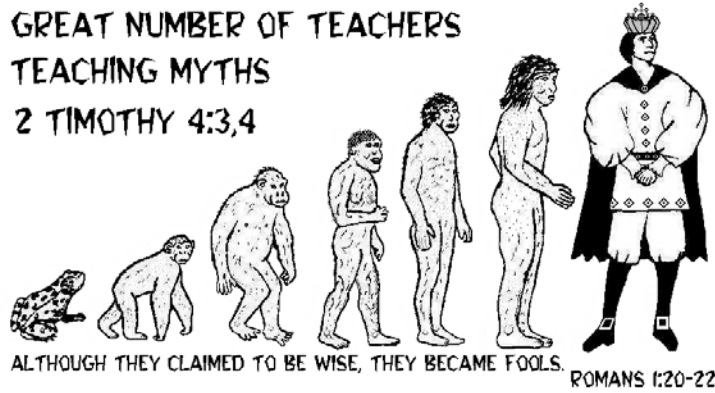


GREAT NUMBER OF TEACHERS  
TEACHING MYTHS  
2 TIMOTHY 4:3,4



## True Brilliance

I've met a "brilliant scientist,"  
That's what he says he is,<sup>i</sup>  
Educated in the finest schools  
And in his field, a wiz'

Respected highly by his peers,  
For they like what they hear,  
With great finesse and skillful words,  
He can caress an ear.<sup>ii</sup>

But, he tells me things which make no sense,  
Pure logic they defy.  
I just don't understand it,  
Although I try and try.

He tells me that the living cell,  
More complex than NASA's shuttle,  
Accidentally came to be  
In an ancient slimy puddle.

Then he says the second cell  
Must have come through cell division,  
An accidental process  
More complex than NASA's mission.

Then he says "by accident,  
Cells grew more complex,"  
Then by chance did specialize  
Becoming all unique aspects

Of multi-cellular organisms  
Such as brain and teeth and toes,  
The beating heart, the coursing blood,  
The liver, hair and nose.<sup>iii</sup>

And somehow all our systems,  
Well, they just came to be,  
From respiratory and digestive,  
To the brain's complexity<sup>iv</sup>

And somehow innate knowledge,  
Such as when and how to eat  
Well it was yet another  
Amazing, unplanned feat.

Then he tells me senses,  
Sight, sound, taste, touch and smell,  
Too complex to duplicate,  
Were accidents as well.

Next he tells me 'one thing'  
Evolved somehow to 'two,'  
A male and female, both required  
To reproduce anew.<sup>v</sup>

Then he says that mammals,  
The mom and baby too,  
Somehow both evolved at once,  
To nurse the way they do.

He says this all just happened,  
And God does not exist.<sup>vi</sup>  
He will not see a billion facts,  
The truth, he does resist.

Thus, he says all life forms  
The rat, skunk, leech and flea,  
Each "my distant relative,"  
Mean just as much as me,

But God says something different,  
He says I am a treasure,  
Created in His image,  
For His eternal pleasure.<sup>vii</sup>

He says that He made people  
With 'free will' and the choice,  
'Make Him Lord and Savior,  
And eternally rejoice.'

For He also knew with 'free will,'  
Wrong choices would be made,<sup>viii</sup>  
And justice would require a  
Heavy penalty be paid.<sup>ix</sup>

But as a loving father,  
For His child would pay a fine,  
He became a man and bore the cross,<sup>x</sup>  
So mercy could be mine.

And after death, He rose again<sup>xi</sup>  
And now prepares a place<sup>xii</sup>  
For all the truly humble  
Who will accept His grace.

Now, this is truly brilliance:  
To avoid the fires of Hell,<sup>xiii</sup>  
By accepting love and mercy  
Which He's seeking to unveil.<sup>xiv</sup>

Fulfilling our life's purpose,  
'Accepting Him as Lord,'  
Then live in endless paradise,<sup>xv</sup>  
Where all will be restored.

Yes, eternally in paradise  
Where He will be adored.

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<sup>i</sup> Romans 1:21,22 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools . . .

<sup>ii</sup> 2 Timothy 4:3,4 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

<sup>iii</sup> Genesis 1:25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

<sup>iv</sup> Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

<sup>v</sup> Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>vi</sup> Psalm 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

<sup>vii</sup> Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>viii</sup> Romans 3:22-24 There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

<sup>ix</sup> Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>x</sup> Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross!

<sup>xi</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

<sup>xii</sup> John 14:2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

<sup>xiii</sup> Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

<sup>xiv</sup> John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>xv</sup> Luke 23:43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."