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UNCLE SCREWTAPE STRIKES AGAIN

by Dick Carmack

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”



Chapter 7 of **THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS** by C.S. Lewis begins,

“My dear Wormwood, I wonder you should ask me whether it is essential to keep the patient in ignorance of your own existence. That question, at least for the present phase of the struggle, has been answered for us by the High Command. Our policy, for the moment, is to conceal ourselves. Of course this has not always been so. We are really faced with a cruel dilemma. When the humans disbelieve in our existence we lose all the pleasing results of direct terrorism, and we make no magicians. On the other hand, when they believe in us, we cannot make them materialists and sceptics.”

Screwtape, the senior devil, is instructing Wormwood, the apprentice, in devilish policy (strict obedience), in this case, concealment from human consciousness.

UFO's

This may be the case today in the question of UFOs and the phenomena known variously as “Bigfoot, Yeti, Loch Ness Monster, Abominable Snowman, Sasquatch,” and others of the “missing link” variety. Of course, many of the sightings may be attributed to imagination, dim lighting, unidentified animals or objects (bears, boats, etc.), and other things that could make something appear

to be that which it is not.

Dr. Clifford Wilson and John Weldon, however, writing in their book, *Close Encounters, A Better Explanation*, (Master Books, Box 1606, San Diego, CA 92022) make an extremely strong case that most “UFO” sightings and experiences can be readily explained by demon activity designed to delude the human race into believing in “extra terrestrial” beings; “evolved” no doubt from a more primitive species. And in fact, demonic activity is really the only explanation that fits the evidence. Readers are encouraged to get this fine book and see to just what extent we have been deluded. (Order directly from Master Books.)

If that be the case (delusion), what possible reason could there be for it? Does the devil do it just for the fun of it? Or, does he have a deeper reason? One answer has been given above, millions now believe in “higher” forms of life, human-like life in other parts of the universe,

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And the Beat Goes On

CREATION-SCIENCE ADVOCATES UPBEAT ABOUT LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT HEARING

by James A. Melnick

Washington D.C. — On December 10th, oral arguments for and against the Louisiana balanced treatment statute, requiring the teaching of Creation-Science in the public schools whenever evolution is taught, were heard before the U.S. Supreme Court. It was a day that supporters of the bill and of the creation-science position

in general had waited for for nearly five years and a day that the American Civil Liberties Union had hoped would never come.

An ACLU Failure

At issue is whether or not the case will ever come to full trial in Louisiana — something that the ACLU has fought vigorously to prevent. If it does — and many outside observers see that as a very strong possibility — it will constitute an important setback for the ACLU, which, as an organization, received much of its early impetus from the publicity surrounding the “Scopes” trial in 1925.

The very fact that the present case is being heard at all is a distinct failure for the ACLU, whose supporters had predicted back in 1982 that their victory in a similar case in Arkansas might signify “the death knell for the creation-science movement.” Clearly that has not happened and is not about to happen, regardless of the outcome of this case. Creation-Science attorney Wendell Bird quoted the words of former ACLU lawyer Clarence Darrow when he told the press: “It is bigotry to teach only one view of origins.”

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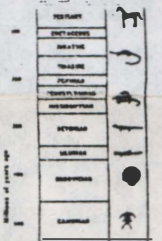
IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

• **ALL TYPES OF TYPES** — This month's **WORLD VIEW** offers the first of a two part series examining evolution's “examples” of change in animals and what the Bible has to say about unchanging kinds. Are the “missing links” still missing? Does empirical science offer any evidence at all that one kind of animal can change into another kind? How do we answer these claims? See page 6.

• **CONTEMPORARY CENSORSHIP OF CREATION THOUGHT** — In a strange sort of “double think”, humanists are accusing creationists of “censorship” for wanting additional information presented to the public. In this month's **CONTRAST** Dr. Jerry Bergman documents who is really removing books from library shelves and penalizing those who have “unacceptable” beliefs!

