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Bible Thought For Today

DEFRAUD NOT—For this is the will of God,...that no man defraud his brother in any matter.—1 Thessalonians 4:3, 4.

What Is Evolution?

Popular interest in evolution has been re-awakened by the controversy about it in the Kentucky legislature. Thousands of people who never before gave the matter a thought are asking, "What is evolution, and what does it teach?"

There is far more understanding of the subject than there was a generation ago, when the conflict over Darwinism was at its height. Yet there is still prevalent a good deal of misconception on the subject. And as supporters of the theory maintain, the larger part of such discussion as has been going on in Kentucky is due to this lack of understanding.

Perhaps most people, when thinking of the evolutionary theory, still think of "man descending from a monkey," and stop there. It is only fair to say that Darwin himself never went so far as that, but contented himself with suggesting that man seemed to have descended from lower forms of life, along with all other living things of high development. "Evolution" as scientists now understand the term is broader than that. It applies not only to plant and animal life but to all the sciences based on them. Some, indeed, hold that it applies to everything in the universe, from atoms of matter to human souls.

And what, then, is this evolution? Dr. Frank L. McVey, president of the University of Kentucky, in a recent interview, gives this definition:

"Evolution is development; it is change; and every man knows that development and change are going on all the time. Evolution is the idea that development goes on during long ages, under varying conditions of climate, surroundings, food supply and changing conditions. It is the belief that the earth was formed long ages ago, and has evolved gradually and slowly, and all its creatures with it."

Many scholars who accept the theory whole-heartedly have no difficulty in reconciling it with their religion. They think that it even adds to the dignity of man to believe that the "day" in which God made man may have been millions of years, as we measure time. Darwin did not attempt to account for the origin of life, but contented himself with trying to explain the process by which physical life developed when once it had started on this earth. To many an evolutionist, that beginning, long ages ago, was the act of "special creation" by God, and the slow process of unfolding is the method by which God brings his original creation to perfection.

Less Meat for America

The American people are eating less meat, by far, than they did 10 to 12 years ago. Government statistics show that the per capita consumption of beef alone in the United States has decreased something over 20 pounds a year. This is partly due to the fact that meat in most communities costs a good deal more than it did. It is probably due still more to the fact that more people know about well balanced rations, and consequently vegetables, fruits, milk and meat substitutes take a larger place on the family bill of fare.

It may be a very cheering outlook from the meat producer's point of view, but it is excellent from that of national health. It is a fair guess that some of the diseases due to over-consumption of meat will show a decrease, and there is little reason to doubt that the improved statistics of the nation generally can be traced in part to the better balanced diet.

It has been proposed to establish a new bureau to enforce the dry laws. Wouldn't a good firm stand be better?

Golf not only improves your general health, but enables you to understand the jokes in the office cat.

A happy combination of numbers was noted at the races in New York [illegible] Eaten and the [illegible]

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

ED WUNGLER, WHO DELIVERS WASHINGS FOR HIS WIFE, JOINED THE SILVER CORNET BAND LAST NIGHT.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

We read the other day that a minister in Brookline, Mass., was expelled because he baptised a dog. Why the oh's and ah's? Why the fuss? I'll wager that dog makes a rattling good church member and that minister was not perjuring his soul half as much by baptising that dog as he evidently perjures it in baptising some of his beloved flock. Of course, that is our own private opinion. You are all at perfect liberty to snort as much as you like.

JUNIUS.

THE 'POSSUM HUNTERS.

Judge: Two negroes, Salvation Jones and King Agrippa Johnson, living near the Dismal Swamp, went 'possum hunting one dark night. A warm trail was struck, and the dogs soon "treed." Salvation, being the better climber, volunteered to go up and shake down the 'possum, whereupon King Agrippa made ready to catch it in the sack they took along for the purpose.

Instead of an oppossum, the dogs had treed a wildcat. As Salvation made his way to the topmost branches the animal retreated still farther out one of the overhanging limbs, and emitted an angry snarl.

"Huh? How's dat?" exclaimed Salvation. "Never heard no 'possum talk lak dat befo'!"

"Go on, Salvation. Yo' aint heern nothin' but de dogs. Shake him loose! Ise waitin'," urged King Agrippa.

Climbing a little farther out, Salvation gave the limb a mighty shake and dislodged the wildcat. Suddenly a chorus of yells, howls, screeches and cuss words broke loose from below.

"Hey, dar, King Agrippa!" anxiously called down Salvation. "Yo' want me to come down an' help yo' hol' him?"

"Naw, suf," yeled King Agrippa. "Ah wants yo' tuh come down an' help me ter git uh him aloose!"

Columbia, S. C., Record: Our doctor says it's dangerous to lie on both sides, and yet he knows scores of perfectly healthy lawyers.

PAPAL LUMBAGO.

"Father," said he, on meeting the parish priest one day, "What is lumbago?"

Seeing an opportunity for needed reproof, the good father replied: "Tis a terrible disease which comes from drinking up beers and chasing around nights."

"Is that so?" said Pat. "I see by the paper that the Pope has lumbago."

MOHAMMED IN COURT.

