

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of August 25, 2024 -

Sunday School	-----	18
Sunday Morning Service	-----	45
Sunday Evening Service	-----	27
Wednesday Eve., 08/28/24 Service	-----	15

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of August 25, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,330.14
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/25/24:</b>		<b>\$ 1,330.14</b>

- Week of August 18, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,715.17
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	-----	\$ 150.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/18/24:</b>		<b>\$ 1,865.17</b>

- Week of August 11, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,396.42
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	-----	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/11/24:</b>		<b>\$ 1,426.42</b>

- Week of August 4, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,759.40
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/04/24:</b>		<b>\$ 1,759.40</b>

- Week of July 28, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 6,649.50
Children's SS Missionary Fund	-----	\$ 14.75
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	-----	\$ 290.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/28/24:</b>		<b>\$ 6,954.25</b>

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses **EACH WEEK, as a minimum** = \$ 1,600.00



**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED**

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.

The Lesson Cartoon for This Week



THE END OF THE ROAD!

**Church Directory**

Todd W. White	-----	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd	-----	Pianists
Derek Quinnelly	-----	Greeter
Kim Phillips; Shirley White/LeAnna White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & Keith Shufelt	-----	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars	-----	Outreach
Keith Shufelt	-----	Men's Prayer Group
GinaMarie Shufelt	-----	Ladies Bible Study/Flowers
Seth White	-----	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly, David Smith	-----	Trustees

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REMINDER



Charles Darwin's Deception

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

In his autobiography, Charles Darwin presented himself as a man who was not deeply influenced by the skeptical environment in which he grew up. He claimed, in fact, to have believed the Bible as a Cambridge student and even during his voyage on the Beagle and only gradually to have become a skeptic solely as the product of independent scientific investigation. This is a self-serving myth.

In fact, he never was a Bible believer, never professed Christ as his Saviour, and was deeply influenced by skepticism from a young age.

Charles' grandfather, Erasmus Darwin, was a famous skeptic who worshipped "a distant Deity ... the vast Unknown." Erasmus' skepticism was so radical that it even shocked the Unitarian transcendentalist Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who called him "an Atheist." Josiah Wedgwood, Erasmus' close friend and the grandfather of Charles' wife Emma, was a Unitarian who rejected the Deity of Christ and the infallibility of the Bible. Josiah's famous Wedgwood pottery firm honored the infamous Unitarian Joseph Priestly with a medallion featuring his likeness. The two grandfathers bequeathed "a mixture of freethought and radical Christianity to their grandchildren" (Adrian Desmond, *Darwin*, p. 5). Erasmus published a very popular two-volume work entitled Zoonomia, which presented nearly the same evolutionary theories later popularized by Charles. Erasmus added an evolutionary symbol to the Darwin family' coat of arms, consisting of three scallop shells and the motto *E Conchis Omnia* ("all things out of shells"). The meaning was that all things had evolved out of the sea.

Charles' father, Robert, was an atheist who adopted *E Conchis Omnia* as his personal motto.

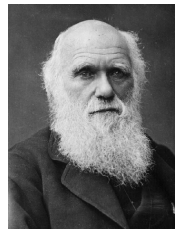
Charles' elder brother Erasmus, named after their famous grandfather, was a radical skeptic in his own right and his house was a center for "freethinking" in London. Charles loved to spend time there, where "the buzz was radical and Dissenting and 'heterodoxy was the norm'" (Desmond, p. 216). Erasmus' intimate lady friend, the Unitarian Harriet Martineau, did not believe in miracles. She translated the atheist Auguste Comte's pantheistic Positive Philosophy into English. Comte's objective was to replace the religion of God with "the religion of humanity."

As a young medical student at Edinburgh University, Charles was drawn to the most radical skeptics, and they to him. He was elected to the Plinian Society in 1826, at a time when "it had been penetrated by radical students--fiery, freethinking democrats who demanded that science be based on physical causes, not supernatural forces" (Desmond, p. 31). Darwin was invited for the very reason that his grandfather Erasmus was a skeptical evolutionist. Darwin's membership was sponsored by William Browne, who "had no time for souls and saints." Browne hated the Bible and the doctrine of creation, and when Charles Bell proposed that the human face reflects man's moral nature and is an evidence of divine creation, Browne opposed him. Brown stirred up a great controversy when he lectured that "mind and consciousness are not spiritual entities, separate from the body; they are simple spinoffs from the brain activity" (Howard Gruber, *Darwin on Man*, p. 479). The other student inducted into the Plinian Society with Darwin was the Unitarian-educated William Greg, who was "just as heretical as Browne" and hated creationism.

Darwin's closest friend at Edinburgh was professor Robert Edmond Grant, another member of the Plinian society. He was "an uncompromising evolutionist" who believed that "the origin and evolution of life were due simply to physical and chemical forces, all obeying natural laws" (Desmond, p. 34). A man for whom "nothing was sacred," he was "savagely anti-Christian" (p. 40). Grant loved Erasmus Darwin's Zoonomia. He believed in spontaneous generation of life from "monads" or "elementary living particles" and that the sponge is the parent of higher animals.

