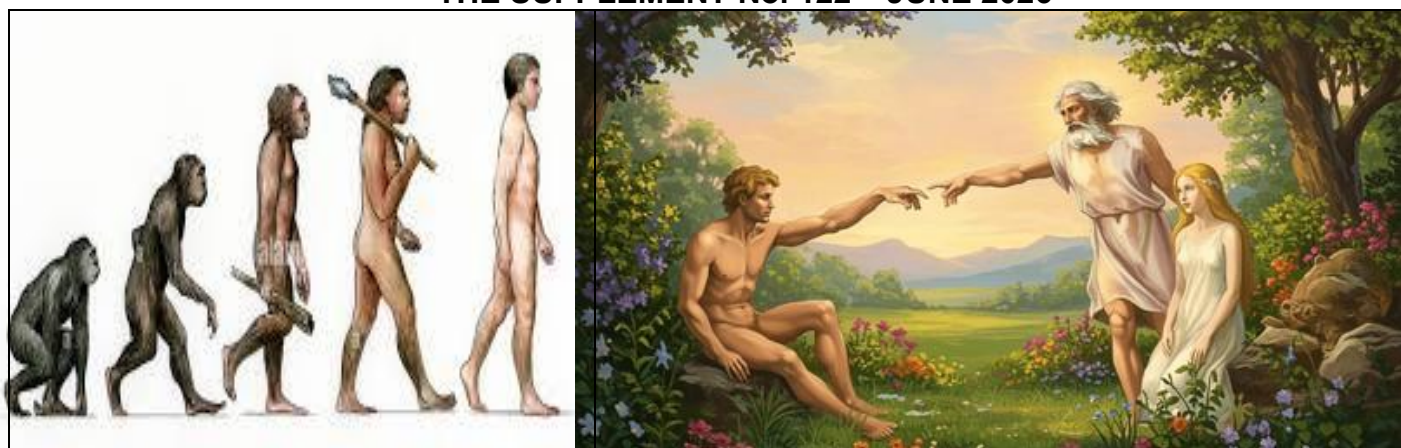


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EVOLUTION

MEN AND MONKEYS

Jesus says: "One of the points at which your pride founders in error [...] is that of Darwin's theory.

In order not to admit God, who in His power, was able to have created the universe from nothing, and man from the already created mud, you take the paternity of a beast as your own. Don't you realize you are diminishing yourselves? Consider this - won't a beast - no matter how exemplary, selected, improved, and perfected in form and instinct, and, if you wish, even in mental formation - always be a beast? Don't you realize this? This testifies unfavourably regarding your pride as pseudo-supermen.

But if you fail to realize, I will not be the one to waste words to make you aware of it and converted from the error. I ask you only one question which, in your great numbers, you have never asked yourselves. And if you can answer Me with facts, I will no longer combat this degrading theory of yours.

If man is a spin-off from the monkey, which by progressive evolution has become man, how is it that over so many years in which you have maintained this theory, you have never succeeded, not even with the perfected instruments and methods at present, in making a man from a monkey? You could have taken the most intelligent offspring of a pair of intelligent monkeys and then their intelligent offspring, and so on. You would now have many generations of selected, instructed monkeys cared for by the most patient, tenacious, and sagacious scientific method. But you would still have monkeys. If there happened to be a mutation, it would be this: the beasts would be physically less strong than the former ones and morally more degenerate, for, with all your methods and instruments, you would have destroyed that perfection of the monkey which my Father created for these quadrumanes.

Another question. If man came from the monkey, how is it that man, even with grafts and repugnant forms of cross-fertilization, does not now become a monkey again? You would be capable even of attempting these horrors if you knew that it could give approbative sanction to your theory. But you do not do so because you know that you would not be able to turn a man into a monkey. You would turn him into an ugly son of man, a degenerate, perhaps a criminal. But never a real monkey. You do not try to

because you know beforehand, that you would get a poor result and your reputation would emerge there in ruins.

For this reason, you do not do so. For no other. For you feel no remorse or horror over degrading a man to the level of a beast to maintain a thesis of yours. You are capable of this and of much more. You are already beasts because you deny God, and kill the spirit which distinguishes you from the beasts. Your science causes Me horror. You degrade the intellect and, like madmen, do not even realize you are degrading it. In truth, I tell you that many of the primitive are more men than you are."

