended. If it be false, it is the most stupendous impostor the world has ever known; if, on the other hand, it be true, as we believe it is, no book can be compared with it — “nothing in all the writings of men can approach it”

“Darwinism is not science at all; it guesses strung together. There is more science in the twenty-fourth verse of the first chapter of Genesis (and God said, let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping things, and beast of the earth after his kind; and it was so – Genesis, 1, 24 MR.) than in all that Darwin wrote”.

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