

AN EVOLUTION PARADIGM



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Time has an interesting characteristic — it can transform things. In a sense, there is evolution, and time is its god. It is the minds of humanity that are evolving. Ask a man, “Can a monkey turn into a man?” “Well, no,” you might say. Ask a man, “Can a monkey turn into a man if given thousands of years?” “Well,... maybe,” you might say. Time is the magic that can change anything, so it seems. Let’s take a look at some of this time-changing history!

As early as the sixth century, the Catholic Church reigned over Europe by the authority of the papacy. It was then that a decree was made by Justinian, emperor of Eastern Rome, that the Bishop of Rome was the “Head of all the Holy Churches,” thus proffering the Church great ecclesiastical power. This period of time is known as The Dark Ages.

During those years, as the Catholic Church’s ecclesiastical power grew, she exercised control over the general populace as well as heads of state. Since many of her doctrines

were not based upon the simple truths of Scripture, the Bible had to be suppressed to keep people from knowing the lies being told to control and tax them. In order to do this, the Bible was locked up in the language of Latin and physically kept out of the reach of the common people. It is a historical fact that the Bible was suppressed by the Roman Catholic Church, and any attempts by those who would try to put it in the hands of the common people, especially in their own languages, were met with inquisition, torture, and death.

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A PARADIGM SHIFT

It was inevitable. After nearly 1,260 years of domination by the Church, things were about to change. Europe, in the late 18th century, found itself in a time of turmoil. While God's Word was beginning to shine on hearts and minds as it was becoming available to the common people in their own languages, a false light was also making its way through the darkness to deceive. There arose a diversified movement that became known as the *Enlightenment Movement*.

Many freethinkers and those of the so-called sciences began questioning the traditional teachings, institutions, customs, and morals of society and the Church. This came, in part, as a result of the abuses of the Catholic Church and of the ruling classes. So, essentially, they threw out the proverbial "baby with the bath water." The nation of France, with its "academies," was often the epicenter of these new teachings.

Enlightenment thinkers such as Voltaire helped fuel resentment in society by denigrating the Catholic Church and destabilizing the French monarchy. Ultimately, this helped lead to the French Revolution, which began in 1789. The revolutionaries' loathing of the abuse of power by both Church and State caused them to reject both. In doing so, they elevated Reason and Enlightenment above the ruling classes — and even above God Himself.

Toward the end of the Dark Ages, France became embroiled in revolution and political controversy, emerging as a new political power based on the concept of the supposed Age of Enlightenment. The end of the French Revolution saw bloody attacks on the established forms that previously ruled the country: the monarchy and the Catholic Church.

SECRET SOCIETIES

There has been a lot of speculation surrounding the secret societies that sprang up in Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries. I do not want to dabble in all of the supposed conspiracy theories, yet two things are historical facts: 1) they existed, and 2) they were secret! But the question is, "Why were they secret?"

It was almost a knee-jerk reaction. The Church and State regulated everything — even the consciences of men. To be caught discussing any views opposed by the Church or State would mean certain imprisonment and possibly death. Secret societies were safe-havens to free thinkers to have places they could safely discuss their "heretical" ideas! Because of the dangers they faced if caught, they created ritualistic ceremonies along with oath-taking to assure and protect members and their teachings from being discovered by the powers that be.

Interestingly enough, while the Catholic Church banned their members from these societies, often priests were members and even leaders in the same. These "enlightenment" thinkers questioned everything the Church taught. If the Church said "up," they thought "down." If the Church said "short," they thought "long." If the church said "Jesus," they thought "Lucifer," and on and on.

Many members of these societies were key players in the *Age of Enlightenment* movement in the 18th century into the early 19th century. They experimented with new areas of science, alchemy, political and social ideologies, as well as new paths to spiritual enlightenment. Many became steeped in the worship of "the one who brings the light," or what is called the "Luciferian path." Lucifer was

not looked upon as the archenemy of Christ but as the "light-bearer" of truth. Some of the rituals surrounding secret societies were birthed from ancient pagan forms. Thus symbols, such as the "All-Seeing Eye," were used to depict the idea of enlightenment and the one who gives the light. This symbol can be seen on the back of a US 1-dollar bill!

Secret societies such as the Illuminati, Freemasons, Scottish Rite, and a host of other organizations were key players in this "path of enlightenment," and were instrumental in instigating the French Revolution. One could say that France was the testing ground for the ideologies of these societies.

During the French Revolution, militant atheism was made law, which led to anti-clerical violence and the expulsion of many of the clergy from France. At the climax of the revolution, the militant atheists replaced the "Christian religion" with the *Cult of Reason*. Bibles were burned in the streets, and many of the remaining clergy were put to death. The country went crazy and soon fell into anarchy and what would become known as "the reign of terror."