(Notebooks 1943, pp. 591-3)

ADVANCE AND DECLINE

Jesus says: "Men speak of evolution, of a superman. Well then, let us consider man as I found him, brought to this point after his descent from Paradise. There is not an advance, but a decline. Evolution? When today's proud and false philosophers speak of evolution, they presuppose the concept of 'ascent.' But to evolve means to proceed from one point to another. And then one can proceed by spirals, either upwards or downwards. If you can't make a spiral then make a parabola.

Do you see? If he had moved on the side that is right, he would have evolved towards Heaven. But he wanted the left side. That's the current 'superman,' today's 'evolved' one who thinks it is madness to live at least as a 'man' if he is unable to become an 'angel.' And he calls himself a 'Victim' because I exhort him to live as a man. And He calls Me 'mad.' Yes, quite mad! Because of love!"

(Notebooks 1945-50, pp. 121-3)

SETH, CAIN & SCIENCE

(Valtorta says:) I heard the news that they had discovered skeletons of ape-men in a cave. I was left pensive, saying, "How can they assert this? They must have been ugly men. There are ape-like faces and ape-like bodies even now. Were primitive men perhaps different from us in their skeleton?" But another thought came: "But different in beauty. I cannot think that the first men were uglier than we are, since they were closer to the perfect model that God had created, who was certainly very handsome as well as very strong." I considered how the beauty of the most perfect work of creation had managed to become so

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degraded, as to allow scientists to deny that man had been created as *man* by God, and was not an evolution from the monkey.

Jesus spoke to me and said, "Look for the key in chapter six of Genesis. Read it." I read it. Jesus asked, "Do you understand?"

"No, Lord. I understand that men at once became corrupt, and nothing more. I don't know how the chapter is connected with the ape-man."

Jesus smiled and said:

"You are not the only one who does not understand. The learned and scientists do not understand, nor do believers or atheists. Pay attention to me. And start reading: 'When men began to multiply on earth and daughters were born to them, the *sons of heaven*, O children of Seth, *saw how beautiful the daughters of man* [daughters of Cain] *were, and so they took for their wives as many of them as they chose* At that time, the Nephilim appeared on earth (as well as later), after the sons of heaven had intercourse with the daughters of man, who bore them sons. They were the heroes of old, the men of renown.' The men who, because of the strength of their skeletons, impress your scientists, who deduce that at the beginning of the ages, man was much taller and stronger than he now is. And from the structure of their cranium, they deduce that man derives from the ape. These are the usual errors of men in the face of the mystery of creation.

You have not yet understood. I'll explain more clearly. If disobedience to God's order and its consequences were able to inject Evil into the innocent, with all its varied manifestations of lust, gluttony, wrath, envy, pride, and avarice, and this injection soon developed into fratricide, provoked by pride, wrath, envy, and avarice, what deeper decadence and deeper dominion by Satan must have been provoked by this second sin (murder/fratricide)?

Adam and Eve had sinned against the first of God's commands for man. A command implied in the other one, obedience, given to the couple: 'Eat everything, but not from this tree'. Obedience is love. If they had obeyed without yielding to any pressure by Evil exerted upon their spirit, intellect, heart and flesh, they would have loved God 'with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength,' as was explicitly ordered by the Lord much later. They did not, and were punished. But they did not sin in the other branch of love - love for one's neighbour for they did not curse even Cain, but wept over the one dead in the flesh and the one dead in spirit in equal measure, recognizing that the pain which God had permitted was just because they had created Pain with their sin and had to be the first to experience it in all of its ramifications. They thus remained children of God, and, along with them, the descendants coming after this pain. Cain sinned against love for God **and** love for his neighbour. He violated love completely, and God cursed him, and Cain did not repent. He and his children were thus nothing but children of the animal called man.

If the first sin of Adam made man degenerate to such a degree, what measure of decadence must have been produced by the second, to which God's curse was joined? What must have been the sources of sin in the heart of the animal-man, and what power must they have reached after Cain had not only listened to the counsel of the Accursed One, but embraced him as his beloved master, killing as ordered by him? The descent of one

branch, the one poisoned by Satanic possession, knew no rest and took on a thousand faces. When Satan seizes, he *corrupts in all ramifications*. When Satan is king, the subject becomes a Satan with all the unbridledness of Satan, a Satan going against divine and human law. A Satan violating even the most elementary and instinctive norms of life among men endowed with a soul and becoming brutish with the foulest sins of bestial man.

