

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. WILLIAM DEMOUY, D. D.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

RETURNING TO THE FATHER

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again I leave the world and do go to the Father." (John xvi, 28.)

Would that the world realized and felt the truth of these words of Christ, and applied them to itself! Christ in all His greatness, in the wonder of His power, in the depth of His wisdom, in the clearness of His knowledge, humbly recognizes whence He came—from God, His Father—and to Him again would He return. He could have spoken of Himself only, since He is God, equal to His Father, and was with Him when He created everything. In a word, He had supreme dominion over all things; but His glory was to know that He was doing the will of His Father, who sent Him, and that He would return again to Him. Who does not note His wisdom? After all, what was the humanity, in itself, that He bore? It was great because united to a God, but it was not His glory in the full sense of the word; it was only assumed in order that His Father's glory might be manifested, and that man might have a chance to partake of it.

If, for a moment, we contrast man with Christ, we see immediately man's pride and folly. He is living not as he should, completely for his Father, but for himself, or for the things around him. Never do we hear him, especially when rising to worldly greatness or when receiving earthly honors, humbly profess that he came from God, and that to return to God is his greatest ambition and principal aim. No! He loves to magnify his deeds, and to show his apparently wonderful strength and power. He seems to forget that God sustains him and is his life and strength, more than the trunk of the huge oak is the life and strength of its limbs and branches. As the branches cut from the tree wither and become lifeless, so would man die if cut away entirely from God. It is not pessimism to say that man continually endeavors to show his independence and to become self-sufficient. He lives in a world of plenty, and few things openly point to the Lord of the harvest. The origin of all these things, their powers to fructify and endure, he scarcely ever considers. They are practically matters of fact with him. He would stop to consider what he should be, if God had placed him somewhere in emptiness. What could he bring forth? Nothing; he would soon expire. Or he should ponder again what would become of him, if he were born without reason or lost it, as happens to many. He would be useless to himself and to the world. He could not restore reason. But who gave him this great wonder? God. If man had given it to himself, he could renew it if it should wear out or become incapable of action. We might contemplate for hours all the so-called great powers of man, and we would arrive at the same conclusion; namely, that without God, man never could possess them, or put them into action.

We are too prone to forget that we must leave this world; and we seldom ask ourselves whether we are going. Christ fully realized this fact, and spoke of it in the Gospel. He knew that He must go; but more than this, He knew where He was going. He realized this, because He felt that He was doing His Father's will. Moreover, since He came from God, He must return to Him. All men, likewise, must leave the world, and they should all say, each one individually, "I came from God, and to God I must return." But the second part of this statement is true only under certain conditions. If I am living such a life as will lead me to God, and continue to persevere in it, eventually I shall arrive in His presence. But if I am living otherwise, I shall indeed return to God, but only to see Him as a stern judge, and then be banished forever from Him. We always should bear in mind that the day will come when we shall be helpless and in need of God's assistance more apparently and more certainly than we need it now. We have heard the boastful atheists, in their pride and blindness, deny God and make a mockery of belief in Him; yet later we have seen them helpless on the brink of eternity, literally falling into the hands of the living God, the severity of whose justice they were soon to experience. When we visit the places where sleep the dead, the record of many an infidel is sadly written over his silent tomb; this is the very fact that his blasphemy is hushed to the world, to resound only where God's eternal enemies abide. In life he had tried to conquer God, yes, he had even believed that he had done so; but in death he was helpless. The same spirit that rose in rebellion against its Maker must bow in penitence, suffering servitude while the body rots in the earth. As we can see from history, how futile are the deeds and how useless the life of him, who tries to perform his actions without God's help, and endeavors to live separated from Him! If you doubt the truth of this, study how God has conquered by death (if you will admit nothing more beyond) those who defied Him and His help in life. Those who live

for God give their lives up to God; doing. In vain have its adherents sought for connecting links which should connect man with the monkey. Not a single one has been found. (Address to the Twentieth Century Congress of the German Anthropological Association.)

"To this distinguished testimony may be added that of another eminent scientist. 'The Darwinian theory of descent has not a single fact to conform to in the realm of nature. It is not the result of scientific research but purely the product of the imagination.' (Prof. Fleischmann 'Die Darwinsche Theorie.')

