

# Zoology or Theology

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*A man who had been looking for work for a long time decided to inquire at the local zoo. He told the zookeeper, "I would like a job. I will clean cages. I will do whatever you need."*

*The zookeeper said, "I'm sorry. We would love to hire you, but there just aren't any openings right now." Noticing how big and burly the man was, the zookeeper had an idea. He said, "This is crazy, and you don't have to agree to it, but would you be willing to put on a costume and pretend to be a gorilla? Our gorilla died last week. He was our most popular exhibit. If you will be the gorilla, we will have a suit custom-made for you. We'll pay you really well." Desperate for work, the man took the job. Feeling a little apprehensive on his first day, he put on the gorilla suit and climbed into the cage. He made a few gorilla moves and beat his chest a little. The people loved it. The next day, he tried shaking the bars, screaming, and running around. The crowds started growing. By the third day, he was really enjoying his job and began swinging on the vines. But he swung too far, went over the wall, and landed in the middle of the lion's cage. The lion turned and walked toward him rather quickly. The man knew that if he called for help, people would discover he wasn't really a gorilla. But if he kept quiet, he would be the lion's lunch. So he screamed, "Help!" "Shut up, Stupid!" the lion whispered back. "You'll get us both fired! (Source - Greg Laurie's Harvest Daily Devotional)*

The above illustration is humorous because the two human beings, after pretending for a while to be animals and being silly and having a little fun, caught each other out. But what if they were serious in being them-animal-selves ".....to demonstrate the

*basic nature of man as an animal..." or to teach "...that the human is just another primate." or worst still "...to highlight the spread of man as a plague species"*

Well that's exactly what happened few years ago in 2005 on the August Bank holiday weekend in a London Zoo. However this time it was not **2** silly out of work with funny animal suits but **8** serious willing volunteers (3 Males & 5 females) with fig leaves coverings.

*As the Associated Press reported, "The captives in the human zoo exhibit sunned themselves on a rock ledge, clad in bathing suits and pinned-on fig leaves. Some played with hula hoops, some waved. A signboard informed visitors about the species' diet, habitat, worldwide distribution and threats."*

The organizers were crystal clear in their goals and objectives .It was another futile attempt in the ongoing battle of worldviews by the pushers of the zoology of human reasoning to dethrone the theology of divine revelation.

## **I. The Zoology of Human Reasoning**

The zoology of human reasoning, like its master and mentor - the theory of evolution, from which it derives its warped vision and weird value, is a dehumanizing experience. The eight participants appeared in a playful mood and put on a funny side for the TV cameras. But in reality the sick joke was on us - the humans.

Here's why...

1. According to London Zoo's own website "*... the four day event aims to demonstrate the basic nature of man as **an animal...**" (Emphasis added)*

2. Polly Wills, the spokeswoman for the London Zoo, believed that this exhibit " . . . teaches members of the public that the human is just **another primate.**" (Emphasis added)

3. Tom Mahoney, one of the eight participants explained it this way "A lot of people think humans are above other animals.

*When they see humans as animals, here, it kind of reminds us that **we're not that special.**"(Emphasis added)*

4. Agence France-Presse reported the zoo ' own purpose statement "*to highlight the spread of man as **a plague species**"* (Emphasis added)

Being hell-bent on dishonouring humanity '*as a plague species*' and demoting humans to '*just another primate*' the London zoo' human exhibit committee (and volunteers) discredited themselves badly. They seem to have forgotten that humans were the ones who:

- ◆ Built the Zoo in the first place & brought in all the real animals!
- ◆ Played around with this silly idea & placed three guys and five girls inside an electric fence!
- ◆ Decided on the theme & designed the website for it!
- ◆ Organized the event & orchestrated the media!
- ◆ Sold and bought the tickets!
- ◆ Etc..Etc..

