

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)*

**April 7, 2019**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

10:00 am Tuesday  
mornings

## **A Message To Our Visitors**

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lead Singing:**

Ron Hutchison

### **Opening Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Scripture Reading:**

Josh Price

### **Lord's Table**

Josh Fulcher  
Johnny Downs  
Josh Price  
Isaac Fulcher

### **Closing Prayer:**

Chris Smith

### **Greeters (East)**

Jordan Hobbs

### **Greeters (West)**

Isaac Fulcher

### **Welcome**

Brent Arnold

and family

# STILL TRYING TO HIDE FROM GOD

*By: Alan Adams*

If one excludes the idea that man was created by, well, a creator, the only way to explain his existence is evolution. Evolution is the idea that presently observable natural forces acting on matter (rocks, dirt, gas and water) caused life to emerge from lifeless matter; and the same forces acting on the simplest forms of life have caused them to evolve into complex forms of life, with man, at present, being the most complex form of life. Why, though, would a person in search of truth, exclude an alternate explanation of things before having examined the evidence for both? Deciding, first, what one wants to be true, and then disregarding any evidence that doesn't fit that decision may be somehow comforting, but it's not science.

I have read where someone has said that evolution is a fact, in the same sense that digestion is a fact. Digestion can both be deduced; and with present technology, pretty well seen. Evolution on the other hand, can neither be deduced nor seen. Life comes only from preexisting life, and that of its own kind. At best, evolution is a theory; but even here, it is wanting. If this theory of evolution be truly a theory, then it must shown to conform to and explain reality. It does not.

Man possesses qualities that are not common to the rest of the world, rather they are unique to him. Such attributes as the: intellectual, moral, emotional, aesthetic, psychological, spiritual, etc. Each of these qualities is a part of man, and yet all are separate from his physical person. One might dissect a human brain, but he will never locate the mind. He might observe, and with a scalpel, cut into a beating heart, but he will never surgically locate love and compassion. He might explore the entire human body, but he will never locate the conscience that cries out in pain when violated. How does evolution, a completely materialistic philosophy, account for these transcendent and immaterial qualities of man. It doesn't and it can't. As a theory tried and tested in

the face of reality, it fails. It is hardly "a fact."

Man is clearly more than complex matter. A real "scientist" would have to ask, "How does mere matter possess a sense of 'oughtness'?" Where did matter contrive such? Why does "human matter" feel the need, in many cases, to sacrifice and give of himself for the benefit of others? What of "right," "wrong," "beauty," "justice," and "worship"? Not only must evolution have life coming from non-life, and organic from inorganic, he must also have "...the immaterial from the material, the spiritual from the non-spiritual. And, this doesn't make any sense."

Evolution is in no sense "science." It is a philosophy, a view of the world, which seeks, like all philosophies, to explain the world and man's place in it. It is a false philosophy just as surely as that of "the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers" (Acts 17:18) was false. It is false precisely because it contradicts reality.

Upon closer examination, evolution, it turns out, is not an honest attempt to "explain" things, rather it is an attempt, on the part of man, to get God and moral responsibility out of the picture. It is man's trying to get away from God. Trying to get away from God is a practice as old as man himself. Of the first couple Scripture says, "the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden" (Genesis 3:8). Some people today are trying to do the same thing "amongst the trees of evolution," behind the trees of moral relativity and within the forest of subjectivity. It is impossible, though, to hide behind what's not there.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 (Wesley Tucker) meets today.
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available. Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Directory Questionnaires:** Please fill out one per family and turn into Luke or Amber. New photos will be taken.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Peanut Butter
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

### Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Linda Jones
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Kevin Smith
- ⇒ Trap Sims
- ⇒ Lori Barnett (Vicki Wilson's niece has cancer)
- ⇒ Johnny Wagner (Josh Fulcher's neighbor has cancer)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Charlotte Irvan
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher
- ⇒ Deborah Moore (Linda Jones' Daughter)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word  
*(Rom 10:17)*

Believe the Word  
*(John 8:24)*

Repent  
*(Luke 13:3)*

Confess Christ  
*(Rom 10:10)*  
*(Acts 8:37)*

Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

Remain Faithful  
*(Rev 2:10)*  
*(Acts 8:12-24)*

Heaven can be your  
home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



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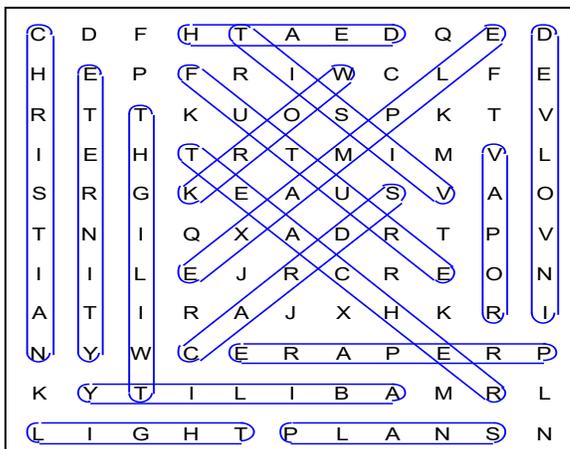
Stephanas

Gaius

Unity

Glory

Wisdom



**Bible question:** Whose household told Paul of contentions in Corinth?

**Last week's question and answer:** In what two ways did Solomon surpass all the kings of the earth?

**Answer:** Riches and Wisdom (2Chron 9:22)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Nathan Puckett, Ethan Hobbs