

[The Cause of the 2nd World War]

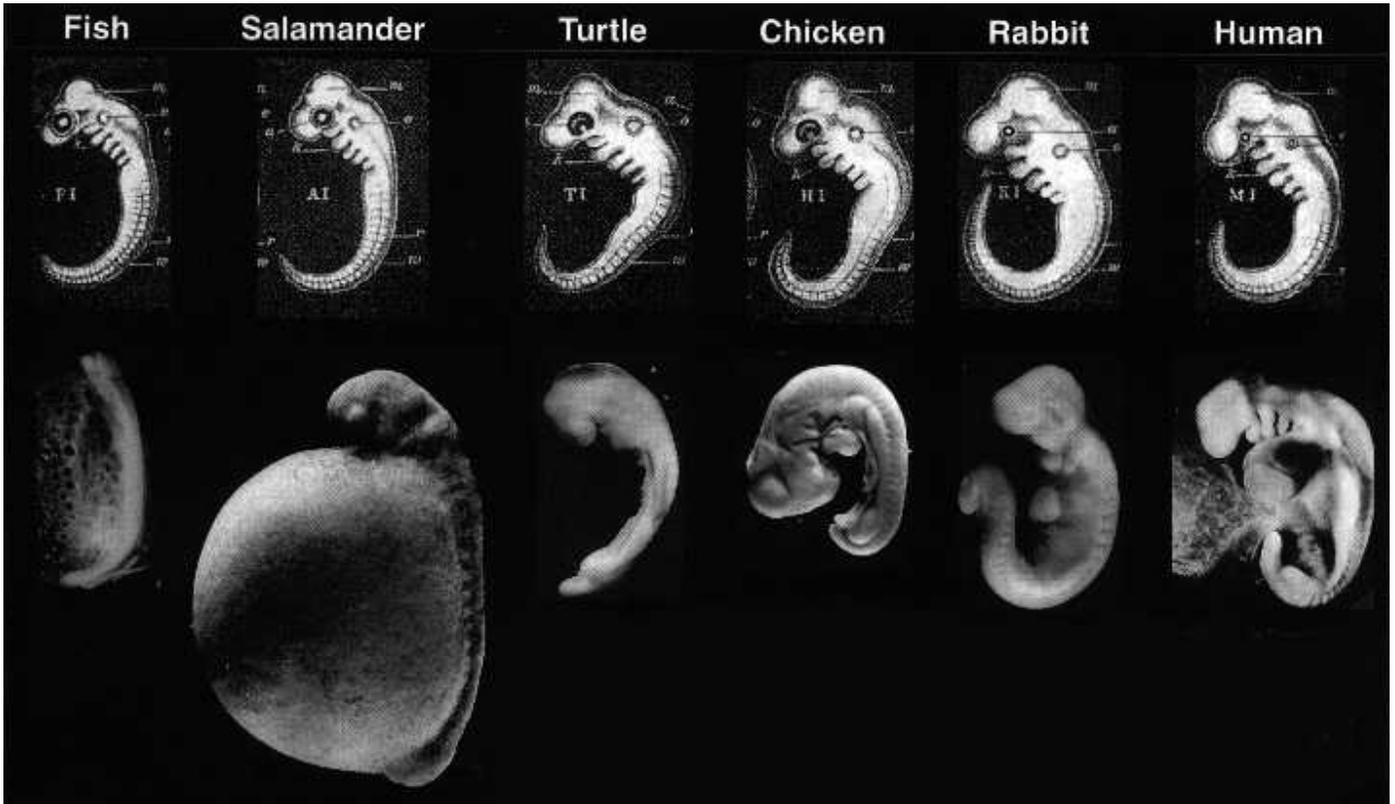
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The history of our world contains many dark and hideous days. Days when distrust and suspicion ran riot, and caused humans to treat other humans like animals. They were days when mass amounts of innocent people were murdered simply because they were of a different "race". Days when the color of your eyes, your hair, your skin...could determine whether you lived or died. Why? Why would any of that matter? The man who killed those mass amounts of people had a religion; Adolf Hitler was a firm believer in Evolution as portrayed by Charles Darwin, and we find many of his ideas present in Darwin's book, known to many as the *Origin of Species*, however, Darwin's book was originally entitled: the *Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or, the Preservation of **Favored Races** in the Struggle for Life*. Behind the darkness of World War Two there was a singular root, the belief that one race had evolved farther than the rest....in other words, the theory of Evolution.