NEW WORLD IDEOLOGIES

With this brief sketch of what was happening in France and around Europe, we need to see how, in a bigger picture, these events affected the whole world and how it all ended with making war on the Bible. It came from a direction one might least suspect — geology! Yes, geology!

It is interesting to note that until the late 18th century, most people generally believed that disasters such as floods, particularly the great Flood at the time of Noah, were responsible for stirring up and re-depositing much of the sediment which

now forms the topography of the earth's surface. In fact, you will find universal flood stories that date back for centuries in every culture and on every continent of the world. This view is called "catastrophism."

The science that deals with the earth's physical structure and substance, its history, is called "geology." It is obvious that modern geology no longer teaches the traditionally held ideas of rapid change due to a catastrophic flood. Instead, we are introduced to whole new geological processes that supposedly took billions of years. This premise became a backbone of many other theories — such as evolution.

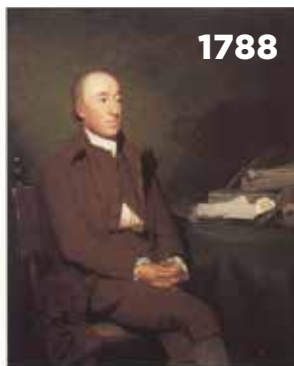
Where did these ideas of modern geology have their roots? Was it truly based on detailed, sound scientific research? Or was it the natural response of opposing anything the Church stood for? As we investigate, we learn that it came from men involved with the era of Enlightenment, those who were the instigators of the French Revolution. It was from this era — and even this locality — that new ideas regarding geology began to emerge. Is it any wonder that the natural direction of this new so-called science — especially in areas that have some of their basis in the Bible — undermined previously-held scientific thought? It is easy to see how scientific thinkers would be open to new views that not only went contrary to established thought, but also had the objective of promoting a whole new world view!

We see many new teachings emerging at nearly the same time, and all intertwining with each other. Teachings from men such as James Hutton, George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Sir Charles Lyell, Karl Marx, and Charles Darwin would change world thought regarding science, politics, life, and

religion. Their views would be taught academically by institutions of higher learning and permeate classrooms around the world. Indeed, these men, as well as many others, framed the ideologies that are currently mainstream in today's science.

WHO WERE THEY? WHAT DID THEY TEACH?

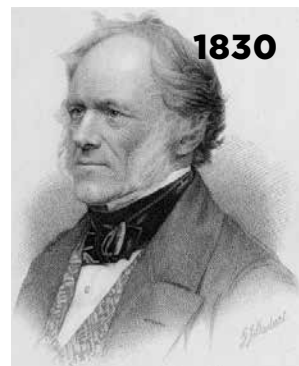
In 1788 James Hutton came out with his book, *The Theory of the Earth*. He is considered to be the father of modern geology, and it was he who coined the phrase, "The present is the key to the past." He



▲ James Hutton



▲ George Cuvier



▲ Charles Lyell

made open attacks on the idea of the biblical Flood story and ridiculed the concept of the earth being only 6,000 years old.

The very next year, 1789, as the French Revolution was emerging, George Cuvier was put in charge of French science. He developed a new idea about how the layers of strata were formed in the earth's crust, and he became an influential opponent of "catastrophism" in geology. He proposed the ideas of sedimentology — that all sedimentary layers were put down over millions of years.

But it was Charles Lyell who took the ideas of Hutton and Cuvier to the next level in the 1830s. He argued that geological phenomena could be explained in terms of currently observed natural processes operating gradually over long periods of time — a concept termed "uniformitarianism."

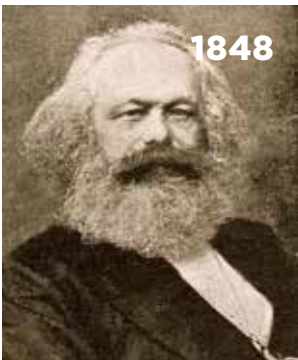
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▲ Charles Darwin



▲ Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



▲ Karl Marx

As I shared earlier, “time” became the “god” to all geological thought. It was time that created the world as we know it, and anything was possible if given enough “time.”

Lyell’s interpretation of geology as the steady accumulation of minute changes over enormously long spans of time turned out to be a powerful influence on the young Charles Darwin. Robert Fitzroy, captain of the vessel *HMS Beagle*, gave Charles Darwin Volume 1 of Lyell’s *Principles of Geology* when they set off on their trip to South America in December of 1831. When the *Beagle* made its first stop ashore at St. Jago off the coast of Africa, Darwin found rock formations which, seen “through Lyell’s eyes,” gave him a revolutionary insight into the geological history of the island — an insight he applied throughout his travels.

Charles Darwin so reasoned that if minute changes over enormously long spans of time happened with rocks, why could it not happen with all forms of “life,” and “man” as well? Thus, the young Charles Darwin began writing what would be published in 1859 as *The Origin of Species*.

