# **THOUGHTS**

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#### **45TH ANNIVERSARY!**

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I miss my father, Pastor Paul, acutely at times. Whenever I open the door to the modest studio at Our Shepherd where the programs are recorded, I can visualize him speaking with scriptural authority and folksy illustrations to make the Word applicable to the listener. He was great at showing zeal for Jesus and the Word of God! He constantly wanted people to get moving, and get going in faith.

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It is wonderful that there are plenty of TWT programs digitally recorded such that even if I were called Home to Jesus today, the program could fulfill one of pastor Paul's wishes, to be aired until the return of Christ. If God's people are motivated to support the mission, that can literally happen! Thank you for your participation in it!

I continue to record new programs but have continued writing in earnest, too. I already have more than enough content for my next book, II THOUGHTS (Not A Reconsideration). It will be like THOUGHTS. In addition, I am recording "Pastor Doug's Video Thoughts", which are found at the ourshepherdlutheran.org website.

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A new door has opened for me; I have been asked to give a presentation at the Creation Science Society of Milwaukee (CSSM) this Fall. I have chosen to discuss a topic from THOUGHTS, the Tree of Life problem. The next few months will be a time of deeper exploration and preparation for that presentation. I appreciate your prayers and comments as the Lord allows us to converse about it!

## **ORIGIN UNKNOWN**

You will see this phrase or ones like it, such as, "It's a mystery", in reference to the fact that there are no transitional fossils for any given animal in the fossil record. In this instance, the article I read discussed that a new species of bat was discovered in the fossil record, but that its origin is unknown. By that, the evolutionists mean that they can't figure out what critter the bat supposedly evolved from.

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This scenario plays out many times each year as a new species is discovered in the fossil record, and every time there is zero evidence of the morphing that supposedly was taking place across the animal kingdom. One might think that at some point Darwinists might twig to the fact that the absence of transitional creatures, that is, the pervasive, persistent problem of being unable to piece together an evolutionary scenario of origins for most

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animals (the progressions that have been pieced together for such animals as the horse or whale are weak) falsifies their theory and supports the global flood theory! Don't expect any conversions quickly. It usually takes decades and overwhelming evidence for them to finally see the light scientifically.

Usually, they continue to spin their stories of hypothesized ancestors which were ideal transitional creatures. Yes, they make up the entire account to supply an origin when none is indicated in the fossil record. That shows how much of Darwinism is religious and philosophical when instead of admitting that transitional creatures don't exist, they pretend that they did exist but were not fossilized. How convenient to keep the myth of Evolutionary theory afloat despite the rock-hard evidence!

### **USE YOUR TIME WISELY**

Don't waste your time trying to live your best life. It's a vain, worldly notion based on the idea that your decisions and choices will enhance your experiences to the fullest. It presumes you control your destiny and diminishes the possibility of life-altering events. Your joy and contentment will be superior if you seek to live your life in faith and love. Living in the grace of God is also superior to the anchors of guilt and regret that come if you fail to fulfill your ideals.

I am not advocating dissipation, or foolish living, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise, but wise – making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16)." People who make growing in faith toward Jesus a priority are granted the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (See Galatians 5:22-23). As we seek to let the Spirit of God fill us and empower our deeds, we live the best life!

### **HEED HIS WARNING!**

"The only thing you can do is destroy who you are. And trying to – when you hit the regret button, you can't put the pieces back." Those pieces are the pieces of sex organs that were hacked off. Those are the words of a man who knows all too well the consequences of gender surgery. He pleads with people to realize that you cannot change gender, but you can neuter it. He states bluntly that going transgender is simply destruction of a person's sexuality, making a male or female a neuter.

His name is Walt Heyer, founder of the site Sex Change Regrets. The URL is very long; to watch this important video, search for the phrase, "Man who detransitioned 40 years ago Walt Heyer," and you will find the video. His succinct testimony is one of the best I have seen regarding this topic. While he does not discuss faith, he hits the nail on the head in terms of physiology and psychology.

Conservative Christians would react by saying they don't need such a warning. Correct; it's the nominal, biblically ignorant Christians and the secularists who need the warning!

Blessings, Douglas W. Schroeder

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