

Why do the Heathen Rage?

In Psalms 2:1-3 you find the following prophecy,

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vane thing? The Kings of the Earth sat themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying let us break their bands asunder, a cast away their cords from us." [Emphases mine]

The Present Warfare is not New-Just Packaged Differently

James Moffatt says of this passage, "Why are the pagans seething nations vainly plotting..." Keil and Delitzsch, in their commentary on Psalms, indicate that the rank lawlessness and rebellion of these pagans are obviously based in a rationalism that is "groundless and fruitless," i.e., it is based absolutely on nothing. They further comment that this Psalm is prophetic, therefore I am convinced that the condition herein described could very well be inclusive of the materialism, relativism, naturalism and paganism of this present age which has its foundation firmly established in the doctrine of evolution.

Ever Learning and Never Able to Know Truth

"Are the pagans raging? I'll let you answer this question after you finish reading this article."

\$\$ One and a Half Billion to Study the Big Bang \$\$

In the July 1989, edition of Discover magazine, pp. 69-81, you'll find an unimaginable story describing an episode in the expensive preparation of the Hubble Space Telescope. In the first place just the heart of this 43-foot-long, 12-ton space telescope was in preparation from 1977 to 1990. Further, from 1984 to 1990 the Telescope sat in a spotlessly clean room at the Lockheed plant in California, where it was cared for at an average cost of \$10 million a month. (All of this expense was paid for with your tax dollars.) Finally on April 25, 1990 the Hubble Space Telescope was carried into orbit in the belly of the Shuttle Discovery at a "total!" cost of \$1.5 BILLION, and the staggering reality of this entire mission is that the dedicated purpose for this incredible expenditure was to "Chase the Big Bang". They claim, the scientists working on this project, that they will be able to see back in time 5 to 10 billion years with the aid of this telescope (as of February 2000 scientist extended this to estimation to 15 billion years!) I think I had rather use the telescopic insight of God's Word myself.

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What's the assumption upon which this entire project was based? That the universe began by a cosmic sized explosion called the Big Bang and has been expanding ever since. Is this how the universe began? They don't have the foggiest notion! I wonder if they will report what they really see? I wonder even more if they will see what they really see? Who knows! Obviously, this is a case of the heathen raging against God and His anointed. It is my prayer that if they intend to use this data from this telescope against God and His word that the entire telescope explodes! By the way the project so far is in total failure. The heathen are obviously raging.

In the Beginning What?

Carl Sagan, probably the leading spokesmen for evolutionary thinking in the 1980's, intimated in his book, *Cosmos*, and on the television special by the same name in the early 80's, that science and religion are on a collision course. (Evolutionists include Christianity with the rest of the world's belief systems when they use the term "religion.") He, Sagan, believes it is impossible to be both a Christian and a scientist. He expressed the idea that you are either a well informed, highly educated scientist, or you are an ignorant, uniformed religious fanatic. And having made these erudite "scientific" remarks, he revealed his true motivation and bias when he wrote his book, *Cosmos*, page 4, "the cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be." This, dear friend, is beyond question a "highly educated" and a remarkably high level "scientific" statement? Do you think the heathen are raging? The noise is deafening!

Evolution a Scientific Fact? When?

In January 2, 1981, Brian Sullivan of the Philadelphia Inquirer, reported that during the 147th national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, conducted in Toronto, that his "scientific" conclave "voted-in" evolution to be a scientific law. How incredibly interesting! The raging crescendo continues!

Here's the Answer!

The Psalmist reports, in verse three of our passage, that these raging pagans answer, "Let us snap their ties, and fling off their control." [James Moffat] In other words, I hear them saying today, "Let us rid ourselves of the moral restraints and the accountability we have to God, our Creator, by declaring that our existence on earth developed because of the random processes of time, chance accident rather than the creative work of God." This idea is confirmed in the meaning of the words "bands" and "cords" that are used in the passage. The Brown Driver and Briggs Lexicon to the Old Testament define the terms "bands" and "cords" of verse three as follows"

Bands - "bonds imposed by Jehovah and his anointed."

Cords - *"figure of authority."*

What are the implications of these terms? You see, if God is the eternal Creator, and the Genesis account of beginnings records the "creatio ex nihilo" (creation out of nothing as preformed by this supernatural being, then it stands the God of Holy Scripture owns us, and He alone is the law maker, and we are accountable to His standards and only His standards. Obviously the pagan's world view will not permit this kind of outside authority because they are a law unto themselves. Therefore they have designed, by Satan's inspiration, a "scientific" doctrine to justify their atheism, i.e. The Doctrine of Evolution which is firmly based in nothing, and from which they view the world.

"It is true. "The heathen rage and the people imagine vain things."

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Update: Currently NASA is building a new telescope, more advanced than Hubble. Additionally NASA is wanting to implement other related projects all for the price of 4.5 Billion Dollars plus!