Wherever God is not present, Satan is. Wherever man no longer has a living soul, he is the beast-man. The beast loves beasts. Carnal lust - more than carnal because it is seized and sharpened by Satan - makes him avid for all unions. What is horrid and disturbing, like a nightmare, strikes him as beautiful and seductive. What is licit does not satisfy him. It is too little and too honest. He is mad with lust for what is illicit, degrading and bestial.

Those who were no longer children of God because with their father, and like their father, they had fled God to accept Satan, ventured precisely into what is illicit, degrading and bestial. And they had monsters as sons and daughters. Those *monsters who now impress your scientists and lead them into error*. Those monsters who, because of their powerful physique, savage beauty and ferocious boldness - **are the results of the union between Cain and the beasts, between the most bestial children of Cain and the brutes - who seduced the children of God - that is, the descendants of Seth. It was then that God - to keep the branch of the children of God from being entirely corrupted by the branch of the children of men - sent the universal deluge to extinguish men's lust under the weight of the waters, and destroy the monsters begotten by the lust of the godless, insatiable in sensuality because they were aroused by the fires of Satan.**

And man, contemporary man, jabbars about somatic lines and zygomatic angles and, in not wanting to admit a Creator because he is too proud to acknowledge he has been made, he admits descent from beasts in order to say to himself, 'We evolved from animals into men by ourselves.' He degrades himself, practices self-degradation because he refuses to humble himself before God. And he is sinking. Oh, he is really sinking! *In the times of the initial corruption, his appearance was animal. Now his thought and heart are, and his soul, because of deeper and deeper union with evil, has taken on Satan's visage in too many cases.*

Write this dictation in the book. I would have dealt with the subject in greater breadth to *refute the blameworthy theories of too many pseudo experts*. But there must clearly be a punishment for those who do not want to *hear Me* in the words you write under my dictation. I would have revealed great mysteries so that man *would know* now, that the times are ripe. It is no longer a time to content the masses with fables. Under the metaphor of the ancient stories, there are the key truths for all the mysteries in the universe, and I would have explained them through my little, patient John (Maria Valtorta) so that man would draw strength from knowing the truth [...] against the remains of a pseudo-science, atrophying the heart; and it will assist an already strong spirituality through which they may see the unmistakable sign of God in everything."

(Notebooks 1945-50, pp. 313-17)

EVOLUTION AND CREATION

Let the rationalists find their way to believe. Reason is a great thing. It is a great thing to be a rational creature. But the spirit is a greater thing. [...] For if reason helps man to be a man and not a beast, the spirit makes man the adoptive son of God, gives him a likeness to God, and enables him to share in his Divinity and eternal goods. Let the spirit reign over reason and the flesh of humanity. And let rationalism not reign which denies or seeks to explain what should be believed by faith, but is damaged, if not slain.

Let the rationalists find their way to see. Let them put down the opaque lens of rationalism, which will [...] lead them to see altered truths. Just as a lens that is not suitable for a weakened eye, leads one to see even worse, those who lean towards rationalism are already weakened in spiritual sight.

How can those who want to explain creation and life as autogenesis and polygenesis deny that the Almighty could make even what He was able to create at the beginning, which was not even matter but just chaos? And later, there were only limited, imperfect things? Is it logical, purely logical and reasonable, for us to accept the miracle of self-ordering chaos, generating the cell by itself? And the idea that the cell evolves into a species which evolves into others that are increasingly perfect and numerous, while God is described as unable to make all of creation by Himself? Is it logical and reasonable to maintain the evolution of the species - indeed, of **one** given species, as far as the animal form, which is most perfect because it is endowed with speech and reason? Even these alone - when we see that for millennia, all other animal creatures have not acquired reason and speech, though coexisting with man?

For millennia, every animal has been as it was made.

There may have been structural reduction and crosses whereby new hybrid races emerged from the first ones created. But over the course of periods and millennia, the bull has never been seen to have ceased being such, or the lion, or the dog, that has also lived with man for many centuries. Nor, over the course of millennia, and in contact with man - whose gestures they can certainly imitate, while unable, however, to learn speech - have monkeys ever been seen to become men, at least animal men. It is lower creatures themselves that, with the evidence of the facts, contradict the lucubration of those cultivating exclusively rational knowledge. They are as they were. They testify to the omnipotence of God with the variety of species. But they have not evolved. They have remained as they were, with their instincts, their natural laws, and their special mission, which is not ever useless, even if it may seem to be. God does not perform useless or totally harmful works. The snake's venom is itself useful and has a reason for existence.

