

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MAN

Part 2

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On March 16, 2001, a biology professor of the University of New Mexico, Randy Thornhill, delivered a lecture at Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre in Vancouver. His transcript stated that “rape is evolutionary, biological, and natural.” He further argued that “rape itself is an adaptation, a product of direct selection for rape in the past. Our male ancestors became ancestors in part because they conditionally used rape” (Thornhill, 2001). In his new book, *A Natural History of Rape* (coauthored by Craig T. Palmer), Thornhill characterized rape as an “adaptive reproductive strategy.” The authors contend that rape is a sexual act that has its origins in what could be called the “Darwinist imperative”—i.e., the desire to reproduce and pass on one’s genes.

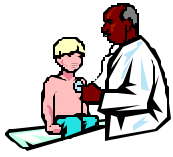
This newfound “wisdom” regarding man and his ancestry has also been used to explain away the hideous actions of murder. In a now-famous (or infamous) article in the *New York Times Magazine*, MIT professor of psychology Steven Pinker argued that society should not treat mothers who kill their newborn children the same way it treats those who kill older children and adults. That’s because, in Pinker’s estimation, women who murder their newborn babies may not be mad or evil, but unconsciously obeying primeval instincts to sacrifice their children for the good of the tribe (1997). Charles Darwin declared: “There is no fundamental difference between man and the higher mammals in their mental faculties” (Darwin, 1898). And so now professors expound that murder, rape, and adultery are “natural responses” to our ancient evolutionary heritage.

Have we forgotten how to reason? If we allow these ludicrous seeds to be planted in the hearts of men, then responsibility for every abominable act will soon fall to our alleged animal ancestry. According to this new line of thinking, the psychology of man can only be understood by looking to the animal kingdom—for it is there, according to evolutionists, that we have acquired all of our traits. A lion is not plagued by guilt after killing a gazelle’s infant offspring for its noon meal. A dog does not experience remorse after stealing a bone from one of its peers. Without God there is no moral right or wrong. The psalmist penned these words: “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good” (Psalm 14:1).

Should we seek wisdom? Most assuredly—but wisdom from God, not this foolish and pathetic composition of theories proposed by men. James told us: “if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God” (James 1:5). “Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth” (Proverbs 17:24). Our knowledge and understanding of the psychology of man should come from God, Who has set forth what is right and wrong. **God Himself is the unchanging standard of moral law.** His perfectly holy nature is the ground or basis upon which “right” and “wrong,” “good” and “evil” are determined. Neither evolution-based psychology nor humanistic based psychology can explain the true nature of man. Only God’s word can do that.

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:
Marguerite Charles, Lyn Anderson,
Martha Keith, Miriam Majors,
Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Steve
Harrah, Margaret Kratz, Dee
House, Jonnie Charles, Buddy
Martin, Nelson Gabbard, Betty
Buckner, Baby Nikkel.



David Wilcox is home after his surgery last week.

Luke Guard tore both his ACL & MCL while playing basketball. He will have surgery after a few weeks of therapy.

George Freeland suffered a heart attack last week. His address is: 6610 Old Zion Rd., Columbia, TN 38401, 931-380-2947

Raymond Clark, uncle of David Brown, has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer.

Ed Hansberry, former member, will be having serious surgery soon in Nashville.

Linda Burnette, former sister-in-law of Jim Harrington, is in RMH with serious respiratory problems.

Several are out with the usual illnesses.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jess Gibson who was buried on Friday. Also sympathy is extended to Thomas & Kris Kelly in the death of their great grandmother, Mrs. Robbie Huff, who died last week.

Happy Birthday this week to:

- Mark Brooks—3/1
- Jeremy White—3/1
- Jo Hartman—3/2
- Glenn Neighbors—3/3
- David McFalls—3/3
- Barry White—3/4
- Jerry Wood—3/5
- Mandy Tyler—3/7
- Luke Guard—3/8



Upcoming Events:



Team 2 (Garby) welcomes the Spring season with a colorful dining event on March 21 at 5:30. All dishes prepared will have a pastel color theme, so prepare your favorite dish and let your creative juices flow!

Teens



March Dates
3/1—BB Study

3/7—Bible Bowl

3/14 Winter Youth Devo—Lake Drive

3/15—TBS

3/29—Young Men conduct services

WOW



Please sign up on the WOW board for the video auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 10:30.

If you are going to the Maple Festival in March with the WOW Group – make sure you have paid your \$10 to Don!



MARCH ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:



Ink pens (Grip, medium Pilot and fine Zebra) and tic tacs—favorite is lime green. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

For Your Information

Weekly Reminders

SPRING QUARTER CLASSES

Spring Quarter classes start today. Jeanny's Wednesday night class will start next week, March 11. She will be out of town.

EVENING AT WEST SIDE

Ladies, if you are interested in hosting a table for the Evening at West Side dinner to be on May 9 please let Jo Ann know by next Sunday, March 8. I need 8 more tables/hostesses in order for this event to happen. If you have questions, see Jo Ann ASAP.

AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The monthly Preachers meeting will be on Monday, March 9, at 10:30. Everyone welcome.

MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 14, at 8AM at Famous Anthony's.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The March LNO hosted by Velda Gearhart, Jeanny Gilpin and Jennifer Laplante will be on Monday, March 16, at 6:30 here at the building. Chili Supper is planned and a sign up sheet will be posted.

MEN'S RETREAT

The 20th Annual Men's Retreat will be on March 20 & 21 at the 4-H Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Registration forms are located in the tract rack in the foyer.

PRIMARY TEACHER MEETING

The teachers meeting will be on March 22 at 4:30. More details to follow.

Big Thanks to Glenn Gabbard for all of his hard work on the lights for the new back door awning and around the building! The new cover will be finished as soon as the parts come in!



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Welcome Back (at least for a little while!) to Ed & Wanda Mickens! We all know 1 little girl who is happy they are here as well as the rest of us!

Prayer list:

- Lyn Anderson
- Marguerite Charles
- Steve Harrah
- Dee House
- Betty Jenkins
- Martha Keith
- Martha Keplinger
- Margaret Kratz
- Miriam Majors
- Buddy Martin
- Amanda Brown
- Jonnie Charles
- Nelson Gabbard
- Joanne Paul
- Baby Nikkel
- Glann Lee
- David Wilcox
- Raymond Clark
- Luke Guard
- George Freeland
- Ed Hanberry
- Linda Burnette
- Family of Jess Gibson
- Family of Mrs. Robbie Huff

Activities:

- 3/1 BB Study
- 3/7—SWVA Bible Bowl



Should “In God We Trust” Be Removed?

For some time there has been talk about removing the phrase “In God We Trust” from our currency. Much of what has been said is rumor and no serious advances have been made to that end (even though the phrase was moved from the faces to the edges of some coins). Currently, MSNBC has a poll on its website asking the question of whether or not the phrase should be removed. At the time of this writing the vast majority of Americans (85%) said that it should not.

Perhaps we should raise the question, “Why not?” After all by and large this is not a country that trusts in God. Very few actually trust in Him. This is evident in our attitude about just about everything else. Abortion murders 1.2 million of our most innocent citizens every year and it seems (to borrow the words of Jeremiah) “the people love to have it so.” Homosexuality is promoted through just about every public form of media. It is glamorized in movies, on television and in print. Illicit sex and pornography are peddled through basically every public forum. Abstinence is ridiculed as archaic while the government provides birth control and instruction for practicing “safe sex.” Divorce is considered a common and acceptable thing, and one’s having multiple unauthorized marriage partners throughout his life doesn’t even raise an eyebrow. Violent crime continues to plague our society while more and more laws are put into place to protect the criminal and hinder the innocent. And much, much more could be mentioned to illustrate the fact.

So, why not remove the phrase? It is the height of hypocrisy to make such a claim on the very instrument (money) in which so many actually place their trust. Removing it would merely be another step in the downward spiral of ungodliness in our society. It is difficult for us to take such a phrase seriously by a culture so bent on making it obsolete in every aspect of its existence. How much more disgusting must such a hypocritical claim be to Almighty God. America had better wake up and look at many more drastic changes than whether or not to consider redesigning its coinage!

-Eddy

Mar. 1 (Acts 4)

- Read Acts 4 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 4—Peter & John imprisoned
- Peter & John threatened and released
- Write a note or card this week
- *Increase your contribution by \$1 today

Mar. 2 (Acts 5)

- Read Acts 5 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 5—Ananias & Sapphira
- Apostles imprisoned
- Apostles beaten and released

Mar. 3 (Acts 6)

- Read Acts 6 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 6—7 men appointed to care for Grecian widows
- Dispute with Stephen

Mar. 4 (Acts 7)

- Read Acts 7 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 7—Stephen’s sermon
- Stephen stoned to death

Mar. 5 (Acts 8)

- Read Acts 8 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 8—Philip at Samaria
- Philip & the Ethiopian eunuch

Mar. 6 (Acts 9)

- Read Acts 9 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 9—Conversion of Saul
- Peter heals Aeneas
- Peter raises Dorcas

Mar. 7 (Acts 10)

- Read Acts 10 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 10—Conversion of Cornelius’ household

Those to Serve in March

Announcements: Roger Mays

Preside at Communion: Jason Oldham

Opening Prayer: Charlie Maness

Next Week: Richard Simms

PM Song Leader: Sam Valentine

Opening Prayer: Glenn Gabbard

Next Week: Mitch Jearls

Serve Communion: Nathan Pelfrey, Tanner Reed

Wednesday Song Leader: Garrett Durham

Open/Close Bldg: Mike Durham

Ushers: Danny Guard, Curtis Oakes

Greeters: Hartman/Laplante

Song Leader: David Brown

Serve Table: Fred Altizer, Greg Edwards
Jim Harrington, Cameron Brown

Closing Prayer: Charlie Gwaltney

Next Week: Gene Benefield

Scripture Reader: Caleb Reed

Closing Prayer: Don Pettit

Next Week: John Black

Prayer: Mark Brooks

Prepare Communion: Lowe/L. Maness

Cards/Pencils: S. Durham/O. Valentine

Nursery Attend: M. Halling/K. Jearls

Last weeks attendance (2/22&25/09)

Bible Class: 140 Worship Service: 164

Sunday Evening: 99

Wednesday: 138

Contribution: \$5337

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