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An 'educated eejit'

Were the renowned evangelist, W P Nicholson, still alive I have no doubt he would have applied the epithet he so often used of those he upbraided for their modernistic attacks upon the Word of God with their 'so-called' advanced scientific knowledge and views, against Sir David Attenborough.

I certainly will use that same nickname of the well known and much admired English broadcaster and natural historian. His television programmes are exceedingly interesting though blighted and spoiled by his oft-stated and laughable atheistic and evolutionary views.

The BBC has announced a new documentary by him. The announcement has the headline: Sir David Attenborough's New Doc: 'Humans Are Intruders'

"Sir David Attenborough has urged people to remember their impact on the natural world, ahead of his new documentary on the impacts of lockdown on nature. He spoke to the BBC's David Shukman about his hopes for the project, the upcoming global climate summit and his young fan base."

Two things are to be noted. I will mention first how that he wishes chiefly to influence the 'young fans' that he has.

Sad to say, his views and those of other 'educated eejits' have made their way into the pages of school textbooks and have dominated the instructions given to children for more than a generation until it is now the case that the record of the Word of God regarding CREATION as it is divinely given in Genesis chapters 1-3, has all but been obliterated from state schools.

It is that rejection of the Bible's account of creation by Sir David Attenborough and his ilk that has contributed to the present anti-social attitudes displayed daily by the general public.



Woodhouse Moor in England after a crowd spent time 'enjoying nature'!

If we destroy a people's belief that the world and all that is therein is God's creation and must be treated as His possession alone and teach them that all the wonders we see around us happened by a haphazard, inexplicable 'Big Bang' then we destroy any requirement for people to treat creation as it ought to be treated.

In truth, the great environmentalist that David Attenborough would claim himself to be is the very opposite to what he really is. He is the chief culprit, whose notions have inculcated the inhabitants of this modern world to despise the earth and reject its divine origins.

Secondly, the title of the programme indicates another of the errors this man has espoused. 'Humans are intruders' he says. This is because he believes that human beings 'emerged by an evolutionary process' out of but, long after, the rest of the living creatures appeared on the earth. Mankind thus became an intruder into a world populated and dominated by animals, fish and birds and by his intrusion has upset the balance of nature!!

How contrary this is to what the Bible teaches!

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that



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it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day," Genesis 1:1, 20-23.

Many of the creatures, the fish and the fowl, were created before man but only a short time before God created Adam.

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day," Genesis 1:24-31.

It is to be noticed that far from being an intruder man is declared to be lord over God's creation. He is to "have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. . . . And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so," verses 26, 29-30.

Proof of Adam's lordship over the earth is seen in chapter 2 of Genesis. "And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field," Genesis 2:19-20.

How far removed this is from the perverted waffle of the likes of David Attenborough!

That is how it was before the fall of Adam. Because of his fall, all mankind fell into sin for he was the divinely appointed federal head of mankind. We quote the Shorter Catechism and its proofs on this matter.

Question 16: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

Answer: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth," Genesis 1:28. "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 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. "Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life," Romans 5:18.

Man in his innocence and sinless state was a guardian of God's creation but as a result of mankind's fall into sin and his rebellion against all that was of God, he ceased to be a guardian of the natural world but became its plunderer and destroyer. That is why we see man's lawlessness against God manifesting itself in the 'litter louts' that abound, the greed that has led to the devastation of forests and oceans and the innumerable



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acts of genocide seen throughout history, aye and taking place today before our eyes today in China, Burma and many places in Africa!

What was the sarcastic, defiant question asked by the first murderer? "And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9.

That is still the general attitude of men one toward another and to all that is around them. Hence the dreadful mess in the picture above. 'Let someone else gather it up' is the notion of most!

Thus, the state of the world is derived from man's fall into sin and fallen sinful man will not make it right. Mr Attenborough is like a dog baying at the moon! Nothing will come of his labours.

I will tell you what will make a change, an almighty change! Here is what is going to happen one day on this earth. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away," Isaiah 35:1-10.

When will this be? It is stated there in the verses above. "Our God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

It will happen at the ransoming and the return of Israel. Zechariah tells us more. "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south," Zechariah 14:1-4. This is the very event promised by the angels to the disciples after the ascension of the Saviour from the Mount of Olives. "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:10-11.

The return of Christ will usher in a time in which the earth will be renovated and largely restored to its former glory and beauty. It is the Millennial Reign of Christ.

What poor sinful David Attenborough would attempt and encourage others to join with him in his effort, is utterly vain. However, what fallen man cannot do, glorified saints will accomplish!

Those who have obeyed God by believing the gospel, have before them, in conjunction with the glorified and reigning Christ, the task of overseeing the restoration of the earth. Heed these verses:



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"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years," Revelation 20:4-6.

Angels are today the overseers of God's creation, but during Christ's reign on this earth, the glorified saints will be tasked with this duty.

"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," Romans 8:21-22.

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began," Acts 3:20-21.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den," Isaiah 11:6-8.

"And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. . . . The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD," Isaiah 65:19-22, 25.

This is that time when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea," Habakkuk 2:14.

What poor David Attenborough with his misguided atheistic labours, aided by his doting followers, will utterly fail to do, the Lord Jesus, in company with His believing, glorified, reigning saints, will wondrously and triumphantly accomplish.

That is what we look for in faith and with longing!

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