

Everything came into being through self-development; there is no Creator.

When Darwin's book *On the Origin of Species* was first published on November 24, 1859, it caused a quiet but all the greater revolution in people's thinking. The main idea of this work, that life and all its forms arose gradually, from simpler forms of life to the most complex forms, including humans, spread very quickly among Christian nations. This book presented Darwin's theory of evolution through natural selection, which fundamentally influenced the understanding of biology and the approach to all forms of life on Earth. The Creator's design was replaced by a theory of random selection from a vast number of different combinations. It was another blow, damaging the authority of the churches and their teachings. This theory directly contradicts God's word about creation (Genesis chapter 1). To this day, it has many supporters, even though evidence of the necessary presence of a creative intelligent design is growing.

Since then, many people have come to believe more in science, with its incomplete knowledge, than in the biblical account of the creation of the world. Soon after the publication of this book, the opinion began to spread that there is no Creator (nor angels or other heavenly beings mentioned in the Bible), and the belief quickly spread that all religious teachings are a collection of unsubstantiated claims and dogmas. Atheistic ideology arose, and from it grew philosophical and other intellectual constructs that lead people to a materialistic way of thinking and living. The search for a higher meaning of one's own existence, the awareness of a higher order, or belief in the hope of eternal life—all of this ceased to be important for most people in Christian nations. The search for the spiritual form of the world and its Creator is unnecessary for such people. They prefer to accept attractive ideologies promising freedom, social equality, justice, and prosperity without the participation of God the Creator. Already in the first century, the Apostle Paul wrote: *"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and deity; so that they are without excuse:"* (Romans 1:19-20). Behind the renunciation of the Christian (but also Jewish) faith is a loss of trust in the Church and in Christian and Jewish spiritual authorities.

For centuries, Satan and his minions took advantage of the growing sense of disappointment, injustice, and unfairness that grew with each new act of worldly and spiritual tyranny and abuse of power, offering people hope based on man instead of hope redeemed by God and His Son. For a time, this seemed like a refreshing change,

and few realized that the failure of secular and ecclesiastical power was primarily the failure of man, of human secular and spiritual authorities. What happened? People jumped at the prospect of greater justice, greater freedom, and social equality, and gradually overthrew feudal rule and replaced it with the rule of elected politicians. In short, one form of human government was replaced by another human form of government. The consequences are now obvious. Growing arbitrariness and lawlessness are increasing at all levels. Elected politicians are no longer accountable to God for their actions, but only to people. However, in reality, they are not accountable to their voters, but to people even more powerful than themselves. God is completely ignored in matters of state.

Yet at the beginning of human history, the existence of God and his heavenly messengers was completely natural for humans. This can be seen in the story of Cain, in which he converses with God (most likely with his angel) without fear or respect. In all cultures, the presence of gods was completely normal. What seemed and sometimes still seems supernatural is in fact only a manifestation of the existence of another, sometimes higher power, which people initially took for granted. The extraordinary powerful deeds that took place in human history before the eyes of many witnesses are recorded for humanity as testimony to the existence of God, His Son, and their power. They are written about from beginning to end throughout the Bible. Today, biblical stories are often considered outdated myths, mostly untrue, because human pride prevents us from seeing their true testimony and message for today's man. Churches demanded blind faith and obedience rather than trying to respond clearly and in a timely manner to developments, explaining and answering new questions that people began to ask under the influence of changes and new discoveries. Therefore, instead of blind obedience, people began to place greater emphasis on their own search for and understanding of the meaning of (their) life and morality within the framework of human experience and social values. More and more people gradually stopped believing in God's revelation as expressed in the Bible. Faith in man began to replace faith in God and his son Jesus. This is the legacy of the ideas of the Enlightenment, on which modern social systems and their problems were developed.

Consequences

The consequences of accepting the theory presented in *On the Origin of Species* are more than obvious. Darwin's theories were used against the religious interpretation of the origin of the world and life, as well as against God's word written in the Bible. Denying God's creation led to questioning faith in God and the hope of forgiveness of

sins and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Darwin's work was used to encourage human pride and the desire for independence from churches and feudal lords, but also from their Creator. The desire for independence from God has led humanity into conflict with its Creator ever since it was awakened by the serpent who tempted our first parents to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. The Creator has had to intervene several times at critical moments in human history, such as the state of humanity before the flood (Genesis 6:4-8) and the confusion of languages during the construction of the Tower of Babel, so that people would not soon reach a dead end with their stubbornness. Even the destruction by fire of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their perverse behavior was a warning to future generations (2 Peter 2:5-6; Jude 1:7). Otherwise, we would probably no longer exist. Another consequence of rejecting the biblical account of the creation of the world and life on earth is a changing relationship with nature and God's natural order. Even today, we are witnessing the open support of perverse ideologies that work against God's natural order. We live in deep darkness, but just as the coming of Jesus Christ to earth was a bright day for many people, so today people are once again awakening with the sense that another new day is approaching. The light that Jesus Christ brought to the world has not disappeared, the darkness has not engulfed it, and after every night comes a day (Jn 1:1-5; Mt 4:16; Lk 2:32; Mt 5:16).

Solution

The causes of humanity's current state originate in heaven in the conflict against God the Creator and His Anointed One, which was provoked by God's adversaries. While the conflict in heaven is probably coming to an end (Revelation 4 and 5, and Revelation 12:9-12), on earth everything is still being prepared for the coming of Satan and the beast, to whom he will give his great power, strength, and authority (Revelation 13:2).

The only way out is therefore to return to God. This means restoring a relationship with Him based on reverence, respect, and humility. The same relationship must also be restored with His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His own life for us, redeemed us, and cleansed us from our sins. He gave us hope for eternal life without death. Man is created for eternal life.