

A study of U.S. scientists shows that approximately 40% have a personal belief in God. Biologists had the lowest percentage of believers (23%), while those in health sciences had the highest percentage of believers (50%).

“If evolution were true, mothers would have more than two hands.”

“We must all suffer from one of two pains: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. The difference is discipline weighs ounces while regret weighs tons.”



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### HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN! Jim Stauffer

David sings this message to Israel over the death of Saul, a King of Israel who was slain in battle as he continued to resist God’s will. 2 Sam. 1:25

In 1 Cor. 10:12, Paul warns us against trusting in ourselves to provide security against the temptations offered by Satan.

It is one thing to be confident and yet another to become arrogant or as we often say, cocky. We can resemble the bantam rooster walking about the barnyard when our attitude is that our own greatness ensures success and prevents failure.

“Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” Pro. 16:18.

The recent woes of Tiger Woods serve to remind us that we too can be overcome with temptation if we trust in ourselves. While we are not privy to all the facts of his case it is apparent he did not, “flee fornication”, as Paul instructs. He did not “resist the devil” nor did he “draw nigh to God.” These are all instructions from scripture to enable us to avoid the transgression of God’s law.

Now I realize you will say he is not a Christian and therefore has different standards for his life to begin with. While this is true, please recognize these instructions from scripture are designed to help the Christian avoid sin. And it is clear his tremendous pride and ego had much to do with his fall.

We too, are capable of having pride just as he did. The scripture only benefits the one who gives serious consideration to its message.

Our weakest moment, our time of greatest susceptibility is when we think we are strong.

Paul said in 2 Cor. 12:9, “And He has said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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## "What Am I Living For?"

The story has been told of an early Christian who was about to be put to death because he would not deny his Lord. His executioner was unable to understand his apparent lack of fear in the face of death. In fact, there was a manifestation of joy on the part of the Christian. Finally, the executioner could contain himself no longer. He exclaimed, "I am about to kill you! How can you remain so calm and happy?" To which the Christian replied, "Kill me, and you take from me that which I cannot keep, and you give me that which I cannot lose."

This Christian had learned a very important lesson that we all need to learn. He had not only learned how to live, he had learned how to face death. We hear so much talk about how we should live and how we can give meaning to our life, however I am convinced that many have not even come close to learning the real secret to happy and meaningful living.

Most people seem to have the idea that to be happy in this life we must have something "worth living for." With this thought in mind many turn to money, pleasure or other things of this world, hoping to find that which is worth "living for." All such attempts to find happiness will end in failure.

The faithful Christian has learned the lesson taught by the wise man in Ecclesiastes when he asked the question that has been asked through the ages: "What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?" (Ecclesiastes 1:3). This is just another way of asking, "Why are we here?" "What is the purpose of life?" The writer of Ecclesiastes sought the answer to his question in possessions, pleasures of this life, etc. and learned that all these things are very empty when it comes to giving meaning and purpose to one's life. Finally he learned the answer to his question, and declared, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

The only thing really important is so living now that we may gain eternal life when this life is over. The Christian is willing to die rather than deny his Lord. This is the thing that is of real value. Someone has truly said, "If we have nothing worth dying for then we really have very little worth living for." Jesus said, "What shall a man profit, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

- by James Hahn

## Diversity

Diversity is overrated. There. I said it. It has its place, it serves a purpose. But the idea that it is the most noble and defining characteristic of a society is ludicrous.

Upon hearing of an armed attack upon soldiers at Fort Hood by one of their own, military leaders were quick to assert that the diverse population of the armed forces was a necessarily good thing. If we are talking about diversity of sexes, ages and ethnicities, I agree. But not diversity of purpose. If soldiers in the army hold views that are diametrically opposed to those espoused by the army itself and the Constitution the soldiers are sworn to uphold, well, I'd say the army has a problem.

And the Lord's army has a much bigger problem with diversity, since the Lord's army has a much grander mission. All are welcome, make no mistake. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). But the only way we can be "one in Christ Jesus" is to adopt His credo — each and every one of us. To truly have "the unity of the Spirit", we must emphasize "one body and one Spirit, ... one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

One who has not yet come to accept Jesus on His terms is still loved and respected by His followers. Hopefully with exposure to God's people, he will be moved to change. But until then, attempting to bring him into the ranks does far more harm than good to the cause of Christ.

*Hal Hammons*

## Another 'Missing Link' Debunked

Many will remember the big 'splash' that was made in the news just a few months ago. The media seemed thrilled to announce that the 'missing link' had been discovered which proved humans evolved from the apes. A nearly intact fossil dubbed 'Ida' had surfaced which, it was confidently affirmed, definitely confirmed our evolutionary history. On May 20, 2009, Sky News ran an article with the headline "Scientists Unveil Missing Link In Evolution" which went on to state: "Scientists have unveiled a 47-million year-old fossilized skeleton of a monkey hailed as the missing link in human evolution."

Now, just months later, the whole 'Ida' story has been debunked. Although the news media has not been nearly so vocal in reporting the latest developments in the case, MSN.com did run a story titled "Missing Link Primate Isn't Link After All" on October 21, 2009. They quoted an expert who said, "Ida is as far from monkey-ape-human ancestry as a primate can be."

So, it took just five months for this latest 'missing link' to be proved a total fraud. 'Ida' joins a long list of other supposed fossil 'links' that have gone by the wayside. It is discouraging that many who saw the initial headlines (and believed them) won't see the news that exposes the real facts about another failed attempt to prove evolution. In reality, if the theory of evolution is true, it should not be 'news' when any 'missing link' is discovered. This is because the fossil record would be literally full of transitional fossils which would easily demonstrate how evolution occurred. The fact of the matter is that there are NO such transitional fossils. In The Origin of Species, Charles Darwin admitted that the lack of transitional fossils "is perhaps the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory (of evolution)."

The simple conclusion, though many refuse to accept it, is that the theory of evolution is not true, has never been proved, and never will be proved. Think!

- by Greg Gwin