

## Mr Being

"I've always been mad, I know I've been mad, like most of us have....."  
(Pink Floyd – Dark side of the Moon)

*If you had asked any of the people who knew me twenty years ago, about my interests. They would have probably said, "He's mad about windsurfing, Monty Python, Tangerine Dream, Pink Floyd, Jethro Tull, Genesis ....."*

*They would have been right, if I wasn't windsurfing, I would either be listening to music or the madcap comedy of Monty Python. I had a dreammm... to listen to Tangerine Dream whilst windsurfing, unfortunately my Sony Walkman wasn't waterproof!*

*The brilliance of the comedy of Monty Python, has been recognised in advertising and used for management training. From a glance at a sketch it appears silly, but its brilliance lies in its truth. When shopping today, I am often reminded of the 'Cheeseshop' and 'Bookshop' sketches, and when trying to obtain information on something, the 'Parrot' sketch come to mind. They were prophets of society.*

*Rowan Atkinson is a very gifted comedian, and his 'Mr Bean' episodes are popular all over the world. I liked to watch 'Black Adder', my favourite part was when a problem arises and Baldrick, his manservant, sidles up to Black Adder, leans in and whispers, "I have ... a cunning plan!"*

*I was reading my NKJV Bible one afternoon, and I came across a verse which made me howl with laughter, it was a quiet afternoon, my wife came running in and asked, "What's happened?" I replied, "I've discovered Baldrick in my Bible!"*

"We have perfected a shrewd scheme." (Psa 64:6)

*since then I have discovered,*

"Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes." (Ecc 7:29)

*and,*

"Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning!" (2Co 12:16)

*So either Baldrick's relatives go way back, or he studies his Bible!*

*I was reminded of the 'Four Yorkshire Men' this week, my personal favourite Monty Python sketch. "Just you try telling the young people of today that, and they won't believe you! Ayeee! No, they won't!"*

*We were discussing the deception of people, who are trying to use science, to discredit and deny the Word of God, by opposing the Genesis account of Creation. Two verses which warn people specifically, are in Colossians and 1Timothy.*

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." (Col 2:8)

"O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge - by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith." (1Ti 6:20-21)

*Thinking about this, aren't these verses talking about people who use all the means at their disposal, to deceive, the believers in the Word of God?*

They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, "Who will see them?" They devise iniquities: "We have perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep. (Psa 64:5-6)

*If we look at Ecclesiastes again, this is a reference to the creation of Adam?*

"Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes." (Ecc 7:29)

*Man did not evolve from pond scum, and he is not a descendant of apes!*

Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to our likeness: let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen 1:26-28)

*The fish and the birds were created on the fifth day, cold and warm-blooded creatures together. These are two diverse kinds of creatures, those which fly in the heavens and those which swim in the sea. The land animals were created on the 6th day. All creatures were made according to their kind, it doesn't say, 'And they evolved one from another, over a period of millions and millions of years!' I deduce Charles Darwin was a person who may have called himself a Christian, but obviously did not believe what he was reading in his Bible! Now we have to contend with the deception based on his work, the 'theory of evolution'.*

*We do know, that God's Special Creation took place over just six days.*

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 1:31-2:3)

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. (Exo 20:11)

"Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed." (Exo 31:16-17)

"Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death." (Exo 35:2)

"Stand up and bless the Lord your God forever and ever! Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise! You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You." (Neh 9:5-6)

As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. (Psa 103:15-18)

The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. (Isa 24:5-6)

*The R.C. Church changed the day of rest, from the Sabbath to Sunday, hence breaking the 'perpetual covenant' of Exodus 31:16! Today many rest on Sunday.*

"The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." (Mar 2:27)

*The Sabbath is the seventh day, the last day of the week, which is Saturday.*

"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain it to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?" (Job 12:7-10)

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen – even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. (Psa 8:3-8)

For I know that the Lord is great, and our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures. (Psa 135:5-7)

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit. (Pro 14:8)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (Pro 14:12 & 16:25)

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their sight! (Isa 5:20-21)

*The wicked say to the righteous:-*

"Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you." (Isa 37:10)

Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it. (Isa 42:5)

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not make it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited: "I AM the Lord, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek Me in vain'; I, the Lord, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right." (Isa 45:18-19)

No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. (Isa 59:4)

"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." (Act 17:24-31)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:23)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption – that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." (1Co 1:18-31)

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." Therefore let no one boast in men. (1Co 3:18-21)

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading of life. And who is sufficient for these things? (2Co 2:14-16)

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. (Gal 3:22)

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. (1Ti 2:3-7)

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. (Heb 9:27-28)

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? (Heb 12:9)

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. (2Pe 1:16)

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who brought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. (2Pe 1:20 - 2:3)

For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. (2Pe 2:18)

"Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord, "who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin." (Isa 30:1)

"And like their bow they have bent their tongue for lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me," says the Lord. "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, and do not trust any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanderers. Everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the Lord. (Jer 9:3-6)

*So, when the accuser 'monkeys' up to you, and says, "You must believe in the theory of evolution!" You could say, "Stop eating from that tree of knowledge! All liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death, according to Revelation 21:8, repent and be saved!"*

"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; cause me to understand wherein I have erred. How forceful are right words! But what does your arguing prove? Do you intend to rebuke my words, and the speeches of a desolate one, which are as wind?" (Job 6:24-26)

"Should a wise man answer with empty knowledge, and fill himself with the east wind? Should he reason with unprofitable talk, or by speeches with which he can do no good? Yes, you cast off fear, and restrain prayer before God. For your iniquity teaches your mouth, and you choose the tongue of the crafty. Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; yes, your own lips testify against you."

"Are you the first man who was born? Or were you made before the hills? Have you heard the counsel of God? Do you limit wisdom to yourself? What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that is not in us? Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us, much older than your father. Are the consolations of God too small for you, and the word spoken gently with you? Why does your heart carry you away, and what do your eyes wink at, that you turn your spirit against God, and let such words go out of your mouth?" (Job 15:2-13)

"Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; when I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; when I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!' " (Job 38:2-11)

Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time? (Ecc 7:17)

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. (Jam 3:1)

*If you think I'm crazy, to believe in Special Creation, I think you are mad not to!*

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