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Darwin claimed that before the publication of *On the Origin of Species* he “never happened to come across a single naturalist who seemed to doubt about the permanence of species” (*Autobiography*, p. 124). That is an amazing lie. His own grandfather believed in the transmutation of species and taught it in his popular book, which Charles had read twice. Jean Baptiste Lamarck had presented transmutation in his very influential 1809 *Philosophie Zoologique*, which Darwin had read. We have seen that Darwin was deeply exposed to transmutation theories at Edinburgh University. Darwin also read Robert Chambers’ 1844 *Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation*, which described all of creation evolving from atoms. In London, men such as James Gully were teaching “transmutation” before Darwin published his book. Gully translated Friedrich Tiedemann’s “evolutionary treatise on Comparative Physiology” (Desmond, *Darwin*, p. 219).



Charles Darwin  
1809-1882

Darwin claimed that he came to his evolutionary theories “quite independently” of Humboldt, Lamarck, and others. But even sympathetic biographers such as Gertrude Himmelfarb characterize that as “not entirely candid.” Indeed, Darwin had read many books promoting evolutionary ideas very similar to those he later promoted, and it is impossible to form a theory independently--after the fact--of the things you have actually read!

Darwin protested that his book *On the Origin of Species* was not a product of something that was “in the air” and denied that “men’s minds were prepared for it.” This is nonsense. Social historian Himmelfarb observes, “*It was in the air and men were prepared for it--the public for evolution in general, and the scientific community for some special theory that Darwin was known to be working on*” (*Darwin and the Darwinian Evolution*, p. 240). Unitarianism and German “higher criticism” and humanistic philosophy had greatly weakened biblical faith in the Church of England and in society at large.

In *The Darwin Myth*, Benjamin Wiker observes,

“His was a close-knit family, and at least all the menfolk took for granted the self-evident truths of Enlightenment skepticism. The skepticism toward Christianity included an evolutionary account directed against the Christian, biblical doctrine of creation. It was part of the comfortable truisms passed on as a heritage. The family heritage allowed Charles to breathe in evolutionary doctrines that had been in the air for over a century...Charles Darwin was a third generation evolutionist. He carefully read his grandfather’s Zoonomia very early on, he studied under the radical evolutionist Robert Grant while in medical school, he worked through the arguments of the French evolutionist Lamarck, and it would be hard to imagine him not discussing evolution with his father and brother around the table and in front of the fire--all this, before he had set foot on the Beagle. ... It means that the theory came before the facts. It was a philosophical and cultural inheritance before Charles Darwin himself went in search of evidence to support it” (pp. 136, 137).

The fact is that Darwin and his book were products of a skeptical environment. Darwin could have believed the Bible, because he had it in his possession and knew men that believed it, but he chose to reject it. There is no evidence that he even tried to find answers to the skeptical questions that he accepted, such as the question of suffering and homology and embryonic similarity and the geological record and the alleged contradictions in the Gospels. The answers were available, but Darwin was not interested in proving the Bible, only in disproving it. This willful skepticism has characterized committed Darwinists ever since and is a fulfillment of the prophecy of II Peter 3:3-6:

**“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflown with water, perished.”**

### NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ **THE BIG LIE** - “Adolf Hitler coined the term ‘Big Lie’ (*grosse Lüge*). ‘If we want to score a victory, we must actively make use of lies. They have to be big. The bigger the lies the quicker people will believe them,’ he said. Hitler used the Big Lie to spread untruths about Germany’s Jewish population. Dictator Joseph Stalin didn’t much like Hitler, but he appropriated the Big Lie to explain purges of Soviet citizens. In America, almost a century later, the Big Lie is now woven into the fabric of daily political discourse” (Martin Dugard, *Taking London: Winston Churchill and the Fight to Save Civilization*, p. 44).

**CONCLUSION:** Actually, Hitler and Stalin are not the fathers of the Big Lie. The Big Lie was invented 6,000 years ago at the dawn of human history when Satan, the father of lies, told Eve, our mother, **“Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil”** (*Genesis 3:4-5*). The Big Lie, being a lie, resulted in the Big Death, because God, who cannot lie, had said to Adam, **“Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”** (*Genesis 2:16-17*).

Lies, no matter how big, cannot do away with truth. Sure enough, the Big Death came upon all men, for all have sinned, but the Good News for those who will receive it in repentance and faith is that God has intervened on man’s behalf. **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (*Romans 6:23*).

☛ **FACEBOOK CEO ADMITS HE WAS PART OF GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP SCHEME** - The following important information is excerpted from Jonathan Turley, *“Meta CEO Zuckerberg,”* Fox News, Aug. 27, 2024):

“I believe the government pressure was wrong, and I regret that

we were not more outspoken about it.’

