

**CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES OF DARWINISM**  
**(HISTORICAL EVALUATION OF THE SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES**  
**OF AN EVOLUTIONARY WORLDVIEW)**

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Before we plunge directly into this subject, which can be highly controversial, let's look at a story which graphically illustrates what a difference perspective makes.

"Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer saw a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thought to himself, 'This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!' So, he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over.

Approaching the car, he noticed that there were five elderly ladies – two in the front seat and three in the back – the passengers were wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, said to him, 'Officer, I don't understand. I was doing exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem?'

'Madam,' the Officer replied, 'Your weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers.'

'Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...twenty-two miles an hour!', the elderly lady said proudly. The Officer, trying to contain a chuckle explained to her that '22' is the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the Officer for pointing out her error.

'Before you go ma'am, I have to ask – is everyone in this car okay? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single word this whole time,' the Officer inquired. 'Oh, they'll be okay in a minute Officer. We just got off Route 119.'"

Since it is obvious that people can look at the same object (like a highway sign) and see something different because of his or her perspective, we should recognize how vitally important is our worldview in the understanding and interpretation of facts.

**Worldviews in Conflict**

To an individual saturated with Darwinism, macro-evolution is not just a system, a theory, or a hypothesis. To him it is the basic fact of all facts and the overarching truth to which every other system, theory, or hypothesis must bow and submit. He is inclined to consider the creationist ignorant, or foolish and to scoff at the idea of "creation science" because it does not fit his paradigm of perceived truth.

On the other hand, the creationist who loves God and accepts His Biblical revelation concerning creation rejects Darwinism as a false paradigm and sees creation by Almighty God as the foundational truth to which every other system, theory, or hypothesis must bow. He believes *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they know God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."* Romans 1:20-21

Obviously these are worldviews in conflict and cannot both be true. Every attempt to reconcile these opposing worldviews is an exercise in futility.

**Purpose:** It is the purpose of this paper to demonstrate from historical references that the wide acceptance of the biological theory of evolution quickly turned into social Darwinism, with devastating results. The seeping flood of evolutionistic philosophy has left in its wake the suffering, death, and destruction of multiple millions of human lives.

### Definition of Terms

**Science:** It is important to note that the definition of the word “science” has shifted meaning since the publication of Darwin’s “Origin of Species” in 1859. This shift is from “operational science”, based on empirical evidence, to “origin science”, based on evolutionary philosophy. Actually “origin science” is philosophy, not science. We should return to the original definition of operational science as the field of study dealing with empirical evidence. To be truly science, it must be **observable, repeatable, and demonstrable**. What happened in the distant past cannot be observed, repeated, or demonstrated; therefore, theories about the past belong in the field of philosophy.

**Theistic Evolution:** This is the theory that God created matter and started the process of evolution to produce everything else over billions of years. It is an attempt to mix the unmixable for two reasons:

1. Theistic faith and evolutionistic faith are diametrically opposed worldviews. Well over 100 years ago Charles H. Spurgeon correctly analyzed the situation when he said, “In all its bearings upon scriptural truth, the evolution theory is in direct opposition to it. If God’s Word is true, evolution is a lie. I will not mince the matter: this is not the time for soft speaking.” (From a sermon preached 7/25/1886).
2. Many statements by leading evolutionists make it crystal clear that a God-initiated or God-guided process is not what educators mean by the term “evolution”. The famous evolutionist, George Gaylord Simpson, wrote “Man is the result of a purposeless and natural process that did not have him in mind.”<sup>1</sup>

**Macro-evolution:** When I speak of the theory of evolution, I am referring to “molecules to man” macro-evolution as popularized by Charles Darwin in “Origin of Species” (1859). Others had promoted the basic concept of evolution for centuries, but Charles Darwin and his colleagues created a wave of popular acceptance like never before. Therefore, I will use the term “Darwinism” as a synonym for the theory of evolution, even though modern evolutionists have rejected some of Darwin’s ideas.

**Micro-evolution:** “Micro-evolution is defined as small changes in the genome of an organism caused by random mutations in the DNA. The mechanisms claimed for micro-evolution as well as macro-evolution are random genetic mutations coupled with natural selection. Despite claims to the contrary, mutations have never been observed to result in a net increase in genetic information.” ~Dr. Bob Compton.

