



Charles Darwin married his cousin, in a CHURCH! While he was only somewhat religious and originally had a spiritual relationship with God, his wife was a devout Christian woman (There's a story in the bible about a woman so faithful, her whole family went to heaven for her righteousness, do you think Ole Chuck is smiling down on us, now? I DO! I imagine he and Jesus are laughing at us every day, at our silly misinterpretations which God doesn't hold against us!). In the Victorian era, people didn't realize that we're not supposed to marry our cousins. I think it is one of God's biggest tricks that he has made us seekers, so when we encounter trouble we search and find ANSWERS (which are findable because God made it so in the first place.) Well, Charles had a broken heart after two of his children died due to illness and genetic infirmities which were not realized at the time. All Charles knew was he had prayed to the Lord for them to be healed and it hadn't happened. Perhaps he needed to rationalize a reason. I imagine, like so many other men embittered in pain, that he was very angry with God. He became disenfranchised in his relationship with the Lord. Then he threw himself into his scientific work and was very good at making astute observations. From these he developed a simple theory, nowhere in did he ever assert that God was not the original creator. But, since he was very angry with God over the loss of his children, Ole Chuck didn't give the Father any credit, either. It seems very ironic to me that Darwin was the father of the study which eventually revealed to us that we ought not to marry any cousins or family in the first place. God didn't design things to evolve very well for us when we go against His design. This is all part and parcel of his controlling elements in the design which are intended to correct our course when we do go astray.

It was the social economist, Herbert Spencer, who "adapted" Charles Darwin's *observations* of what appeared in nature to his own cause. At the time he was exhorting men like Rockefeller and Carnegie to build great wealth for a few, elite (his interpretation of "fittest" Americans having nothing whatsoever to do with Darwin's theory) people on the backs and broken bodies of poor labor. We still have real problems in America related to this misuse, and Spencer's ideas are so ingrained in our society that we think this is the way things are supposed to be. As a Christian, I know that it's not and our misinterpretations about what God intends for creation is a big part of the problem. What better lie can the devil sell the world other than "there is no God?!" As a Christian, it is my duty to resolve these beliefs by those who have been terribly misled and therefore need God's mercy and compassion more than most. Furthermore, because I am a Christian, I always studied science with the inner question of *what did God intend by this or that design*, which He reveals to us in all due time.

For example, we have learned so much about genetics, now, since we can study this field at a molecular level. It has now been revealed that our genes actually respond immediately to our environment, turning on and off parts of our cells that we need. This is a critical way God has created us to adapt and survive. I also believe that this is the mechanism by which the Holy Spirit *is able* to come into our physical form to do great healing. This is why it is so important to be in communion with the Lord. Also, we've misinterpreted what is happening through *natural selection* because the secret to the genetic code changing over geological time (because it takes 3 base pairs to determine protein sequence, very complex scientific stuff I wish I could forget) is that for anything to be produced that isn't junk, a different set of codes has to be present in the DNA to begin with. I'm pretty sure we got it wrong by thinking genetic variation for adaptations in man (and all other life forms on this planet) relevant to our survival on the planet happened *by random*. Logic can get me to this thinking point. However, it is the word, the Bible, that takes me where I need to be: for the bible tells me that God is in control and He had all the codes we would ever need built into the DNA on the planet and how it would work before He ever set the first molecule in motion. The study of molecular genetics is so complex for man, but so simple to understand if you think about us from God's point of view. *As an aside, it seems folly to me to ever toy with God's plans for our survival, so stop eating genetically modified foods and foods filled with man-made chemicals. We were not evolved to digest that crap and it can harm your body, God wants you to be healthy.*

Finally, the Bible also tells me the story of creation that was all wrought by God with human beings intended as the main products and having a relationship with us, the main point. In God's thinking, we are the primary design. Because He is the greatest engineer, my faith tells me that we misinterpreted the observations of genetics and drew

the wrong conclusions. He used His primary design to create all life that would sustain and accompany us; human beings are what determine what all He creates! The other life forms share a large percentage of our DNA code, God must have built them off His main invention. He had the DNA code to manipulate and in so doing created all the various life forms that sustain us on the planet. To me, it seems so beautiful. I examine the geological record of time according to the order of events in the creation story, they line up as well. Didn't Einstein already convince everyone that time is relative? Connect the dots Christian style and it all makes sense. We didn't come from the apes, they came from us! If we can think about these things differently as Christians, I believe we can overcome our frustrations with the scientific community and win agnostics and atheists over to Jesus. **This can change the world**, for we are called to love them just like everyone else. They may not believe in God, but because He loves them they still get to run around breathing His air. Because God loves us, we are called to love them and testify to them. We should equip ourselves with new ideas to defeat the lies the devil has perpetrated through humanity to bring all people into the family of God, He created us to do so. So, let's not be *too dumb* to realize this. As human beings, we can barely scrape the surface of what God has imagined. Therefore, we are prone to misinterpretation.

Thank you Lord, Jesus, for being our intercessor with the Father when it comes to these matters. Let us be better intercessors for the lost among us, Lord. Amen.