
Creation vs. Evolution: A Moral View

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With regards to the question about **creation versus evolution**, I wish to share a **parable** as told by Frank Peretti in "Die Gewonde Gees". This was named " **Die gelykenis van die Speelsterrein**"

He created the scenario of a **normal playground with certain set rules** to be followed as instructed on a bulletin board, and also the fact that **children were allowed to spend time on this playground under supervision of a teacher.**

In this scenario, there was order, harmony and peace. Children **played together and shared happy and joyful moments**, and where **any disagreements occurred the teacher was able to control** the situation and return the **status quo.**

Until such time where **the rules were changed.** The supervision was no longer exercised as the teacher's presence was no longer required. This created **uncertainty** but for a very short time some sense of order still ruled amongst the children. Until one day, some of the rebellious children tore down the bulletin board with all the rules.

Suddenly there were **no rules, only chaos ruled.** Children were bullied, and arguments and fights broke out. A new set of rules were introduced. **Only the stronger kids were in control and they survived.**

Peretti draws a parable here where he indicates the results of what takes place **when man no longer has his anchor and heart in God**, and he refers to leaders such as **Hitler and Stalin.** *Such a man is free from all moral values and has no "compass" in God.* **Man puts himself in control and has a different set of rules which is followed, free from any guilt or conscience - Inner-man / Holy Spirit**

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Peretti refers to God's nation that rejected His Word and His Will thus rejecting His authority. He quotes Judges 21:25

"In those days there was no king in Israel, every man did that which was right in his own eyes" KJV - Key Word Study Bible

Peretti draws this into context with our current society and its expectations. He **refers to a report on a autopsy** as done on **Eric Harris** in the United States of America after he had committed **suicide**.

His body was clothed in a T-shirt with the words **"Natural Selection"**. On his website Harris had also listed the things which he had detested most, and he had also created an additional list with **"Darwinism"** and **"Natural Selection"** listed at the top of this list.

Harris quoted thus by saying that Natural Selection was the best thing ever as it opted the possibility of eliminating all the 'dumb and weak organisms,' yes you as an individual.

Ravi Zacharias replied to this by stating that *society has now taught the youth that Naturalism was the truth and that we have been created from nothing other than a primitive slime*. It **teaches the youth that we need no objective moral values and that we are able to judge between right and wrong and that there was no Original Creator or Planner**. Also that there is no destiny or any other value to life.

Zacharias shows concern for the **theories that society is now teaching the youth and blames the chaos and worthlessness that the youth is experiencing directly on these teachings**. He shows no surprise that there is so much chaos and heartache and **crimes in our society thus linked to such freedom of such teachings**.

I quote:

"Dis alles so logies: as evolusie wel plaasgevind het, is daar geen vaste bestaan van God nie. **As God nie bestaan nie, is daar geen vaste ewige Bron van waarheid en moraliteit nie('n Absolute nie)**.

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As daar geen bron van waarheid en moraliteit is nie, word die waarheid en moraliteit aan elke mens oorgelaat. En as elke mens oordeel dat dit geregtig is om al die ' onnosel en swak organismes' in sy lewe dood te maak, op grond waarvan kan ons sy oordeel bevraagteken? Hy volg maar net die morele kompas wat uit evolusie uitvloei"

"Waarom behoort die magtiges, die rykes, die invloedrykes of diegene wat deel van die 'n groep is, nie swakkeling en uitgeworpenes tot slagoffer te maak nie? En waarom behoort die gewonde geeste nie met gewere wraak te neem as hulle dit so verkies nie. Per slot van rekening, **as mens niks anders is as slyk wat grootgeword het nie, wat maak alles dan saak? Diere sal mos altyd diere bly.**"

"Ek het nie ten doel om oor die foute van evolusie te debatteer nie."

"Ek probeer eenvoudig aandui dat **die werklike kwessie vir die evolusieleer nie bene, fossiele, en aardlae is nie, nee, vir hulle is die werklike kwessie God.** Die verwerping van God en ons reenskap aan Hom lê aan die grondslag van die evolusionis se denke. **Die verwerping van God kom eerste en eers daarna kom die vertolking van die gegewens.**"

"As God egter verwerp word is moraliteit arbitrêr". Die regte en waardes van ander is sekonder"

"As 'n persoonlike, liefdevolle Skepper wel bestaan en oor die heelal heers, het ons in Hom 'n verhewe bron vir betekenis, waarde, heiligheid en waardigheid, **om nie eens te praat van 'n vaste verwysingsraamwerk om te bepaal wat reg en verkeerd is nie: God se Woord, die Bybel.** As ons egter God uit ons samelewing, uit ons waardestelsel en ons denke probeer verwyder, het ons niks hiervan nie, en nog minder het ons kinders 'n verwysingsraamwerk."

" Daar is altyd 'n element van geregtigheid in 'n saak betrokke"

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"Wie besluit egter wat reg en regverdig is? En waar kom hulle hoegenaamd aan die idee dat daar iets is soos regverdigheid. Wie het dit vir hulle geleer?"

"Selfs klein kindertjies is bewus van regverdigheid, en die meeste van hulle was nie in 'n filosofieklas nie en weet niks van teologie af nie."

'Johnny, los die koekies uit, jy gaan nie jou kos eet nie'

'Maar sussie het dan een gekry'

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'Samuel, jy moet nou gaan slaap'

'Maar Jimmy mag dan nog wakker bly'

"Dit lyk vir my of **elke mens met 'n sin vir verhewe regverdigheid gebore word, want elke mens is na die Beeld van God geskape**, of hulle dit nou **wil erken of nie**. *En God is 'n morele God, 'n morele Wetgewer, en Hy het Sy morele wet op die tafels van elke mens se Hart geskryf"*

- I wish to use this parable as an epilogue as it leaves me the student content for besides all other reasoning, the reasoning on the level of ethics and moral values touches and connects with the Holy Spirit which dwells with in me.
- **I conclude with 1 Cor 12: 11**
- But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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