Since mutations and small changes are observable, repeatable, and demonstrable, micro-evolution is science. However, it takes a major leap of faith to believe that these minor

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<sup>1</sup> Johnson, Phillip, “Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds”

changes within fixed limits are proof of macro-evolution. Micro-evolution is fact; macro-evolution is faith.

What committed evolutionists fail to recognize or refuse to admit is that they have no evidence to show that it is even possible for either mutations or natural selection to add new information to the genetic pool. **And without new information added to the gene pool, macro-evolution is impossible because the idea of upward progress is basic and essential to the theory of evolution.** So the bottom line is that micro-evolution does not produce a build up of new information in the DNA, which would be essential in order for macro-evolution to occur. (To pursue this deeper, I highly recommend the book, "In The Beginning Was Information" by Dr. Werner Gitt.)

**Genetic Variation:** Genetic variation results from sexual reproduction wherein existing genes are subject to a great variety of combinations. All the diversity and variation within a particular kind of animal is possible because God created each kind with a genome containing a rich potential for variety. The canine kind, for example, contains all the varieties of dogs from Chihuahua to St. Bernard and from wolf to dingo. It is possible to cross breed all types of dogs, but you can never cross the dog kind with the cat kind to get a dat or a cog. There are set limits in genetic variation. This was recognized by evolutionists as Mendel's research in genetics became known. Because of this, evolutionists turned to genetic mutations and claimed them as their source for new information encoded in the DNA.

### **No Proof of Evolution either from Micro Evolution or Genetic Variation**

God said that each of His creatures is to reproduce after its own kind, which has plenty of demonstrable scientific evidence, for it happens constantly. Darwin's famous example of the varying sizes of beaks on finches is simply genetic variation and no proof of evolution. It actually has nothing to do with his major premise, for finches are still finches. Neither Darwin nor anyone else has shown dinosaurs turning into finches or changing into other creatures, in spite of all the false bravado that "evolution is a fact".

By changing the definition of evolution to mean simply "change over time", evolutionists can point to minor changes within a certain kind of animal and declare that these minor changes prove evolution. They declare that when extrapolated out these minor changes become macro-evolution. False. Actually these minor changes are caused by either mutations or genetic variations. Mutations are nothing but miniature copying mistakes in DNA. Genetic variation is variety through information pre-programmed into the genetic pool of each kind of animal by our Creator. (I believe micro-evolution is a misleading term, because it implies evolution, which in reality it does not bring upward progressive changes. Upward progressive changes could only happen if new information were added to the gene pool.)

In "The Sound of Music" Julie Andrews got it right when she sang, "Nothing comes from nothing—nothing ever could." For some reason those committed to the philosophy of evolution find this fact hard to swallow.

### **Definition of the Battle**

Evolutionists and their media colleagues often portray the battleground between creation and evolution as a conflict between religion and science. Of course, they categorize belief in creation as religion and belief in evolution as science. **This is a false premise. The**

**battle between creationism and evolutionism is the conflict of opposing worldviews (philosophies), and both of these worldviews are religious.** The reason many secular humanists get so upset when creationists expose the flaws of the theory of evolution is that their religion is under attack.

To make this point very clear, I want to share a quote from a secular humanist named John Dunphy. His article was entitled, "A Religion for a New Age", and was published in the "Humanist" magazine for Jan. – Feb., 1983. This quote is on page 26: "...I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: **a religion of humanity** that recognizes and respects the spark of what the theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers..."

Belief in evolution is clearly spelled out in the Humanist Manifesto as one of the essential basic tenants in the religion known as secular humanism. Even the Supreme Court of the U. S. A. has officially recognized and declared humanism a religion.

It is a fact that many people are thoroughly committed to their belief in evolution, and they earnestly contend for their faith. (There have been thousands of debates between evolutionists and creationists.) **Has it ever occurred to you that it is inconsistent for an evolutionist to contend for anything to be true? If we are the products of random chance with no plan or purpose, then the human brain is also a product of random chance and cannot be trusted to produce rational thought.** It's obvious that evolutionists don't trust the thinking of creationists, but logically speaking, they should not trust their own thinking either. Besides, since evolutionists also contend that all things are relative and that there is no absolute truth, why do many of them contend that the theory of evolution is not just a theory, but an absolute fact? **The real reason they contend is that evolution has become their religion.**

### **Historical Consequences**

Now, with these definitions and clarifications clearly in mind, let's look honestly at some of the historical consequences of believing in evolution. While it is true that these conflicting worldviews involve scientific issues, it is also true that they unquestionably involve moral issues, for each worldview forms the foundational perspective upon which morals and values are built. I openly acknowledge that many people who believe in evolution are very nice people with good social skills, but the major reason for this fact is that they have borrowed many moral and social beliefs from biblical Christianity. In this respect they are, again, not consistent with their own philosophy.