The theory of Evolution began taking shape long before Charles Darwin's book. However, Darwin was the one who made it popular by presenting an idea of how Evolution occurred. He was also the one to propose that all living things have a common ancestor. Darwin was born February 12, 1809 in Shropshire, England (Wikipedia). When Darwin was 16 his father enrolled him at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland to pursue a medical career. He didn't care for the medical field and dropped out of Edinburgh in April of 1827. In October of 1827, Darwin began studying to enter into the clergy. After some rough going, Darwin graduated with a degree in Theology in 1831. It was the only degree he ever attained. On October 10, 1831 Darwin set sail on the *HMS Beagle*, he reached the Galapagos Islands in 1835, there he studied the Finches and began to form his theory. Darwin began sketching his ideas out in 1836, the *Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or , The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life* was published in 1859.

In 1860, the first German translation of Darwin's book was published. The book was translated by H.G. Bronn, who changed the title a bit; *Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or, The Preservation of **Perfect** Races in the Struggle for Life*. One of the many people who read this translation was German zoologist Ernst Haeckel. Haeckel was so convinced that Darwin was right he became his top promoter in Germany. When no supporting

evidence for Darwin's theory had been produced, Haeckel decided to make his own. He was the first to come up with the evolutionary tree, a way to show the predicted ancestry of humans. He also drew pictures of animal and human embryos growing next to each other. He published several books including these drawings, and many others. By the time Hitler was in school, the textbooks were saturated with Darwin and Haeckel's teachings. Along with his writing and art, Haeckel was a professor at the University at Jena, where he was later tried and convicted of fraud regarding the accuracy of his drawings.



(top row Haeckel's drawings, bottom row actual pictures)

However, his drawings continued to be printed and reprinted throughout Germany and they are still used in many public school and college textbooks today (Hovind 5). By November 1914, the year before his death, Haeckel had single handedly converted Germany in to an evolution believing country. After 20 years of his teaching, Germany had come to see themselves as the "perfected race", and so began World War I.

After their defeat in 1918, Germany was required to pay large amounts of money to cover some of the many costs of the War. The German government printed more money in order to try and pay the required amounts, but ended up causing an economical crisis due to inflation. As their country got weaker and weaker, the Germans became bitter about their loss,

one person that was exceptionally bitter was Adolf Hitler. He revealed his bitterness in one of his speeches; "We are firmly convinced that the German nation entered the fight in 1914 without the slightest feeling of guilt on its part and filled only with the desire to defend the Fatherland which had been attacked and to preserve the freedom, nay, the very existence, of the German people....The misery of our people is horrible to behold! Millions of the industrial proletariat are unemployed and starving; the whole of the middle class and the small artisans have been impoverished. When this collapse finally reaches the German peasants, we will be faced with an immeasurable disaster. For then not only shall a nation collapse, but a two-thousand-year-old inheritance, some of the loftiest products of human culture and civilization." (Hitler) About a year after the First World War, Hitler began his political career by participating in the liberation of Munich, and continued becoming more and more involved until in 1923 he led the beer hall putsch, and ended up in prison. By 1933, Hitler had been named the leader of Germany, and over the next 6 years, he regrouped the country and raised up an army that would invade Poland in 1939 and begin the most horrible war ever fought, World War II.

Hitler was not a man to hide his thoughts, in fact, he wrote a book about them. He began writing his book while in prison, which clearly shows how evolution can affect a person who immerses himself in it. In chapter 11 of Mein Kampf (which translated means My Struggle), Hitler blatantly states his hatred, as well as his reasons for that hatred. One of the revelations he stated is, "The man who misjudges and disregards the racial laws actually forfeits the happiness that seems destined to be his. He thwarts the triumphal march of the best race and hence also the precondition for all human progress, and remains, in consequence burdened with all the sensibility of man, in the animal realm of helpless misery." Which shows Hitler's belief in evolution by his reference to "higher" and "lower" animals. Another thought he wrote down was even more blatant; "All who are not of good race in this world are chaff. And all occurrences in world history are only the expression of the races' instinct of self-preservation, in the good or bad sense." But probably the clearest reference to Hitler's complete belief in evolution is revealed in a list that he created showing how far he

thought all the different races had “evolved.” Here is the way he categorized the races:

- Nordic (blond hair, blue eyed.....Close to pure Aryan
- Germanic (brown hair, blue eyed or, less desirable brown
- eyed.....Predominantly Aryan
- Mediterranean.....Slightly Aryan
- Slavic.....Close to half Aryan, half Ape
- Oriental.....Slight Ape preponderance
- Black African.....Predominantly Ape
- Jewish (fiendish skull).....Close to pure Ape

(Rhodes p. 107)

When the facts are laid out, and the timeline examined, there is only one logical explanation for those gruesome days. The storm of World War Two had to have a cause, and that cause was born in the dark clouds of the theory of Evolution.

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