EVOLUTION

NOTED JESUIT SHOWS THAT EVOLUTION IS ONLY A THEORY

By Rev. Martin J. Scott, S. J.

Evolution is a theory, while Christianity is a fact, said Rev. Martin J. Scott, S. J., in an address at Boston in which he pointed out that the Bible is in accord with evolution. Father Scott said that only the false champions clashed on evolution and cited a number of great churchmen who upheld the theory. He discussed several phases of Darwinism, said that evolution was not opposed to the Bible, and followed this up by statements that great churchmen had been evolutionists. Father Scott said:

"It is not uncommon to read in our newspapers and magazines, and to hear from lecture platforms and college halls that Darwinism has sounded the death knell of Revelation. The assurance with which Darwinism is proclaimed a scientific dogma is equalled only by the positiveness with which it is asserted that it is subversive of the Bible, and is consequently the doom of Revelation.

"Many God-fearing people have been disturbed by the dogmas of Darwinism, and not a few have in consequence abandoned belief in the religion of their forefathers.

"Before I proceed further in the matter, let me say at the outset that Darwinism does not affect Christianity in the slightest degree. This will be made evident presently. 'We shall begin by stating what Darwinism is. Most controversies arise from a misunderstanding of terms. Nothing so much helps to a right understanding as clear definition.

WHAT DARWINISM IS

"Darwinism has three distinct meanings. In the first place it is the theory of the origin of species by natural selection. Secondly, it signifies man's ancestry from the monkey, and finally it popularly means evolution, Darwinism, meaning natural selection or survival of the fittest, is the only genuine meaning of Darwinism. It was the only Darwinism that Darwin taught.

"Darwinism in this sense, its only true sense, has been rejected by the most foremost scientists of the day. It is an exploded theory. In proof of this, I cite the following: 'In the first decade of the twentieth century, it has become apparent that the days of Darwinism are numbered. Among its latest opponents are such savants as Elmer, Gustav Wolff, DeVries, Hooeke, Von Wellstein, Fleischmann, Reinke and many others. (Hartmann 'Annalen der Naturphilosophie.')

"Prof. Vines in his presidential address to the Linnean Society, May 24, 1902, concludes: 'It is established that Natural Selection, though it may have perpetuated species, cannot have originated any.'

"Finally we have the statement of Bateson, which has virtually sounded the death knell of the Survival of the Fittest: 'Darwin speaks no more with philosophic authority. We read his scheme of Lamarck or Lucretius.' (Presidential address, 1914, to the British Association.)

"Darwinism, meaning monkey ancestry, was never taught nor suggested by Darwin. This doctrine was saddled on him by one of his followers, a God-hater, Haeckel by name, who endeavored to use Darwin's data as a weapon against religion. In his hatred of God, he actually forged evidence in order to make his views seem plausible. Every well-informed scientist knows of Haeckel's frauds. Darwin himself wrote to him:

"Your boldness makes me tremble.

"Darwinism, meaning monkey ancestry of man, is a common meaning of Darwinism. When people now speak of Darwinism they usually signify man's descent from the monkey. Regardless of whether this theory is Darwin's or Haeckel's, what is its standing in the scientific world?

NO SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT

"Some of the greatest scientists of our day affirm that there is absolutely no scientific data for this theory. They go on record as being entirely opposed to monkey ancestry of man. They declare that there never has been found the supposed missing link which connects man with monkey.

"Virchow, founder of cellular pathology and an eminent authority on anthropology, says: 'Natural science, so long as it remains science, works only with really existing objects. A hypothesis may be discussed, but its significance can only be established by producing actual proof in its favor either by experiment or direct observation. This,

Darwinism has not succeeded in doing. In vain have its adherents sought for connecting links which should connect man with the monkey. Not a single one has been found. (Address to the Twentieth Century Congress of the German Anthropological Association.)

"Reinke, a noted biologist, sums up his researches in the following terse fashion: 'The only statement consistent with her dignity, that science can make is to say that she knows nothing about the origin of man.' (Reinke, 'Modern Biology,' page 480.)

