

# View

January 21, 2007

## This Week's Agenda

### The Lord's Day

9:30 AM: Singing, Prayer, Lord's Supper, Sermon: David Posey

5 PM – Singing, Lord's Supper, Sermon

### Classes Offered This Week

#### Today at 5:30

Auditorium: Outlining Your Bible

Room 11-12: Introduction to Revelation

#### Tuesday at 7 PM

John's Gospel: Tuesday 7PM at the Karlsson's.

#### Wednesday

10:00 AM – OT History - 10 AM at the building.

7:30 PM – Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Auditorium – Galatians

Room 11-12: The First Century Church

### News & Prayer Concerns

*"First of all, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men..."*

#### A new birth!

Letitia gave birth to a baby boy: Austin Michael Zugnani was born at 2 AM on Tuesday, January 16th. He weighed about 7 1/2 lbs. Everyone is doing well.

#### Prayer Concerns

Sara Clark was hospitalized with a blood clot in her leg and, as of yesterday, was still in ICU at Mercy San Juan. However, the latest reports are positive, so we are thankful for that. Continue to pray for her full recovery.

Carl Hanson continues to recover from his heart surgery. Arlene says they are taking it slow. Keep both in your prayers.

Continue to pray for Ken Dickey (Steve's older brother). He is in a rehabilitation center, but progress is slow. Continue prayers for Herman Ward, Sharon Jones, Frances Kaler and Beverly Henderson (Pamela Ludlow's mother).

Pray for those who are expecting: Julie Agee, Aimee Cain, Candee Dickey, and Amber Karlsson.

#### Men Serving in Iraq

Steven Sabath (Arletta's son), Brandon Folkert (the Terrys' nephew) and Danny Boyer are each related to members or those who attend Folsom Point now and then and are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Pray for their safety.

#### Group Meetings

Group meetings are scheduled on the 27th and the 28th of this month. Check with the deacon in charge of your group.

#### Daily Bible Reading Plan Available

Get 2007 off to a great start by reading your Bible each day. You can acquire the 5-day per week reading plan by visiting

our website at [www.folsomchurch.com](http://www.folsomchurch.com).

#### Out of Town

Several of our members are out of town today, including the Dickeys and the Terrys.

#### Teaching Committee Meeting

Today at 3:30 here.

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## Read your Bible each day, and spread the word!

The View contains news and articles of interest to the members of the Folsom Point church of Christ. Announcing an activity or event does not necessarily imply that we financially sponsor the event or that the elders specifically endorse every component of that event, since it may not fall under the direct oversight of the elders. The church's work and the elders' oversight is limited by Scripture. We will not announce events that are primarily social in nature. However, we do want to publicize and encourage those activities that provide an opportunity to be built up in the faith and provide an opportunity for you to be a more involved and active member of the body at Folsom Point.

Editor

# Through the Bible Did Man Evolve?

## The Evolution Of Man - What is it?

The modern theory concerning the evolution of man proposes that humans and apes derive from an apelike ancestor that lived on earth a few million years ago. The theory states that man, through a combination of environmental and genetic factors, emerged as a species to produce the variety of ethnicities seen today, while modern apes evolved on a separate evolutionary pathway. Perhaps the most famous proponent of evolutionary theory is Charles Darwin (1809-82) who authored *The Origin of Species* (1859) to describe his theory of evolution. It was based largely on observations which he made during his 5-year voyage around the world aboard the HMS Beagle (1831-36). Since then, mankind's origin has generally been explained from an evolutionary perspective. Moreover, the theory of man's evolution has been and continues to be modified as new findings are discovered, revisions to the theory are adopted, and earlier concepts proven incorrect are discarded.

## Evolution Of Man - Concepts in Evolutionary Theory

The currently-accepted theory of the evolution of man rests on three major principles. These principles hinge on the innate ability which all creatures have to pass on their genetic information to their offspring through the reproductive process. An alternative explanation for homology is a common designer. According to this reasoning, the similarities in anatomical features between species point to a blueprint used by a Creator/Designer.

The first tenet is microevolution, the occurrence and build-up of mutations in the genetic sequence of an organism. Mutations are predominantly random and can occur naturally through errors in the reproductive process or through environmental impacts such as chemicals or radiation.

The second tenet of evolution is natural selection. Natural selection is a natural mechanism by which the fittest members of a species survive to pass on their genetic information, while the weakest are eliminated (die off) because they are unable to compete in the wild. Natural selection is often termed "survival of the fittest" or "elimination of the weakest."

The third tenet is speciation, which occurs when members of a species mutate to the point where they are no longer able to breed with other members of the same species. The new population becomes a reproductively isolated community that is unable to breed with its former community. Through speciation, the genes of the new population become isolated from the previous group.

## Evolution Of Man - Scientific Evidence

The theory of evolution of man is supported by a set of independent observations within the fields of anthropology, paleontology, and molecular biology. Collec-

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tively, they depict life branching out from a common ancestor through gradual genetic changes over millions of years, commonly known as the "tree of life." Although accepted in mainstream science as altogether factual and experimentally proven, a closer examination of the evidences reveal some inaccuracies and reasonable alternative explanations. This causes a growing number of scientists to dissent from the Darwinian theory of evolution for its inability to satisfactorily explain the origin of man.