• **FAITH AND NECESSITY** — It is a good question: Why, when evolution demands so much faith to accept, does it continue to hold so much power over men's minds? The answer is not really that complex: faith and necessity. This month's editorial documents this motivation from the evolutionists' own writings! See page 3.

NEXT MONTH — WHY I DO NOT ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE GEOLOGIC COLUMN — A. W. MEHLERT



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which is theoretically possible but certainly not supported by Scripture.

Bigfoot

But what about Bigfoot? Surely you are not suggesting that "he" is also a delusion? Yes. It fits the criterion. The available photographs are fuzzy at best, possibly doctored and in *most* cases, when an attempt is made to photograph the "animal", something goes wrong with the camera or related equipment, the film is accidentally exposed, damaged, destroyed, fails to "come out" or some other "bad luck" which results in no photographs of any quality.

The legend of "Bigfoot" has been a Northwest Woods tale for well over a hundred years. Bigfoot has allegedly kidnapped people, ransacked campsites, been impervious to bullets, has been both "good" and "bad", and has generally been so elusive that he remains just what he started out to be, a legend.

Consider the following: The scene was an August night in 1972 at Roachdale, Indiana. The Rogers family living in a mobile home. According to *The Reader's Digest, Mysteries of The Unexplained*: "The sequence of events began when one of the Rogers saw a luminous object hovering in the sky over a nearby cornfield. On several occasions thereafter all the Rogers heard noises in the yard at night, and when one of the men went outside to investigate, he caught a glimpse of a large, heavily-built creature parting the cornstalks. Once, Mrs. Rogers saw it looking in through her trailer window and observed that it stood like a man but ran on all fours.

"The sightings were never very clear, for they always took place at night; but the Rogers could tell that the creature was covered with black hair — and it had an odor 'like dead animals or garbage'. A unique feature of the beast was that it appeared to lack substance:

"What was weird was that we could never find tracks, even when it ran over mud. It would run and jump but it was like somehow it wasn't touching anything. When it ran through weeds, you couldn't hear anything. And sometimes when you looked at it, it looked like you could see *through* it."

"Yet the monster was not altogether insubstantial. Among the others who saw it were several farmers, who found dozens of mutilated — though uneaten — chickens after visits from the beast. The Burdines found dead chickens, trampled grass, and a broken fence on their property. The pigs' food bucket, the Burdines further noted, had been emptied of tomatoes and cucumbers. One night they saw the apparent culprit standing in the doorway of their chicken house. According to Junior Burdine:

"This thing completely blocked out the lights inside the chickenhouse. The door is 6' X 8'. Its shoulders came up to the top of the door, up to where the neck should have been. But this thing didn't have a neck. To me it looked like an orangutan or a gorilla. It had long hair, with kind of a brownish cast to it. Sort of rust-looking color. I never saw its eyes or face. It was making a groaning racket."

"The Burdine men chased and shot at the creature when it ran, but though the range was short and they were certain they had hit it, it appeared to be unhurt." (Janet and Colin Bord, *Alien Animals*, pp. 170-171).

The same authors report other incidents wherein the uncatchable creatures are shot at and hit, but leave no blood or other evidence of being hit. This is a recurring theme in many accounts of sightings of the various nebulous animals. In some cases where blood has been found and analyzed, the findings pointed to a "higher primate", which could conceivably be an escaped zoo ape, or other large animal. To the knowledge of this author there has only been one case reported where an actual animal was killed and examined, that being in China in 1957 in the "sparsely settled east China province of Zhejiang." This one turned out to be, according to the "Sonyang Daily", a "young male weighing about 88 pounds and covered with long, dark-brown hair." The creature was apparently not identified as a man or an ape or anything else. The report notes that a biology teacher from a nearby village took away the creature's hands and feet and "carefully preserved them".

Can a demon twist a human mind to believe that he

has seen something that does not exist? Dr. Wilson thinks so. He states on page 35 of "Close Encounters", "We shall see that demonic powers vary in their capacities. Some are extremely intelligent entities that are nonphysical in nature but have a capacity to assume a physical shape and to undertake certain physical activities.

