

to function in and rule over nature.

-Evolution has only mutation and natural selection to explain this

e. Existence of moral standards in mankind

See Lewis, "Right & Wrong..." in Mere Xy; Abolition of Man

-Philosophically, cannot derive "ought" from "is"; how explain the origin of this realm of human activity?

-Abolition of Man shows parallel moral standards throughout world's cultures

-This argues against independent development of morality, for a common source

f. Existence of pleasure for mankind

See Loren Wilkenson's article "The Problem of Pleasure" in J. W. Montgomery, Xy for Tough-Minded

-Is all pleasure really biologically useful?

-Argues that "biologically useful" explanation not sufficient to explain variety and strength of human pleasures

g. Existence of futility for mankind

Esp emphasized in OT book of Ecclesiastes

-Lewis' concept of "joy" in his Surprised by Joy deals with both this and previous item.

-Things after Fall are futile, as man was not designed to be what he is now ("a ruin," Buswell).

-This "frustrated design" is hard to explain by evolution, since there is no apparent reason for desires which transcend the present order of things

-This may be point of Eccl 3:11, "eternity in their hearts"

3. The Problem of an Evolutionary Explanation of Mankind and Living Things

VIDEO "DARWINISM ON TRIAL" - Dr. Phillip E. Johnson at Univ. Calif. at Irvine, 6 Feb 92

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EVOLUTIONARY HUMANISM - new religion pronounced triumphant at the 1959 Darwin Centennial celebration at Univ Chicago by keynote speaker Julian Huxley, a leading evolutionary biologist and grandson of Darwin's "bulldog" Thomas Henry Huxley. Some key quotes:

"All reality is a single process of evolution"

"The earth was not created, it evolved"

"Mind and soul evolved, and so did religion"

SOME DEFINITIONS