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The Missing Link

Introduction

Ofentimes evolutionists and paleontologists speak about the “missing link” which, according to them, is the connecting point between animals and man. Anyone can see there is a resemblance between animals and man in that both have a skeletal system, a nervous system, a muscular system, but animals do not have a spiritual dimension in life, nor do they have a conscience that indicates to them what is right and wrong. I have yet to see a lion sorrowing over the killing of a wildebeest or giving thanks for its food. No animal builds a place of worship for its kind, nor do they gather to sing hymns or have a holy book. Man has these things and they set him apart from animals. Therefore, despite the high empty claims, they have never yet found, nor will they find, the missing link. They are those of whom the scriptures of truth record, “who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Rom. 1:18). In other words, they have suppressed the truth of God. Again, “when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” (Rom. 1:21-22)

Foolish man constantly speaks about the missing link, but that is all in their imagination for God has made it clear, there is no missing link and one can be assured such will never be found. God created man in His image and likeness, not by chance development from monkeys and some imagined one cell in some slime millions of years ago. The expression, “missing link,” was the result of so-called Enlightenment thinkers such as Alexander Pope when used by Robert Chambers in 1844 in, “Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation”.

In the epistle of Romans God declares that men professing to be wise became fools (Rom. 1:22), and the Psalmist wrote, “He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool” (Prov. 28:26). Those who propagated the unscientific, anti-biblical deception, such as Robert Chambers, Charles Lyell, Eugene Dubois, Henry Fairfield Osborn, Raymond Dart, Donald Johanson and Darwin, were pawns of Satan. These individuals denied the Biblical truth. God created all animate and inanimate objects whether they are animals, vegetable, mineral or the human species. When God created man, he was a distinct creation not evolving from a lesser species.

- a) Between the animals and humanity, there is a bulwark against any development from a lesser species. That statement is, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen. 1:26). In Genesis the first chapter it reads, “And God said let”. It is always, without exception, distinctly new creation, without any development from that which had gone before. Light did not evolve out of darkness, for between darkness and light there was the statement, “And God said let”. Similarly, on the 6th day, God created the monkeys, lions, and little dogs. It is then recorded, “And God said let”. Let what? “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”. (Gen. 1:26).

[The True Missing Link](#)

The link that is missing with humanity is not between animals and humans but between humanity and the Living God. It was not always so, for man was once in perfect fellowship with God. But man disobeyed God, and believed Satan, and sin came into the world, and with it death. When man sinned every level of harmony was severed. That included his fellowship and harmony with God, creation, his wife and in himself. Peace, contentment, and a restful life were gone. Concern, shame, awareness of having to meet God and seeking for a way to avoid meeting Him was sought. Their loss of fellowship was the missing link between humanity and God.

- a) Later in the evening of the day they had disobeyed God, and the voice of the Lord was heard in the garden. Adam and Eve were not only covering themselves with fig leaves but also hiding in the vegetation (Gen. 3:7-8). God calls them out, there is no avoidance, and spiritually and physically naked they stood before God. This was not a time of delightful fellowship, but a time of shame and the stern face of God (Gen. 3:9-10).

That which brought the missing link of fellowship between man and God was a sin, and it is the same today. That which continues to maintain the avoidance of meeting God, and seeking to appease Him through one's works and religious rituals, is the same act of rebellion and denial as Adam and Eve did by the fig leaves and bushes. God commands, "all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). However, if an individual refuses to repent, then there will be maintained a missing link. Furthermore, if a person dies unreconciled to God then they will be deprived eternally of the option of reconciliation and fellowship. Adam could not undo that act of disobedience, that activity of disregard for the warnings of God. He stood a guilty disobedient individual, and nothing he could do could eradicate the wrong he did or the guilt of emptiness he felt inside. They tried sewing fig leaves, but they still felt guilty. Then they tried hiding in the trees (Gen. 3:7, 8), but when the Lord God called, there was no hiding. For harmony to be restored the individual must have a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Because of that which Adam did, all humanity is under the sentence of death and is "condemned already" (Jn. 3:18). There is no need to imagine one has to wait until the judgment for the scriptures teach, "The axe is laid unto the root of the trees" (Matt. 3:10). That is, judgment is about to fall and in honestly striving to be a sincere honest individual without Christ, God says condemned already. Furthermore, every human being is condemned already due to his birth, that is, the individual was born a sinner and one cannot mortally change what they were born. God gives His tender but honest judgment of all humanity. We may not like it but facts do not depend on my thoughts or feelings. God's righteous adjudication of all humanity is, "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes". (Rom. 3:10-18)

How can this damaged deformed piece of humanity ever hope to share the impeccable glory of God? If all one's works cannot avail what then is the missing link? The missing link is the sacrificial work of Christ at Calvary.

[God's Answer To Man's Dilemma](#)

Almost 2,000 years ago, just outside Jerusalem, God did a work that was the greatest gift that could be given. On that cross for 180 long minutes, the Lord Jesus experienced the full-blown, uncurtailed executed judgment of God for all humanity. On that cross He endured the Hell I deserved, not just for time but for all eternity. Just as He was lifted between heaven and earth He became the mediating sacrifice between me and God. Of His own volition and with deep love He stepped into the place of me, Rowan Jennings, and in His own body suffered the darkness of being God-forsaken and all that eternal Hell is for the unbeliever. "He was wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities" (Isa. 53:5), and as the only uniting link between me and God, He holds out His hand with the free gift of eternal Life. God is satisfied with the sacrifice of the Lord, and when I, as a guilty hell-deserving sinner, reach out my hand and take the gift He offers to me, then reconciliation is complete. At that moment the individual is brought back into fellowship with God and such is the greatness of the work of the Lord. It can never be lost.

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