

Evolution and Murder?
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Why do people commit murders and other crimes? According to young earth creationists, it is belief in evolution that has led many people to commit crimes! With the publication of an article on 29 March 2005, Answers in Genesis attempts to tie belief in evolution to the devaluing of human life (see below for link). More specifically, they mention the recent school shooting in Red Lake, Minnesota, where the shooter was apparently interested in Nazi themes. Although Nazi themes include evolution, there is no proof that the shooter had even thought about evolution, yet the young earth author makes the connection anyway. The shootings in Columbine, Colorado, carried a similar theme, which was previously addressed by AiG as being related to evolution.

There are several problems with this shocking claim from supposed Christians. First, it unfairly slanders Christians who believe in evolution. Many Christians are Theistic Evolutionists, and are outstanding members of their churches. However, according to Answers in Genesis, evolutionary thought will lead to all sorts of sin. Should we look at theistic evolutionists and wonder who they are going to kill next?

Second, sin is a problem of mankind, and not just the problem of those who accept evolution. For instance, studies show that crime rates are similar no matter what the religious beliefs of the individual. For instance, consider the BTK killer, who was recently captured in Kansas (<http://www.cnn.com/2005/LAW/02/28/rader.profile/index.html>). He killed 10 people, yet he was president of his church congregation, a selfless and caring member who demonstrated the Christian life in his church. Or, consider today's story of the Boy Scout leader who was charged with child pornography (<http://www.cnn.com/2005/LAW/03/29/scouts.charges/index.html>). Crime is a sin which afflicts all of mankind, regardless of belief in evolution or not.

To make such a ridiculous claim as AiG has made shows the quality of young earth work, and demonstrates that they will reach for any thread of evidence, no matter how relevant or true, and try and support their cause with it. It is becoming more and more apparent every day, that with each wild idea they have, they paint themselves, and Christianity, into a corner. It is no surprise that the world looks at young earth creation scientists with little respect.

The "Why?" question—why is school violence in the headlines again?, Answers in Genesis website. (answersingenesis.org/docs2005/0329school_violence.asp)