Now let's view some of the catastrophic consequences caused by those who believed the lie of evolution and consistently applied the moral implications of this worldview.

#### **I. Heartless Capitalism**

Although the seeds of greed and exploitation have always been present in the tainted history of man since the Fall, there arose and grew a form of heartless capitalism in the late 1800's and early 1900's that can be directly traced to social Darwinism. The biological dogma of "the survival of the fittest" as the mechanism of natural selection was quickly applied by greedy capitalists to ruthlessly destroy the "unfit" and "weaker" competitive

companies. They also used it to justify the child labor and sweat-shop conditions of their factories.

There is some debate over the issue of whether the pre-existence of such unrestrained capitalist practices in England set the stage for the wide acceptance of the theory of evolution, or whether the acceptance of the theory of evolution from Erasmus Darwin, Charles Darwin and others set the stage for selfish capitalism. There is no doubt, however, that it provided mental and social justification for the brutal capitalists who practiced the law of the jungle—the “survival of the fittest” (also known as the law of tooth and claw).

American capitalists such as Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller also adopted Darwinism and used it to justify their practices of driving smaller competitors out of business and exploiting their workers with grueling labor and unsafe, unsanitary conditions. “Survival of the fittest” was their social policy because of an evolutionary worldview. Two of the most famous novels ever written vividly describe the miserable plight of the oppressed working class and the greedy self indulgence of the heartless capitalists. “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens was written in England and “In His Steps” by Charles M. Sheldon was written in America to expose injustices of capitalism during the industrial revolution. In spite of the well-known philanthropy of both Carnegie and Rockefeller, the cold facts remain that they built their financial empires largely on the blood, sweat and tears of their underprivileged workers and the smaller competitors they bulldozed to extinction.

Like many others, including Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Hitler, Andrew Carnegie had once accepted Biblical principles, but abandoned these principles when he became a close friend of the famous social Darwinist, Herbert Spencer and accepted evolution as his philosophy. In his autobiography he wrote: “I came fortunately upon Darwin’s and Spencer’s works...I remember that light came as in a flood and all was clear. Not only had I gotten rid of theology and the supernatural, but I had found the truth of evolution. ‘All is well since all grows better’ became my motto, my true source of comfort. Man was not created with an instinct for his own degradation, but from the lower he had risen to the higher forms. Nor is there any conceivable end to his march to perfection.” (1920, p. 327)<sup>2</sup>...The law of competition, be it benign or not, is here; we cannot evade it; no substitutes for it have been found; and **while the law may be sometimes hard for the individual, it is best for the race, because it ensures the survival of the fittest in every department.** (quoted in Hsü, 1986, p. 10.)<sup>3</sup>

The Rockefeller family, although they liked to maintain a Christian front, actually categorized the early books of the Bible as myths and fully accepted evolution as their philosophy. They lived by the “law of the jungle” in the business world! Where is there room for Jesus’ teaching about compassion for the weak, helpless, and downtrodden in the law of fang and claw?

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<sup>2</sup> Carnegie, Andrew, 1920. *Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie*, ed. John C. Van Dyke. 1986, reprint, Boston: Northeastern University Press.

<sup>3</sup>Hsü, Kenneth. June 1986. “Darwin’s Three Mistakes,” *Geology*, (vol. 14), p. 532-534.

Note: I do not have the original sources, but found both of these quotes in the article, “*Darwin’s Influence On Ruthless Laissez-Faire Capitalism*” by Jerry Bergman, Ph.D., published by Institute for Creation Research, El Cajon, CA.

Capitalism, as a system, began in the late eighteenth century as a corruption of the Biblical principles of free enterprise, ownership of private property, honesty, integrity, hard work and its rewards. The commands “Thou shalt not steal” and “thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s ...ox...donkey...etc.” can only have meaning in the context of ownership of private property. However, the founder of Capitalism, Adam Smith, made the fatal flaw of teaching and insisting that the driving force behind economics should be self-interest. This selfish philosophy was wide open to accepting Darwinism.

