

The apostle Paul warned the elders of the Ephesian church, "I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. Watch out!" (Acts 20:29-31).

That is why it is important to declare the whole counsel of God. There is false teaching, and there are false teachers who lead people astray. The tricky thing about false teaching is that it is not 100 percent false. Maybe it is 20 percent false. Maybe most of it is good and 20 percent is false. Yet that small part that is weird or odd could be spiritually destructive. So if I see a false teaching, I will try to identify it and then teach what the Bible says.

I believe that the best thing I can do is to help people become as conversant with the Bible as possible. The more time we spend in the Bible, the more likely we will recognize that something isn't accurate when it comes along.

Of course, we could spend the rest of our lives researching every aberrant teaching or cult out there. But I would suggest that we instead spend our time absorbing the Word of God. Then we will be like that inspector in Scotland Yard and recognize when something false surfaces because we know what is true.

## News:

Julia Hawkins has cancer (we learned last Sunday night). Many of us know her. She and her husband Les lived and worshiped in Morenci for a number of years.

Kevin and Becky Cavasos' daughter Levina has thyroid cancer and has begun treatments. Kevin is Mike Cavasos' brother.

Sandy Cavasos is receiving further treatments for degenerating lumbar discs.

Ela Marie has a new address:

Ela Marie Brooks  
3786 Golf Course Rd  
Thatcher (Daley Estates)  
348-6602

## Prayer List:

**Healing:** *Jerry Robinson's mother Norma. Mike and Sandy Cavasos, Ben Atchley, Faye Atchley, Nicolas and Annie Self, Jonda Gardner, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.*

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## Topics

**A.M. Bible Class: Various Roles Of The Holy Spirit**

**A.M. Lesson: The Body of Faith**

Jude 3

**P.M. Lesson: Stubborn Israel**

Isaiah 48

**Wednesday: Elijah Flees to Horeb**

1 Kings 19

Notes

Pulpit Evangelist

*Ken Knowlton: 428-3494*

Elders

*Ben Atchley: 428-2246*

*Greg Briggs: 428-8756*

*John Cunningham: 428-0895*

## Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

## True Worship Is Not Transactional

We [Americans] interpret everything through a lens of pragmatism, through a transactional understanding of the world. Many of us come to church Sunday after Sunday with an expectation of receiving something ... But God does not exist to be useful. God exists to be adored, simply because of who he is. True worship is never transactional. True worship expects nothing in return. True worship is, at its core, an act of senseless, wasteful, indulgent beauty.

— Skye Jethani, from a sermon at Newsong Church in Irvine, CA. Printed in Leadership Journal, Fall 2013.

# Our Shrinking Brains

Carl Wieland, creation.com

(This article has British spellings and syntax. I did not edit it. – ns)

Thousands of years ago, humans had bigger brains. That conclusion was reached after researchers showed that ancient human skulls from Europe, the Middle East and Asia had an average brain capacity of 1500 cubic centimetres, compared to today's 1359 cc.

The old skulls tested were almost certainly post-Flood, hence at most a few thousand years old by biblical reckoning, and 'only' tens of thousands of years old in evolutionary belief.

If the result had shown that today's brains are bigger, this would no doubt have been interpreted as humans evolving more 'smarts'. But this outcome has caused surprise—not just for being contrary to evolutionary expectations, but because of its extent and speed. John Hawks of the University of Michigan called it "a major downsize in an evolutionary eyeblink".

In reality, bigger brain size does not automatically correlate with higher intelligence, and evolutionists who mention this in response to this unexpected finding have a point. However, this needs to cut both ways. Skulls labeled as *Homo erectus* (which creationists would regard as one group of the post-Flood descendants of Adam, and which even some evolutionists say should be reclassified as *Homo sapiens*) have a brain capacity which, while still within the modern human range, is on average smaller than that of the average human today. This is taken to mean that, being 'less evolved', *erectus* specimens had less intelligence; but as we've seen, this does not necessarily follow.

This finding nevertheless reminds us that humans today, while they have more knowledge, accumulated from many predecessors, are certainly not smarter than their predecessors. The ingenuity of ancient man is clearly displayed in such things as the construction of the pyramids. If there is going to be a trend in intelligence, one would expect today's humans to be less intelligent, if anything. This is because of the load of mutations (inherited genetic copying mistakes) increasing with each generation since the Fall of Adam. And in recent times, an extremely rapid documented rate of these human mutations has emerged.

Other evolutionists, perhaps trying to put on a brave face post facto, have claimed the result was "not surprising". Duke University anthropologist Brian Hare speculates that modern humans "developed different, more sophisticated forms of intelligence", presumably somehow requiring less brain size.

Other anthropologists say that because early people were "larger and stronger" they needed "more grey matter" to "control this larger mass".

Note the 'heads we win, tails you lose' approach. If our brain size had been enlarging, it would have been taken as evidence for humans evolving more intelligence. Since it is getting smaller, evolutionists have to put a new 'spin' on it. E.g. David Geary, evolutionary psychologist at the University of Missouri, says: "As complex societies emerged, the brain became smaller because people did not have to be as smart to stay alive." It seems that whatever the data, or whichever evolutionist

is making the reassessment, evolution itself is never doubted.

But consider ... our ancestors just a few thousand years ago were larger, stronger, and had more grey matter than we have—Genesis creation, anyone?

## NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Savings	4	5	6 Singing Night	7	8	9 Singing: North Valley church of Christ 6:30-7:30
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Courtney Wilson's birthday	15	16
17 Josefina Short's birthday Potluck	18	19	20	21 Ethel Tuey's birthday	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

## How to Spot a Wolf

Greg Laurie, Harvest.org

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves." — Matthew 7:15

An inspector who worked for London's Scotland Yard had the job of detecting false currency from the true. Someone commented to him that he must spend a lot of time looking at counterfeit money.

"Oh, no," he answered. "I just spend all day working with real money. Then, when I come across a counterfeit bill, I know immediately."