"Whether or not they are physical, some entities can manipulate the human mind to the point that the contactees believe that an experience is 'real' . . . There are entities having a limited capacity to see the future, and they can 'manipulate' time and space so far as the contactee is concerned: this again involves the control of their functions of perception."

Mis-Identifications?

In the case of sea monsters there appears to be considerable evidence that *some* of these really do exist. On the other hand, the quarry is consistently elusive and when observers try to photograph the creatures, they often bungle the job. Either forgetting to snap the shutter, or in some cases, again a malfunction of equipment occurs.

On the positive side a creature resembling the prehistoric Plesiosaur, a large aquatic reptile of the evolutionary "Mesozoic age", was snagged and hoisted aboard a Japanese fishing trawler off New Zealand in 1977. In this case the monster weighed about 4,000 pounds and was about 32 feet in length. The creature was reportedly observed by 18 different people, with colored photographs and tissue samples being taken.

Some of the "sea monsters" have been identified as known aquatic animals out of their habitat and thus unfamiliar to the observers, such as the male elephant seal that was called the "White River Monster" after being spotted there by more than one eyewitness in the state of Arkansas. We must remember however, even though considerable evidence exists for the sea creatures, many times the reports are premature and turn out to be explainable as other things, or, the monsters simply disappear, living on only in the legends about them and in the minds of the believers.

"Ghosts"

This writer also has had an experience wherein I was convinced for many years that I had seen a "ghost". It happened like this: In about 1955 while attending Colorado State University at Fort Collins, a friend and I were studying around 8 or 9 p.m. when a "ghost" suddenly appeared in the doorway. "He" was around 20 years of age, was sturdily built, about 5' 8", was dark complexioned, wore khaki trousers and a short-sleeved "Hawaiian" sport shirt. He was in "living color" and also transparent. I looked at Walker and asked in disbelief, "Did you see what I just saw or am I crazy?" Walker had presence of mind enough to suggest that before we started talking about our "ghost" that we first write down separately a description of the entity.

Because of a time-span of 30 years I cannot remember exactly what differences we noted, but we agreed overwhelmingly (probably over 90%) on what we both had seen. A few nights later essentially the same experience occurred, the only difference being the posture of the "ghost" and the expression on his face. A month or two later my "ghost" appeared to me briefly at work, early one morning in dim light, about 300 miles away from the first two occurrences. As time wore on we gradually put the experience out of our minds.

The reader might wonder what is the point in the story? Well, for one thing it convinced me of the reality of the supernatural apart from the Bible and also convinced me that I had to look no further to find "truth and reality" as I has been a direct recipient of it. In other words, life after death was a reality, and because my "ghost" didn't wear "wings" I assumed that life would continue for me whether or not I accepted the truth of the Bible.

It was only many years later, after I was saved, that I recalled the incident and could now look back and theorize that the demon had "read my mind" to pick out a memory of a brother who was killed on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in 1941. My demon was much like Wormwood, however; he picked our brains but did so, so inefficiently that the resulting "ghost" that he conjured up resembled my brother only in age, complexion and build. I didn't make the connection between the

"ghost" and my brother until many years later, so my amateur "wormwood" may by now have suffered dire punishment for not doing a good job on me. He did, however, contribute to making me waste many years that could have been used for productive Christian service.

What Possible Agenda?

The cautious Christian would do well to consider the evidence and to be very, very careful in getting anywhere close to the occult. Does the Sasquatch strengthen our belief in a "missing-link", half-man, half-animal creature that lives somewhere in the nether-nether land between the forest and civilization? Do the UFO's strengthen latent beliefs that we, too, may someday "evolve" into higher creatures that pursue interplanetary travel and seemingly have prowess that we ourselves might desire to have?

I Peter 5:8 cautions us: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

We are further warned in Ephesians 6:12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

There is a pattern in the unexplained sights, sounds and smells of both the UFO and the nebulous creatures from the forest and sea. And it seems we would do well to walk with care as we travel our daily path, so that we, too, will not be among those who enthusiastically proclaim the "reality" of and unawaredly form a cheering section for the occult.

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