One of the major evidences for the evolution of man is homology, that is, the similarity of either anatomical or genetic features between species. For instance, the resemblance in the skeleton structure of apes and humans has been correlated to the homologous genetic sequences within each species as strong evidence for common ancestry. This argument contains the major assumption that similarity equals relatedness. In other words, the more alike two species appear, the more closely they are related to one another. This is known to be a poor assumption. Two species can have homologous anatomy even though they are not related in any way. This is called "convergence" in evolutionary terms. It is now known that homologous features can be generated from entirely

different gene segments within different unrelated species. The reality of convergence implies that anatomical features arise because of the need for specific functionality, which is a serious blow to the concept of homology and ancestry.

Additionally, the evolution of man from ape-like ancestors is often argued on the grounds of comparative anatomy within the fossil record. Yet, the fossil record indicates more stability in the forms of species than slow or even drastic changes, which would indicate intermediate stages between modern species. The "missing links" are missing. And unfortunately, the field of paleoanthropology has been riddled with fraudulent claims of finding the missing link between humans and primates, to the extent that fragments of human skeletons have been combined with other species such as pigs and apes and passed off as legitimate. Although genetic variability is seen across all peoples, the process of natural selection leading to speciation is disputed. Research challenging the accepted paradigm continues to surface raising significant questions about the certainty of evolution as the origin of man.

### Evolution Of Man - The Scrutiny

The theory concerning the evolution of man is under increased scrutiny due to the persistence of gaps in the fossil record, the inability to demonstrate "life-or-death" determining advantageous genetic mutations, and the lack of experiments or observations to truly confirm the evidence for speciation. Overall, the evolution of man pervades as the accepted paradigm on the origin of man within the scientific community. This is not because it has been proven scientifically, but because alternative viewpoints bring with them metaphysical implications which go against the modern naturalistic paradigm. Nevertheless, a closer examination of the evidence reveals evolution to be increasingly less scientific and more reliant upon beliefs, not proof.

Source: [www.allaboutphilosophy.org](http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org)

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## Reading for Sermon of January 28th

# Genesis 6-9

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## Preachers we support

John Scholtz - South Africa, Zimbabwe  
Robert Nichols - Japan  
Barney Mejía - Nicaragua  
Dale Pennock - Vermont  
Gary Stouffer - Vista, CA  
Jim Lee - Englewood, Ohio  
Jeff Carr - Mandeville, LA  
Armando C. Pastor - Sto. Domingo & Dumabel  
Pepe G. Ando - Davao City  
Amado M. Estoy - Iriga City  
Ecclesiastes C. Licayan - Monkayo  
Abe S. Aguate - Pagudpud  
Rex M. Bayaca - Laoag City  
James Amangan - Bangued  
Quirino Tien - Cuyayan Valley  
Rosilito F. Nardo in Coronadal City.  
Johnny Buguis in General Santos City.

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#### Services

Sunday Morning Assembly  
9:30AM

Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study

7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.

*Private classes arranged at your convenience.*

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## Calendar for the Folsom Point church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Elder's Annual Planning Meeting		
7 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Group Meetings Young Peoples' Class	8	9 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	10 OT History Class: 10AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	11	12	13
14 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	15	16 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	17 OT History Class: 10 AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	18	19	20
21 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Teaching Committee Meeting, 3:30	22 7 PM Ladies Class Daniel's Home	23 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	24 OT History Class: 10AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	25	26	27
28 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	29	30	31 7:30 PM Bible Classes			

**Communication:** The calendar is provided by the elders in an effort to enhance communication about upcoming events. There are other means that we use for this purpose: the news section of the View, the overhead announcements prior to morning services, and verbal announcements on Sunday and Wednesday of matters not covered there. Also, please ask Richard Harvey about getting on his e-mail list - many times, information is shared among the members on that list.

### ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT FOLSOM

We are a church of Christ patterned after the New Testament example of local churches. We believe in the authoritative word of God and will provide you with a Bible answer for everything we do in our doctrine and practice. We exalt Jesus Christ and seek to glorify Him, not ourselves (Ephesians 3:21). Therefore, our efforts are directed toward promoting commitment to Christ, not to any man or institution (I Corinthians 2:5).

Our assemblies are simple. We sing without use of an instrument (see Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; we will be happy to show you why we use no instrument, if you desire further study on this issue). We pray (I Timothy 2:1), partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7) and teach from God's word. All preaching comes from the Bible.

The financial support of this congregations comes entirely from the free-will offerings of its members made on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7). We never solicit funds from non-members. Contributions are used for the spiritual growth of this church and for the support of a few men in other areas, such as the Philippines, who are preaching the gospel. We do not use money collected here for social programs or the support of any human institution. We believe the church itself can do all the work God has given it to do. And we aim to do *only* the work God has given it to do – teach the gospel, build up the members, and help needy Christians. All other "good work" is the responsibility of individual Christians (Titus 2:11-14; James 1:27; Galatians 6:9-10).

We offer personal Bible studies at your convenience. We are here to help you with your spiritual needs: please favor us with a request for a Bible study or correspondence course that you can complete at your pace.