Edinburgh Scotsman: It was in a court of law, and a witness was being cross-examined.

Said counsel—Why do you assert that the plaintiff is insane?

Witness—Because he goes about declaring that he is the prophet Mohammed.

Counsel—And do you consider that clear proof of his insanity?

Witness—I do.

Counsel—Why?

"Because," answered the witness, with a complacent smile, "I am the prophet Mohammed myself."

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Integrated, clean cotton rags wanted at The Observer. [illegible]

Plea Is Universal for Some Sort of Adjustment of Taxes

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the speaker pointed out that the assessed valuation was $6 a thousand feet on the average. At this point Mr. Pierce interrupted and pointed out that the farmers have their steers assessed at $30. Mr. Stange made a hit with a large part of the audience when he replied to Mr. Pierce that at least one can eat steers while lumber lies idle in the yards.

Several times during the afternoon when the chairman interrupted speakers it was intimated that there was danger of Mr. Pierce injecting politics into the opinions he expressed.

City Commissioner W. D. Grandy declared that the officials who make the budgets are not always responsible for the high taxes because during budget making season the taxpayers who want expenditures for projects in which they take an interest flood the officials with petitions and otherwise bring pressure to bear which is party responsible for high taxation.

Coe McKenna, member of the state tax commission, asked Mr. Grandy what effect the city manager form of government had on the question of city taxes. Mr. Grandy declared that it resulted in much more efficient government as the city's business was then run much as private business on a business basis.

County Judge U. G. Couch asked Mr. Grandy whether he thought that a commission manager form of government for the county would be of benefit. Mr. Grandy replied that he couldn't see where it would hurt the county in any way.

Chairman Pierce introduced H. H. Weatherspoon as one of the few successful fruit growers in Union county and one of the few who pay an income tax. Mr. Weatherspoon spoke on the income tax and said he was glad to be able to pay such a tax.

His business is run on a business basis, he declared, and if others applied business principles to their farming operations there would be more income tax payers.

It is the individual and not conditions which make it impossible for so many farmers to be in the income tax paying class, he declared. "Of course," he said apparently referring to Mr. Pierce, "You can't have political ambitions and be successful in the farming business at the same time."

The high taxes for schools were also attacked. J. E. Reynolds, a member of the La Grande school board, defended the salaries being paid teachers. He said that if we bring children into the world it is our duty to give them the best possible schooling. Mr. Pierce here again declared that the lot of the farmer comparatively speaking is not very envious. He said that many school teachers are making more money than the average farmer.

Mr. Reynolds' defense of the teachers was that it was only several years ago that teachers' salaries were increased so that they were fair when the cost of their education is taken into consideration. The cost of living in La Grande is so high, he said, and not coming down that the teachers can save very little on their salaries. Common laborers, he declared, receive more money for their services in many instances than trained teachers.

Col. F. S. Ivanhoe was one of the speakers and he declared that the system of taxation is all wrong. He advocated competent assessors to be appointed by a state assessor instead of elected. He called attention to the fact that stock often becomes fabulously valuable in damage suits but is listed at a very low value or not at all on assessment rolls.

He believed that if we assessed property uniformly and at its true value and all people were forced to declare the value of their property, these figures, in such cases as damage suits, being used to determine the value to be placed on stock etc.

The system is also wrong in that a man who owns a farm or other real estate that is visible cannot evade taxation, while the owners of invisible property, such as personal property and stock on the range, can do so, he said.

Commissioner Johnson of Wallowa county declared that the elementary school millage tax which was promised not to hurt but to help, has done nothing but increase the pay of teachers and is costing Wallowa county about $40,000 with no other benefits. He asserted that teachers work short hours, live well and get more money than any man in Wallowa county. The educational tax, he said, is the worst thorn the county has. The elementary taxes, as promised, and special school taxes are as high as ever. As to the higher institutions, he expressed the opinion that in Wallowa county people thought $10,000 a year salary was too much for the president of the agricultural college. Efforts to cut expenses in Wallowa failed miserably until, in desperation, the road tax was eliminated entirely, and if the roads are to be maintained the farmers will have to do it themselves.

The speakers quoted were only a few of the audience of nearly 200 who spoke from time to time. Many officials from both Union and Wallowa counties spoke. All agreed that a halt must be called to the enormous increases in taxes that have been made each successive year recently and that if a new form of taxation is introduced it must not increase the whole amount of taxes but rather distribute the load in a more equitable manner.

WAGE CONFERENCE ENDS.

NEW YORK, Mr. 15.—Negotiations between executives of 25 eastern railroads and representatives of conductors' and trainmens' unions, looking toward a new agreement as to wages and working conditions, were broken off late Monday without any settlement having been reached.

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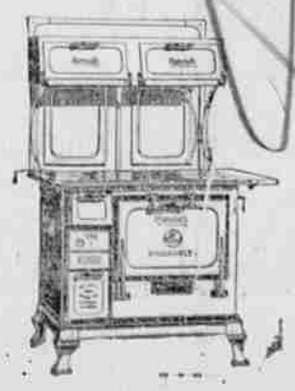

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