In stark contrast to Adam Smith’s philosophy, Jesus taught us to love others and practice generosity. **He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”** Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, **that he may have something to share with those in need.**” Ephesians 4:28. **This is free enterprise with a heart of compassion. It is the Biblical way. The motivation is love.**

## II. Brutal Naziism

The formation of Adolf Hitler’s deranged philosophy is no mystery, for he simply combined the atheistic philosophies of Nietzsche and Darwin, mixed in occult Aryan beliefs, and carried out this deadly mixture of atheism and Satanism to its logical conclusions. Through his impassioned speeches and iron-fisted policies Hitler wooed millions of Germans with his philosophy and coerced millions of others into silence in spite of horrible atrocities, because they knew that to oppose him or his well-oiled Nazi Gestapo meant imprisonment, torture, and death.

Darwinism gave Hitler the psychological and social justification for treating people like animals because, according to evolution, human beings are simply highly evolved animals and merely products of time and chance. His view was that Jews were inferior culls of human society, who were the cause of the economic problems of Germany. He believed that Germans were the pure Aryan race, who would become the “uber mensch” (super man). This Darwinistic perspective gave him the justification to destroy the Jews for the greater good of the human race. This was also the justification for using Jews and other so-called culls of human society, like Gypsies and Poles, for inhumane medical experiments. Because of this evolutionary grading system, Darwinism fosters racism and intolerance.

We should be honest enough to recognize that this same philosophy is at work in our Western society, for Darwinism was used as the justification for abortion in the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision of 1973. It was asserted that the development of the unborn baby is a re-capitulation of the evolutionary process and not truly a human being until later stages, when it becomes “viable”. The blood of over 42,000,000 innocent babies stains our record as Americans because of this infamous decision.

If you have ever stood in the eerie death camps of Dachau and Buchenwald, Germany, or near Riga, Latvia, as I have, and if you have viewed the pictures of emaciated human corpses stacked like firewood to be burned or pushed in gaping common graves, you have sensed the presence of Satanic evil and felt its cold chill in your heart. I beg you to look at the evil philosophy of evolution behind these atrocities. Do not refuse to recognize the truth that applied social Darwinism caused this suffering and destruction.

### III. Ruthless Communism

Karl Marx was so enamored with evolution that he offered to dedicate his book, “Das Kapital” to Charles Darwin, who was at least smart enough to reject the dubious honor.

It is no secret that in every nation where communism has conquered as the ruling philosophy, it has been preceded by the saturation of the society with the teaching of biological Darwinism. **Social Darwinism and ruthless communism rest on the foundation of evolution.**

The devastation perpetrated by Hitler, Goehring, Himmler, and Hess with their gruesome gestapo has been exceeded many times by the practitioners of ruthless communism such as Lenin, Stalin, Trotsky, Mao, Pot Pol and Chauscheskye. They perpetrated mass murders in the guise of “progress” and under the banner of biological and social Darwinism.

Leon Trotsky, the propagandist and military leader of the communist forces that seized power in Russia after the revolution of 1917, became the leader of the Society of the Godless because of his total uncritical acceptance of Darwinism and abounding faith in Marxism. He wrote that the idea of deterministic evolution took complete possession of him after he read Darwin’s “Origin of Species” and his “Autobiography”. Trotsky would probably have been the next dictator following Lenin if Stalin had not proved to be the “fittest” who survived by having Trotsky executed.

“In 1940, Trotsky, while living in exile in Mexico, was assassinated on the orders of Josef Stalin, another who was converted to an atheistic view of life through reading Darwin. Stalin was perhaps history’s worst mass murderer. He and Trotsky acted in a way that was quite consistent with their presuppositions: if no-one made me, no-one owns me; therefore, there is no absolute right or wrong. In such an evolution-based worldview, there is nothing intrinsically ‘wrong’ with murdering people, even millions of them.”<sup>4</sup>

#### Conclusion:

What do the miserable sweat shops of the industrial revolution, the death camps of Germany, the gulags of Russia, and the forced labor camps of China or Vietnam have in common? **The philosophy of evolution is the mindset undergirding all of them! The catastrophic social consequences of the widespread acceptance of Darwinism have been horrible almost beyond imagination.** While the bloodbath of ruthless social practices was on the surface over differing economic and political systems, doesn’t it look to you like the historical facts point to the underlying philosophy of evolutionary thinking as the actual cause of all these heartless systems and practices?

Therefore, in order to make positive social changes in our strife-torn world during this 21<sup>st</sup> century, I recommend that these necessary steps be taken:

1. **“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven...”** Lamentations 3:40-41 (New International Version of the Holy Bible) Without a return to the worship of Almighty God and acceptance of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, I see no hope for positive change!

