



Extinction

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A recent article published by the scientific editorial staff of the BBC reveals that science has uncovered genetic evidence that yields an interesting conclusion.

The evidence is that the DNA diversity among human beings is very small. The diversity is smaller among six billion humans today than even among much smaller species of chimps. The evidence is not all that alarming, though it is interesting. It won't revolutionize schools or topple governments. It won't help husbands better love their wives or children win more neighborhood footraces. But the evidence will contribute to something. And the way the evidence is explained in the article contributes to the ongoing stream of the consciousness of our culture to make facts say what we want them to say.

The evidence in the DNA points to this conclusion: that the many people today came from a very small

group of ancestors. Fair enough. This seems a very reasonable conclusion.

But that conclusion is not enough for the Darwinian evolutionary assumption. In today's world, where philosophical naturalism says that all existence is made up of material things and that all of it is explained through the story of Darwinian evolution, the evidence found in the DNA laboratory is required to fit into this grand Darwinian explanation. Those at the BBC reflecting on this research made the assertion that the human race, at one point, was almost extinct. The assumption is that man evolved in various places but all died off, except for a very small number.

But is this the right conclusion for the evidence? One of the principles of the philosophy of science is to come up with the best and simplest explanation for an event. Is the Darwinian story really the best and simplest?

There is another grand story that stands opposite of the Darwinian model. This is the Judeo-Christian story. It too can account for the modern DNA evidences that our scientists are discovering. Instead of saying that the human race was almost extinct, it

would say that the human race was only at its beginnings. You see, if God made man, the way the Bible says He made man, we would expect to see very little DNA diversity among humans because all humans descended from Adam. Far from becoming extinct, humans were about God's business of taking care of the earth and quickly multiplying in families. We now number at six billion descendents of Adam.

This explanation is far more satisfying to me, not only because I'm a Christian, but because it is a simpler explanation of the facts. You see, I find that true scientific discoveries don't contradict the Bible any more than archeology contradicts true history. It is when some scientists try to cram their explanations into a hypothetical story that the culture becomes confused. What is being touted as "science" is really a commitment to a philosophical position that has little to do with science. This is a very important distinction to remember.

Malcolm Muggeridge said that modern man has "educated himself into imbecility" and therefore "keels over...and becomes extinct." If modern man refuses to look to the right conclusions, he will abolish himself. The philosophical assumptions of Darwinian evolution have left humans without value,

ethics, or purpose. It is far from natural and scientific: it a deliberate corruption of his own mind. No less than the extinction of our civilization is at stake.

Jesus, the Everlasting Man, invites us to walk past the decaying ideas of our culture into the abundant life He has offered, full of worth, morality, and meaning. The evidence points toward his story, and there you will discover good news that will never grow extinct.

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