

## The real delusion

Brother Rees' linking of the "strong delusion" of 2 Thessalonians 2:11 with the almost universal acceptance by the Western world of the theory of evolution ([Jul. 2007, p. 240](#)) has considerable Scriptural backing, albeit that, as Brother Rees rightly acknowledges, different generations may have embraced different forms of deception.

The subject of the delusion is introduced as being for them that "received not the love of the truth" (v. 10), and is seen as collective rather than individual (v. 11). Its purpose or predicted result is "that they all might be damned who believed not the truth" (v. 12). It is characterised by belief in a lie (v. 11).

There is a clear link with Romans 1:25, which speaks of those "who changed the truth of God into a lie", where this lie is stated to be idolatry (v. 23), substituting worship of the created for worship of the Creator, so ascribing to creatures the glory that is due to God. This is precisely what the theory of evolution does. Astonishingly, it is uncritically accepted by the majority that man is derived from one particular creature, the ape; and scientific wisdom backs it. No verse could be more apt in this regard than Romans 1:22.

Thus evolution has dismissed God, and humanism has resulted, putting man in the position from which God has been displaced. No longer is there any authority higher than man, hence the current preoccupation with human rights and the importance attached to the satisfaction of his needs and desires. As Romans 1:25 expresses it, they "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator". Thus we go right back to Genesis 3:5, "ye shall be as gods". The same old lie has resurfaced in a different form.

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