As R. Albert Mohler, Jr. rightly points out in his Brilliant article - Humans in the Zoo--A Perfect Parable of Confusion: "*In reality, "The Human Zoo" exhibit at the London Zoo is a perfect illustration of our contemporary confusion. The organizers may claim to be making a serious point, but their point can hardly be taken seriously once the slightest thought is devoted to what the exhibit truly means..... The signs identifying the various creatures were not produced by the inhabitants of the reptile house. The apes and other primates resident at the zoo may look upon the humans with curiosity, but they have no control over their own destinies -- and unlike their hairless counterparts, they stay in the zoo overnight.*

The zoology of human reasoning is deceptive in how it markets man as a product of time and chance and makes merchandise out of IT. It is also dangerous because it gives excuses for people to reject God and rebel against Him.

## **II. The Theology of Divine Revelation**

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Gen 1: 26)

The Bible gives a thorough knowledge and true understanding of the origin of the universe, the account of creation and the beginning of life.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, out of nothing and in six days. Formed from the dust of the ground and fashioned after God's likeness, MAN – the pivotal figure of God's handiwork is a person created with power and wisdom not a product evolved over time by chance.

The triune God made Adam and Eve, like the young earth that they were to live in and walk on, fully-grown with a mature appearance years beyond their age.

From their state of origin in the Garden of Eden, this first pair of male and female was given the charge to head up and lead the entire human race.

With the intelligent designer of the universe behind their name and the innate desire for relational intimacy in their nature, they were built to function as social beings and were blessed to go forth and multiply.

However, life for history's first married couple, whose union was made by God, was marred by sin.

The opening scene to the drama of dramas of the days of their lives began with the deception of Eve followed by the disobedience of Adam by whom sin entered this world. Sin naturally brought forth death.

Unstoppable and unbeatable, and without exemption from its consequence or an escape from its condemnation, death automatically spread to all. As a result of our first parent's deadly choice, we, all of mankind, inherited their loss of an intimate relationship and a true knowledge of Almighty God.

With death to face in this life and judgement to follow in the one to come, we, the imperfect creatures and impotent sinners that we are now, all fail to measure up to God's standards and fall short of His glory.

With His beloved creation, separated by sin and alienated from Him, Jesus Christ - *the Son of God* in a heart beat, set aside His heavenly mansion and royal throne for an earthly manger and a crown of thorns, and set out on a down-to-earth and an once-for-all rescue mission - to get us out of trouble with Adam's sin and death, and put us back in touch with His grace and mercy.

With you and I weighing heavy on His heart, Jesus Christ - *the Christ of God* crossed over eternity and came down to humanity, calling all *to repent for the kingdom of God is at hand*. He challenges the hearts of those who will listen and hear His word and changes the lives of those willing to learn and heed His will.

The souls that believe His lips and receive His love will enter into an everlasting relationship with Him and the servants who reach out to the world and preach the gospel will enjoy His eternal rewards. Those who call upon His name to be saved, will be counted righteous and considered justified having their adamic debt and its sinful deed totally cancelled, and completely taken care of.

Ready to shed his blood and willing to sacrifice His life, Jesus Christ - *the Lamb of God* reached out to you and His fallen creation, to redeem our spirit from the penalty of sin, reconcile our relationship

with the living God, restore our fellowship with the heavenly Father and reunite us back into His loving arms and longing heart.

The Bible says: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.....And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.(1 Corinthians 15:22, 45).

### **In Closing –**

Jesus Christ, King of kings; He made all things in heaven and earth.

Almighty God, Prince of Peace, and one day all knees will bow before Him.

He came from heaven to save us all; from the sin and death of Adam's fall.

He lived His life sinlessly, and laid it down for you and me so willingly, on Calvary.

Then He arose from the grave, now He's alive and He will save, Forevermore!

Come to him, do it today! Do it now without delay!

He is heaven's only one way!!!

Jesus Christ is heaven's only one way!!!

*(The song -Jesus Christ King of Kings can also be heard on You Tube  
You can listen to it by clicking on the following Link  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ88gVTP-I&feature=channel>)*