[..] It is not the tokens of science that open the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven, but the golden coins of Faith in the revealed truths, the golden coins of Hope in the eternal promises, and the golden coins of Charity practiced...." **(Notebooks 1945-50, pp. 601-4)**

NO EVOLUTION

(The Holy Spirit says:) There was no autogenesis and there was no evolution, but there was the Creation willed by the Creator. The reason, of which you are so proud,

should convince you that the initial thing cannot form itself from nothing, and from a unique and initial thing cannot come everything.

Only God can put chaos in order, and populate it with innumerable creatures which form Creation. And this most powerful Creator did not have limitations in His creating, which was manifold, nor in creating already perfect creatures, each perfect according to the purpose for which it was created. It is foolish to think that God created, wanting to give a Creation of shapeless things, and expecting to be glorified by these, when individual creatures and all creatures would have reached, with successive evolutions, the perfection of their nature so that they would be suited for the natural or supernatural end for which they had been created.

And if this truth is certain for the lower creatures, with a natural end and limited in time, it is even more certain for man who was created for a supernatural end, and with an immortal destiny of celestial glory. Could one think of a Paradise whose legions of Saints, exalting around the throne of God, be an end product of a long evolution of beasts?

Present man is not the result of an ascending evolution, but the sorrowful result of a descending evolution, as the sin of Adam has forever marred the physical-moral-spiritual perfection of the original man. He so marred it, that not even the Passion of Jesus Christ, though restoring the life of Grace to all those baptized, can annul the residues of the sin, the scars of the great wound, that is, of those foments, that are the ruin of those who do not love God or who do not love Him much, and is the torment of the just who would want not to have even the most fleeting thought, drawn from the voices of the foments and who combat the heroic battle all their life, in order to remain faithful to the Lord.

Man is not the result of an evolution, just as Creation is not the product of an autogenesis. In order to have evolution, one always needs to have a first creative fount. And to think, to have had the infinite [amount of] species from the autogeny of a single cell, is an impossible absurdity. **In order to live, the cell needs a vital ground with elements that allow for and maintain life. If the cell formed itself from nothing, where did it find the elements in order to form, live and reproduce itself? If it did not exist even when it began to exist, how did it find the vital elements: air, light, heat and water?** What is not yet, cannot create. And how then did the cell find the four elements at its formation? And who gave them to it? Which fount had the seed of "life"? And when, supposing that this non-existent [cell] had been able to form itself from nothing, how, from its unique unity and species could there have come from it so many diverse species, as many as there are to be found in sensible Creation?

Stars and planets, clods of earth, rocks, minerals, the varied and innumerable species of the plant kingdom, the even more diverse and numerous species and families of the animal kingdom, from vertebrates to invertebrates, from mammals to the oviparous, from the quadruped to the quadrumanous, from amphibians and reptiles to fish, from ferocious carnivores to docile ovines, from those which are armed and covered by hard offensive and defensive armours to insects that even the slightest thing is enough to destroy, to the gigantic inhabitants of the virgin forests, to the assaults to which none resist but

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those of their own equal colossal [counterparts], to all the classes of anthropoids up to the protozoa and bacillus; all having come from a single cell? Everything from a spontaneous generation?

If this were the case, the cell would be bigger than the infinite One. Why did the Infinite One, the Without Measure in His every attribute, work for six days, six epochs, to make the sensible Creation by subdividing the creative work into six ascending, evolving orders of creation, this yes, towards an always greater perfection? Not so that He could learn how to create even more, but for the order which governs all of His divine operations. This order would have been violated - and this would thus have made the survival of man, the last creature to be created, impossible - if man had been made first, and before the Earth had been created, in all her parts and made inhabitable through the order placed in its waters and in its continents, and made comforting through the creation of the firmament; made luminous, beautiful and fertile by the beneficent sun, from the shining moon and the innumerable stars; made into a home, a dispenser, a garden to man for all the plant and animal creatures which cover and populate it.