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<sup>4</sup> Barry Wooley, M. S., “*The Trotsky Connection*”, “Creation Ex Nihilo”, Answers in Genesis, March – May 2001.

2. **Pray for God to open the eyes of those who have been blinded by the philosophy of evolution** (those who seek truth only in purely naturalistic causes). Their philosophy has trapped them in the paradigm of rejecting even the possibility of supernatural intervention for the creation of the universe in the past or for positive change in the present. Therefore, they have no true basis for hope in the future. Following two world wars, the evolutionary illusions of creating our own utopia have sunk into a nihilistic philosophy of despair. **Those who are analyzing the causes for school shootings in America need to seriously look at the hopelessness of this philosophy being taught in school, including its inherent lack of respect for human life.**

Isn't it ironic and tragic to you that a high school student may go directly from a psychology class, where he is being taught self esteem, into a "science" class, where he is taught that he is the product of random chance with no meaning or purpose and that his ancestors slithered from the slime? **After children are taught by evolution that they are nothing but animals, why are we so surprised when they act like animals?**

3. **We must abandon and vigorously expose the fallacies and hoaxes of Darwinism.**

These fallacies and hoaxes are well documented in books such as:

- a. "Icons of Evolution" by Jonathan Wells
- b. "Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation" by Dennis Petersen <sup>5</sup>
- c. "The Lie" by Ken Ham
- d. "Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds" by Phillip Johnson
- e. "Refuting Evolution" and "Refuting Evolution 2" by Jonathan Sarfati
- f. "The Genesis Flood" by John C. Whitcomb and Henry M. Morris
- g. "The Collapse of Evolution" by Scott M. Huse
- h. "Why Do Men Believe Evolution Against All Odds?" by Carl E. Baugh
- i. "The Origin of Life Equipping Course" by Mike Riddle and Dr. Bob Compton
- j. "Origins – Linking Science and Scripture" by Ariel A. Roth

Other excellent sources of information are "Creation" magazine published quarterly by Answers in Genesis, "Acts & Facts" published monthly by Institute for Creation Research, and a wealth of information in both English and Russian by Christian Center for Science and Apologetics (Sergei Golovin's Ministry) in Crimea.

The best summary of macro-evolution I've ever heard is from Frank Peretti: **"From the goo to you by way of the zoo!"** And the best evaluation of its scientific value is **"Evolution is a fairytale for grown-ups. It has helped nothing to the progress of science."** ~ Statement by Dr. Louis Bounoure, Director of Research at the National Center of Scientific Research in France.

4. **We also need to vigorously promote human dignity and the sanctity of human life.**

To do so requires that we recognize the fact that we cannot consistently promote either human dignity or the sanctity of human life from an evolutionary worldview, because the basis for both concepts is the firm conviction that human beings are created in the

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<sup>5</sup> The most comprehensive and interesting book I know of on this subject is "Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation" by Dennis Petersen. It both exposes the fallacies of evolution and builds a comprehensive Biblical worldview in a captivating style suitable for young teens through adult readers. If you would like a copy, contact Dennis Petersen at Creation Resource Publications, P. O. Box 570, El Dorado, CA 95623. Telephone: 530-626-4447, Fax: 530-626-3221.

image of God. Both the Constitution of the U. S. A. and the Bill of Rights reflect the fact that the framers of these original documents understood this perspective. It is expressed in such phrases as “**all men are created equal**” and “**endowed by their Creator**”. Here are these phrases in context: ***“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”*** ~ Declaration of Independence, 1776

5. **The most vital step we can take to make positive change in our 21<sup>st</sup> century is to promote the honor of God as our Creator, our Redeemer, and a very present Helper in troubled times.**

*“Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God’? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”* Isaiah 40:26-31 (NIV)

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands form the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, and flock under his care.” Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

#### **Final Statement of Hope and Challenge:**

**Let’s remember that the everlasting gospel (good news) of hope in our Redeemer is built solidly upon the foundational truth that our Redeemer was first our Creator!**

Revelation 14:6-8 says, “Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had **the eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. He said in a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. **Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.**” (NIV)

In order to truly worship Him in spirit and truth, each one of us must turn back to the Heavenly Father like the repentant son did in the story of the prodigal (Luke 15:11-32). “You have made us for Yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.” ~ Augustine. “There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man that only Jesus Christ can fill.” ~ Pascal.