Those words from Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg came this week with an admission in a letter that his company, Facebook, did yield to pressure from the Biden-Harris administration to censor American citizens on a wide array of subjects. For those of us who have criticized Facebook for years for its role in the massive censorship system, Zuckerberg’s belated contrition was more insulting than inspiring. It had all of the genuine regret as a stalker found hiding under the bed of a victim.

Zuckerberg’s sudden regret only came after his company fought for years to conceal the evidence of its work with the government to censor opposing views. Zuckerberg was finally compelled to release the documents by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, and the House Judiciary Committee. Now forced to admit what many of us have long alleged, Zuckerman is really, really sorry.

In my book *The Indispensable Right: Free Speech in an Age of Rage*, I discuss Facebook’s record at length as a critical player in the anti-free speech alliance of government, corporate, academic, and media forces. In prior testimony before the House Judiciary Committee and other congressional committees, I noted that Zuckerberg continued to refuse to release this information after Elon Musk exposed this system in his release of the ‘Twitter Files.’ Zuckerberg stayed silent as Musk was viciously attacked by anti-free speech figures in Congress and the media. He was fully aware of his own company’s similar conduct but stayed silent. When the White House and President Joe Biden repeatedly claimed that the Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation, Facebook continued to withhold evidence that they too were pressured to suppress the story before the election.

...While Zuckerberg now expresses ‘regret’ at not speaking out sooner, his company previously sought to sell Americans on censorship. In 2021, I wrote about the Facebook commercial campaign in which the company attempted to rally young people to embrace censorship.

... For years, young people have been taught that free speech is harmful and triggering. We are raising a generation of speech-phobics and Zuckerberg and Facebook wanted to tap into that generation to get people to stop fearing the censor and love ‘content modification.’

... Now, Zuckerberg and Meta want people to know that they were ‘pressured’ to censor and really regret their role in silencing opposing voices. It is the feigned regret that comes with forced exposure.”

☛ **ANOTHER COMPANY DITCHES DEI** - The following is excerpted from *“Harley-Davidson Opts Out,”* Washington Times, Aug. 20, 2024:

“American motorcycle powerhouse Harley-Davidson has kicked diversity, equity and inclusion to the curb, adding to the list of companies abandoning the initiative. The Milwaukee-based firm announced in a Monday post on X that the end of its DEI operation came months ago. ‘It is critical to our business that we

hire and retain the best talent and that all employees feel welcome,’ the statement said. ‘That said, we have not operated a DEI function since April 2024, and we do not have a DEI function today. We do not have hiring quotas and we no longer have supplier diversity goals.’

... Among other companies, tractor manufacturer John Deere said it would discontinue its DEI division after significant social media backlash. Tractor Supply Co. also slashed its DEI and climate goals after a conservative pressure campaign. DEI programs are intended to eliminate racist or sexist practices in the workplace. While the programs have existed for decades, private companies greatly increased the scope of their DEI initiatives in the wake of the George Floyd protests in 2020. Conservative activists and politicians say the programs increase division in the workplace and are fundamentally unfair.”

☛ **THE UNITED NATION’S INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE DECLARES ISRAEL’S “OCCUPATION” OF JUDEA AND SAMARIA “UNLAWFUL”** - The following is excerpted from *“Top UN Court,”* Israel365News, July 21, 2024:

“The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial arm of the United Nations located in The Hague, issued a non-binding, 83-page opinion on Friday declaring Israeli ‘occupation’ of Judea and Samaria to be ‘unlawful.’ The U.N. high court stated that Israel is ‘obliged to bring an end to its presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible.’

... Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the ruling on Friday. ‘The Jewish people are not occupiers in their own land, including in our eternal capital Jerusalem nor in Judea and Samaria, our historical homeland,’ he said. ‘No absurd opinion in The Hague can deny this historical truth or the legal right of Israelis to live in their own communities in our ancestral home.’

... Israel Gantz, head of the Binyamin Regional Council and chairman of the Yesha Council, stated that the court’s opinion ‘deserves condemnation and denunciation from all countries around the world.’

... ‘This decision is intended to bring Hamas terrorists closer to the beds of our children and women in the center of the country and to eliminate the State of Israel. ‘The Western Wall, the Cave of the Patriarchs, Jerusalem and all of Judea, Samaria, Binyamin and the Jordan Valley are the land of our ancestors,’ Gantz added. ‘No opinion will erase the historical truth or undermine the deep connection between the people of Israel and its country.’

... Harriet Schleifer and William Daroff, chair and CEO respectively of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, condemned the court’s ruling ‘in the strongest terms.’ ‘The ICJ, like the entire United Nations’ system, is rife with antisemitism and anti-Israel bias--this verdict has given us simply more proof of what was already evident,’ the two leaders stated. ‘The accusations in the ruling amount to a modern-day blood libel.’” ■