"Darwinism, meaning evolution, is a misuse of the term. Darwinism is not evolution. Evolution, as a scientific theory, existed long before Darwinism, and now that Darwinism has been discarded, evolution continues as a scientific theory. I say as a scientific theory, for evolution is only a theory, it is not a fact. Many people who get their scientific notions from magazines or manuals or second-hand or tenth-hand, believe that evolution is a fact. Scientists know that it is only a theory.

"That Darwinism in its third sense, namely evolution, is only a theory and not a fact is evident from the testimony of evolutionists themselves.

"The following statement is by one of the foremost evolutionists of our day:

"Far more eloquent than any amount of polemics is the fact that vertebrates, for instance, have already been proved to be descended from six different sources. Emile du Bois-Reymond said once that phylogeny of this sort is of about as much scientific value as are the pedigrees of the heroes of Homer, and I think we may fully endorse his opinion on this point.' (Dreisch 'Science and Philosophy of the Organism' Vol. 1, p. 256.)

"After such a scientific pronouncement, it is hard to see how many thinking persons can say that Darwinism in any form is a fact.

SOME DISCARDED DOGMAS

"Until recently all scientists were agreed that spontaneous generation was a fact. It was taken for granted. Pasteur demonstrated scientifically the impossibility of spontaneous generation. Yet a few years ago chemists affirmed that the atom was the final constituent of matter. That was one of chemistry's dogmas. Now they tell us that the atom is a little world of electrons.

"True scientists are very guarded in their deductions. Not so some of our writers and college professors who get their knowledge second hand. They dogmatize with an infallibility which they condemn in the infallible church.

"In the past eighty years Evolution has passed through three distinct changes. Now a fact never changes. Evolution is constantly changing, it is not a fact, but only a theory.

"Evolution is a sort of chameleon. It is now one thing, now another. In the life time of a man it has gone through the different stages of Lamarckism and Darwinism, and is now in its present fluctuating form. It has no settled status.

"The theory of evolution at the present time is pointing in a new direction. Celebrated biologists like Kurt Herbst of Heidelberg and William Bateson of the University of Cambridge, openly deride the concept of evolution in their lectures.' (Paul Kammerer, University of Vienna Literary Review, Feb. 23, 1924.)

"With regard to Darwinism in its third meaning, Evolution, it is at present the reigning scientific theory, but only a theory. The events of a day may cause present day evolution to be discarded as were Lamarckism and Darwinism before it.

"Evolution and Revelation. We come now to the bearing of Evolution proper on Revelation. Christianity can grant everything that the scientific theory of Evolution has established. Revelation and science will never be opposed. The false champions of Revelation may be opposed to the false champions of Evolution. But Revelation and true science will never be antagonistic. They cannot be. They both have the same author, God.

"Why then is the war on between Evolution and Christianity? It is because some scientists, leaving their own field, which is that of observation and analysis, enter the field of speculation. They pass from the what of things to their how. The what has to do with the cause of things.

"In the field of physical science a man may be an expert, but this same man when he enters the field of metaphysics may be a sorry spectacle.

who leave the field of fact for that of fancy. Once they begin to dogmatize on the how of things, their opinion is worth only what its data justifies.

"Evolution as a scientific theory is not opposed to Revelation. St. Augustine, a great churchman and philosopher, one of the greatest metaphysicians of all time, was a firm upholder of the theory of evolution. He taught that as the oak evolves from the acorn, so many of the world have evolved from one or a few things created in the beginning and endowed by the Creator with powers of development into the world as it is now.

"Two of the greatest advocates of modern evolution are Catholic priests, who are also among the foremost scientists of the age, Mendel and Wasmann. The Church of Christ is not opposed to the theory of evolution. But it is opposed to that phrase of the theory which states that evolution does away with the Creator. Materialists try to make the theory of evolution hostile to Revelation by telling us how evolution originated things. Sir Oliver Lodge says, along with many most distinguished scientists, that there is no data for the origin of things.

"NOT MATTER OF GUESS WORK

"Revelation states that there is a personal Creator who created everything in the beginning. Evolution included, if Evolution be a fact. The Christian is not in the realm of guess, as are materialistic scientists who try to tell us how things originated. God has revealed the how to this extent, that He states that nothing in the universe originated itself.

