Evolution and the Judiciary

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Founding Principles

Originally, our judicial system was based upon a transcendent standard of justice. This standard relied upon "the laws of nature and of nature's God" -- as stated in our Declaration of Independence. The United States Constitution was based upon principles found in the Bible, otherwise known as the Judeo-Christian ethic. If one reads the U.S. Constitution, closely and carefully, one discovers that each clause or word was designed to protect the individual -- his life, liberty, and property. This very important document provides protection against the abuse of power by our "servants" in the legislatures and Congress. The philosophy contained therein views government as servant, not a master, king, or dictator.

In the founding documents of our nation we find the idea that rights do not emanate from government -- but rather from a much higher Source, "nature's God." This can be seen in the Declaration of Independence: "WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

In the above passage we find the acknowledgement of God as the origin of our rights. The idea or source of origins is also addressed in that God is referred to as "Creator." The principle of self-government or powers emanating from the people is also

brought to light in this same document: "-That to secure these Rights, Governments
are instituted among Men, deriving their just
Powers from the Consent of the Governed."
In other words, governmental power
originates from the people through a
"bottom-up" means.

These principles were not the norm of their time, but could be found in Biblical doctrine and the Christian ethic. Our foundational laws, basic to our system of justice, are found in the "Ten Commandments" or Mosaic Law: "don't steal," "don't murder," and "don't lie," etc. These basic laws comprise a transcendent standard of justice which has all but been abandoned today.

Evolutionary Worldview Thinking

Evolutionary worldview thinking has penetrated most of this country's institutions. The justice system has not escaped this train of thought. Creation worldview thinking is no longer taught in our nation's law schools. Instead, evolution is presented, and is taught as absolute fact. Thus, a majority of our judges and lawyers are instructed to believe the Constitution and its subsequent laws must be subject to "evolutionary forces." These "forces" are applied in order to accommodate sociological changes in our culture.

What is the result of this tremendous paradigm shift within the judicial system? How has this change in thinking affected judicial decisions and the application of the Constitution?

Law that finds its basis in current societal goals is no longer a standard or basis to establish transcendent justice. When the principle of transcendent law and justice was abandoned, the roots of our former justice system were severed. And of course, all of

us know what happens to plants once their roots are cut off -- they die.

Under the former system that rested upon its Biblical foundation, Creation worldview, and transcendent justice, judges rendered decisions based upon the **original intent** of law. This meant the intent of the original writers, whether they were the Framers of the Constitution or members of Congress drafting law to reflect the same. Adherence to this principle ensures the maintenance of the higher (transcendent) standard of justice, upon which this nation was formed.

Law, today, is looked at by our judges as a tool that must be molded in order to suit "evolutionary forces" at play. Instead of rendering decisions that support or uphold the original intent of law, judges base their findings upon former decisions that may (or may not) have relevancy to the original intent of the law in question. In other words, original intent is no longer the basis of justice.

What does this mean? How does this relate to today's system of justice? This means judges render decisions in any fashion they wish, without transcendent principle. Thus, our system of justice transforms from rule of law, to rule of men. And here we see how this evolutionary mindset grows the seeds of judicial tyranny experienced throughout the land.

Contrasted with evolutionary thinking, transcendent principle formulated into law establishes such absolutes as the right to life as being good, positive, or right; and murder as being bad, negative, or wrong.

Application of evolutionary thinking circumvents the intent of transcendent law because it is based on the idea of constant change ("everything is relative").

When judges re-interpret law in order to suit perceived changes in society, they end up inventing new law which has no basis or foundation to rest upon. The idea that abortion is a protected constitutional liberty, or there is to be a strict separation between church and state, are but two significant examples of law created by the judiciary. But the judiciary was never intended to create law. Rather, our justice system is supposed to apply law to the case before them.

Here we now understand how evolutionary theory, when applied to our legal system, is used to ignore the Framer's intent and apply each new decision based upon social, relativistic, and political expediency.

Spiritual and Educational Neglect

We also understand why neglect of this issue by Christian leaders and educators (including parents) has resulted in the formation of a legal system which is becoming increasingly anti-Christian. A parallel analogy can be drawn at this point. Our Lord can be viewed as the Framer of Creation. Creation is an absolute, transcendent standard.

Evolution, on the other hand, ignores God's intent and purpose -- by reinterpreting Creation's evidences through evolutionary reasoning. The picture painted of Creation is twisted to support the view that God and origins by Creation do not exist. Humanity is therefore free to interpret the Creation to suit its own desires and needs. This continually evolving interpretation is then passed on to each new generation through a massive, compulsory, government-controlled education system designed to ensure the Truth of Creation is never discussed.

The cause that has suffered most at the hands of our evolutionary-minded judiciary is that of Truth. God did not need the permission of justices to create the world. He does not need the permission of justices to convey His Word (the Holy Scriptures) to the world. He has greatly blessed our nation for over 200 years because it was founded on the Truth of Creation and Redemption through Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Bible. The result?

This nation has been the greatest national center for spreading the True Gospel to every other nation. Our present-day courts, however, are coming perilously close to identifying the United States as an atheistic nation, and, as it were, telling our Creator His presence in our national life and schools is no longer wanted.

Conclusion

Supernatural Creation is not a myth or fairy tale. The act of Creation by God was a historical event and the only basis for true science and true faith in Jesus Christ, no matter what an ill-informed judge may say. Evolution has always been contrary to all real facts of science, and is the basis of a multitude of false religions, and dark philosophies which resulted in the deaths of millions of people (the Holocaust, for example).

Above all, evolutionary thinking is contrary to the Word of God. We need to raise and educate a new generation of Christians who understand and recognize the Truth of Creation as applied to their worldview thinking in every area of life. How can we educate our children? We must remove them from government schools and begin to teach them the Truth from the beginning, teaching them this same Truth as applied to math,

science, health, history, language, and the arts.

We need to restore Christ as the center of what they learn and why. This restoration cannot take place in government schools. Restoration of true education must take place in the family where Creation worldview thinking flourishes and grows as God leads.

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