While all this was happening in the area of science and geology, other writers during this same era, who were also connected with Enlightenment thinking, were such men as George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. In 1807 he wrote *The Phenomenology of Mind*. The father of dialectical thought, Hegel’s ideas helped frame Karl Marx’s ideas on dialectical materialism, which laid the groundwork for the book, *The Communist Manifesto*, in 1848.

The roots of seemingly harmless uniform geology fueled not only the ideas of evolution, but also the concepts of social evolution through political revolution. All these men were aware of each other’s writings, and they influenced each other’s thought processes.

SO TIMELY!

If you take careful note of the time frame, it is quite interesting. All of these events and the authors of these new ideas came upon the scene around 1798 into the early 1800s. And what actually happened around this time? Militant atheism arose under the guise of science, geology, evolution, and communism.

Did these make war on the Bible? YES! Look at what they teach: there is no God; the earth was not created but evolved over billions of years; man was not created but evolved from monkeys; there was no worldwide Flood, and the story of Noah and the ark is just a fable. The question needs to be asked, “Why in this time of earth’s history did these ideas come into the world?” There is a reason.

1844 AND PROPHECY

As you look over the unfolding events as mentioned in this article, we see these new ideologies emerging between 1770 to 1860, with 1798 being a pivotal date due to the culmination of the French Revolution.

Was there another prophetic event happening during these same decades? In the 1820s, a man by the name of William Miller was diligently studying the prophecies of the Bible — specifically of Daniel 8:14. He was becoming convinced that Jesus Christ was going to return again to judge the world. By the 1830s, his preaching was affecting a large part of the then fledgling USA. This was the same time that the writings of Lyell, Hutton, and Cuvier were influencing the studies and thoughts of Darwin. While Hegel was influencing Marx and preparing to unleash Communism on the world, Miller was being directed of God to warn the world that Jesus Christ was soon to return.

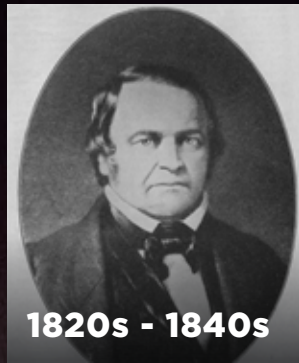
Part of his message, interestingly enough, was based on Revelation 14, verse 7: “Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth...” Two key thoughts were coming to light: 1) The hour of God’s judgment and 2) our attention should be turned toward the One who created the heavens and the earth.

The new worldview of militant atheism was specifically designed to draw people’s attention away from God as the Creator and Judge of the world. In fact, it goes even deeper than that. Our Creator had already judged the world the first time by sending a worldwide flood, thus giving mankind one more chance. This new view of geology circumvented the principle that God had already judged the world once and that He was now preparing to judge it again!

William Miller was not alone. God was raising up others, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who were studying the same prophecies and were coming to the same conclusions. There was Dr. Joseph Wolff, who, with no connections to Miller, taught the same things all across North Africa from the 1820s through the 1840s. He came to America in 1837 and even shared his finding with high ranking people in the US government.

A Jesuit priest by the name of Manuel Lacunza was exiled to South America and later banned by the Catholic Church for preaching the 2nd coming of Christ based on the same prophecies Miller was studying. When did this happen? 1820s to 1840s!

Around this same time, Robert Winter also preached the same message across England, and a Lutheran minister by the name of Johann Albrecht Bengel preached the message across Germany. It is obvious that God was raising people up to preach an end-time message to draw minds



▲ William Miller, USA



▲ Joseph Wolff, North Africa



▲ Manuel Lacunza, South America

to Him as Creator and Judge. At the very same time, Satan was staging a counter-attack to draw people’s minds away from these pivotal truths.

SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

All of us are molded, and even conditioned, by the influences we have grown up with. Some have been taught about evolution as students in school, have watched it in TV documentaries, or were told over and over again in academia that it was “the truth.” But in reality, it can, at best, be seen as a “theory” that came about through one of the most controversial eras of human history.

As the famous communist leader, Vladimir Lenin, once said, “A lie told often enough becomes the truth.” When it comes right down to the real truth of the matter, evolution is not a science in the true sense of the word; it is a “theory” and a “faith system,” which, in the dictionary definition of such, is then a “religion.”

And what is the real purpose of this new “science”? To wage war on the Bible, as well as on its Author — to divert our minds from Him who created the heavens and the earth. There are no conflicts between the Bible and science other than what man has created! People can use this so-called science as the reason to deny the existence of God and to cover up one of the strongest evidences that proves He exists — the fact that the

earth itself testifies that it was at one time destroyed by a worldwide flood. This was the result of God’s judgment against its wicked inhabitants. If, indeed, judged once by God, then He will surely judge it a second time. The proclamation still goes forth, “Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:7.

May we heed the warning,

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Peter 3:3-7). ♦

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