

# Children of No One

by Kathleen Smith

As a child, one of the worst things that anyone ever said to me, even if it was a joke, was: “You were adopted.” The thought that my parents were not my parents had a particularly unsettling effect on my young mind and no doubt on others who experienced this tactless insult from the tongues of other young people. Today, I believe there is another bully doing the same thing to millions of people, children mostly, on a daily, even hourly basis.

Over a hundred years ago, a relatively unknown scientist did a small study involving animals on an island in the Pacific. As a result, there were people who inferred things from his findings which almost instantly became officially accepted as 'facts'. These 'facts' then became the basis for all official teachings, pronouncements, policies and doctrines in government and scientific use. Gradually, almost imperceptibly, these new ideas infiltrated every text book, television program, movie, documentary, related scientific advancements and discoveries as well as any legislative movement with ties to these inferred 'facts'. I have seen, in my lifetime, the gradual growth and common use of the 'correct' language of these doctrines and have been almost constantly dismayed at the pervasiveness of what, at its beginnings, was almost universally laughed at as completely absurd.

So how did we go from absurd to accepted in just one generation? How did someone take the whole human race and turn them into fatherless orphans, simply because one man saw what he thought were changes in animals over time? How did a mostly faith-based society change almost overnight from knowing who they are and passing that knowledge on to their children, to accepting almost without question the intense and thorough indoctrination presented daily through education, media, legislation and scientific research?

In visiting with other parents I find that they consider all such indoctrination to be a relatively harmless 'fly on their shoulder' that is easily brushed off by simply saying: “Our kids know that they didn't come from apes.” That's it. Just tell them that and it balances out everything else. Well, they may think that, but I've got news for them. It isn't that simple. It never was. It's in a thousand little doctrines that show up in the oddest places. Subtle, manipulative, clever, well-planned and continually and repetitively executed, these teachings are EVERYWHERE. They do not simply appear in one biology lesson in high school and then conveniently go away.

But, the greatest damage has already been done. The indoctrination has been so complete that both parents and children don't even know that it has happened. The change has been so subtle that hardly anyone has raised more than a cursory objection. However, I believe the future will tell us much about the effects of such seemingly harmless talk.

“We are orphans,” they tell us. “Our 'fathers' were nothing more than slime turned fish turned bird turned ape. Thus, we are free and accountable to no one. We have but to evolve in order to be happy. Whatever you have been told in the past must change. We are different now. We are not bound by traditional values but we make our own values. We live as best we can and when we die, we die. The earth is the most important thing. Humanity is an aberration of evolution, greatly in need of culling. Scientists hold the answers to every question. Family is anyone who lives together. The world is over-populated. Killing a baby when it is inside you is not murder. Marriage is outdated. Life is not a gift, it's an accident. Everything happened because of an explosion. There is no right or wrong.” And the list goes on and on.

If you have not seen it yet, nor sensed the danger in feeding children a steady diet of such talk I suggest you think again. A person would have to be blind to miss the obviously dangerous doctrinal dementia rampant in all forms of public information.

I am reminded of a famous court case involving children who were subjected to suggestions from therapists. It was proven time and again, that children could be easily 'taught', through skillful suggestion that certain things had happened to them, when indeed they had not. In other words, children are extremely susceptible to the things that are told to them by trusted adults. Today, there is a battle going on for the minds of children of all ages. All you have to do is take a look around you to see who is winning.