"Since it is the object of materialism to do away with a personal God, materialists, the wish being father to the thought, proclaim that Evolution proves matter to be its own origin, thus doing away with the Creator. As well say an oak is its own cause because it comes from the acorn. The acorn demands an explanation as well as the oak.

"What caused evolution? What determined its orderly processes? Who gave it the wonderful laws by which it operates? Evolution itself postulates an explanation. To say that evolution explains the universe is to say nothing.

"Evolution being a process, presupposes a cause, since a process cannot exist of itself. Scientific evolution is not opposed to Revelation.

"Let me conclude with the declaration of a renowned scientist who is not only an Evolutionist but also a distinguished churchman. The fact that this clergyman is honored both by church and science shows that between evolution and Revelation there is no conflict.

THE GREATER IDEA OF GOD

"If we assume that God is the Creator of all things, and that the world created by Him has evolved independently and automatically, we have actually a greater idea of God than if we regard Him as constantly interfering with the working of the laws of nature. Let us imagine two billiard players, each having a hundred balls to direct. The one needs a hundred strokes to accomplish his end, the other with one stroke sets all the balls in motion, as he wills. The latter is undoubtedly the more skillful player. St. Thomas Aquinas stated long ago that the force of any cause was greater the further its action extended. God does not interfere directly in the natural order where He can work through natural causes. This is by no means a new principle, but a very old one, and it shows us that the theory of evolution, as a scientific hypothesis and theory, as far as it can be really proved, is perfectly compatible with the Christian theory of the origin of things. According to this view, the evolution of the organic world is but a little line in the millions of pages

An Actual Result

In 1904-20 year Endowment Policy P21273 (age 32) issued for \$5000. Maturing 1924, Policyholder draws \$7450 Cash—being \$2500 more than he paid in premiums. He had the option of taking \$4795 in cash and a paid-up policy for \$5000.

Province of Ontario DEPARTMENT OF MINES Ontario's Minerals

The Province of Ontario contains 407,28 square miles, over three times the area of the British Isles. Seventy per cent. of this vast area is underlain by pre-Cambrian rocks, which are pre-eminently the metal-bearing formation of this part of Canada. Much the larger part of the Province lies north and west of Lake Nipissing. The goldfields of Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, the silver mines of Cobalt, South Lorrain and Gowandah, the nickel-copper deposits of Sudbury, which supply over 90 per cent. of the world's nickel, testify to the mineral richness of this vast region.

Tortured for Three Years Helpless from Rheumatism Until Relieved By "Fruit-a-tives" MR. P. R. BOISSINOT

No wonder people regard "Fruit-a-tives" as a faithful family friend and are so eager to tell what it has done for them.

After years of suffering, they appreciate the wonderful powers of this fruit treatment in relieving them of pain and misery and discouragement.

"Fruit-a-tives" is the wonderful medicine made from the juices of apples, oranges, figs and prunes and tonics—and is the only complete treatment ever discovered for Rheumatism, Pain in the Back, Lumbago, Neuralgia, Headaches and other troubles due to the improper action of the stomach, bowels and kidneys.

25c. and 50c. a box—at all dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

BLYMNER CHURCH WINDOWS J. P. OSHEA & CO.

CHURCH WINDOWS J. P. OSHEA & CO.

As a remedy for the present ills of the world, why not try an application of the Ten Commandments.

DON'T THROW YOUR OLD CARPETS AWAY CANADA RUG COMPANY

Are they worth Protecting? THE GREAT WEST LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

RUBER-OID ROOFINGS! 50 DIFFERENT GRADES THE RUBEROID CO. LIMITED

Wonderful Egyptian Remedy "Samaris" Prescription

We Pay Highest Prices for Wool John Hallam Limited, Toronto

BICYCLE SUNDRIES Planet Bicycles \$35 to \$55 Rebuilt Bicycles—\$15 Up

Special SALE EAGLE TIRES AND TUBES J. E. BROWN

STEAMSHIP TICKETS MELVILLE STEAMSHIP & TOURIST CO.

BLUNDERS WHY IS THIS WRONG? Postal regulations require that the enclosures of window envelopes must be folded so that they will not shift around, obscuring all or a part of the address.

Hotel New Southern Michigan Blvd. at 13th St. CHICAGO