

**T**ime magazine recently featured a story on the mental and emotional problems of modern man. The cover blurb read: “*Stress, anxiety, depression: the new science of evolutionary psychology finds the roots of modern maladies in our genes.*”

This is the third cover story recently published by *Time* blaming certain behavior on evolutionary genetics. The other two attributed adultery and homosexuality to man's genetic make-up. The implication of such a theory is that the behavior in question is *natural*. It should not be condemned or punished because it is a natural by-product of evolutionary development. Aside from the obvious moral and spiritual issues, it is important to note that evolution is *not* merely a meaningless scientific theory. When evolution rather than God becomes the Ultimate Cause, the result will be the removal of moral responsibility.

The article on depression (8/28/95) touted the new field of evolutionary psychology, a discipline which attempts to explain the function of the mind solely on the assumptions of evolution. The article was laced with evolutionary terminology:

- 1) “They’re beginning to sketch the contours of the human mind *as designed by natural selection*” (italics jj).
- 2) “The exact series of social contexts that shaped the human mind over the past couple of million years is ... lost in the mists of prehistory”.
- 3) “And getting genes into the next generation was ... the criterion by which the human mind was designed ... natural selection imbued our minds with ...”.
- 4) And, lest we haven’t yet gotten the drift: “Natural selection, for better or worse, *is our creator* ...”.

Further demonstrating the incredible extent of this ideology, the article criticized an author who observed that “infants are better off at home.” Such a simplistic notion “gives short shrift to the *innately social nature* of infants and mothers. That women *naturally have a vocational calling* as well as a maternal one suggests that workplace-based... day-care centers may deserve more attention” (italics jj).

Did you catch that?! Evolution has genetically programmed women to work outside the home. In other words, *it is not natural* to stay at home and devote oneself to raising children and managing the household.

But lest you think this is silly nonsense, these are powerful ideas currently shaping our society, and we all feel their impact one way or another.