Man, in whom the three kingdoms of the sensible Creation are represented in synthesis, was made on the sixth day, and in a marvellous truth, his creation by God through the spiritual soul infused by God into the matter of man.

Man: true link of true conjunction between Earth and Heaven, the true point of union between the spiritual and material world, the being in whom matter is the tabernacle for the spirit, the being in whom the spirit animates matter, not only for the limited mortal life, but for the immortal life after the final resurrection.

Man: the creature in whom the Spirit Maker shines and dwells.

Man: the marvel of the power of God who infuses His breath, a part of His Infinite Self, into the dust by elevating it to the power of man, and gives to him the Grace which elevates the power of the man-animal to the power of life, and to the condition of a supernatural creature, to a child of God through participation by nature, by making him capable of placing himself in direct relationship with God, by availing him to understand the Incomprehensible One, and by making it possible and permissible for him to love He who is so superior over every other being that, without His divine gift, man could not, through his own ability and venerable respect, even only desire to love.

Man: the created triangle that rests its base - matter - upon the Earth from which he was drawn; who, with his intellectual faculties, tends to ascend to the knowledge of He whom he resembles; and touches with his peak - the spirit of the spirit, the elect part of the soul - Heaven, by losing himself in the contemplation of God-Love while Grace, freely received, unites him to God, and love lit by the union with God deifies him. For "the one who loves is born of God", and it is a privilege of the children to participate in the likeness of His nature. To the soul deified by Grace, therefore, man is the image of God, and because of love made possible through Grace, he is like God.

On the sixth day, man was therefore created, complete and perfect in his every material and spiritual part, made according to the Thought of God, according to the order (the end) for which His Lord during his human lifetime, to

know Him in His Truth, and to therefore, enjoy Him forever in the other. Thus, one Man was created, the one from whom all of humanity would come. And the Woman in the first place, the companion of the Man, and for the Man, with whom he would have populated the Earth by reigning above all other lower creatures. Thus, one Man was created, the one who as a father would have transmitted to his descendants everything that he had received: life, senses, material goods as well as immunity to every suffering, reason, intellect, knowledge, integrity, immortality, and finally, the gift of gifts, Grace.

The theory of the origin of man according to evolutionism, which is based on the conformation of the skeleton and on the diversity of the colours of skin and appearance, in order to sustain its erroneous assertion, is not a theory against the truth of the origin of man - the creature created by God - but in its favour. Because what reveals the existence of a Creator is exactly the diversity of the colours, of the structures, of the species of the creatures wanted by Him, the most Powerful One.

And if this is valid for the lower creatures, it is valid even more so for the creature-man; he who is man created by God, even if due to circumstances of climate and of life, and even due to corruption - and so came the flood and then, much later, in the prescriptions of Sinai and in the Mosaic curses, so severe the command and punishment, he shows a different aspect and colour from race to race.

It is a proven fact, ratified and confirmed by continual proof, that a strong impression can act upon an expectant mother in a way of making her give life to a little 'freak' who mirrors in its make-up, the object which disturbed the mother. It is also a proven thing that the long co-existence amongst peoples of a different race than the Arian, produces, through a natural mimesis, a transformation, more or less marked of the traits of an Arian face, in those people who are not Arians. It is also proven that special environmental and climatic conditions have an influence on the development of the limbs and on the colours of the skin.

Therefore, the clouds on which the evolutionists would like to base the edifice of their presumption, *do not sustain it, but actually favour its collapse*. There perished in the flood, the corrupt branches of humanity groping in the darkness consequent to the fall, darkness in which only for the few just ones, as through heavy fogs, there reached once again a sole ray of the lost star: the memory of God and His promise.

Therefore, once the monsters were destroyed, Humanity was preserved and multiplied again from the lineage of Noah, judged just by God. Thus, it was returned to the first nature of the first man, still made of matter and spirit, and remained so even after sin had stripped the spirit of divine Grace and of its innocence.

When and how was man to receive the soul if he was the end product of an evolution of brutes? Is one to suppose that the brutes received the spiritual soul together with animal life? The immortal soul? The intelligent soul? The free soul? Just the thought of it is blasphemous. How then could they pass on what they did not have? And could God have offended Himself by infusing the spiritual soul, His divine breath, into an animal which had evolved for as long as one wishes to think, but nevertheless having come from a long procreation of brutes? Even this thought is offensive to the Lord." **(Romans, pp. 135-40)**