

Patterns of Intelligence

CHAPTER 1

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

In mid-2011, my wife Marit and I drove from Kansas City to South Carolina to meet our new granddaughter Abigale. Then we drove down to Georgia to meet our new son-in-law Troy.

As I was driving (my wife can no longer drive due to a health condition) my wife would frequently read out loud from an excellent book written for the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the LDS or "Mormon" church.

The book was about the enemies of the ancient church of Christ in the Americas as recorded in the Book of Mormon.

The Book of Mormon, a book which is considered "scripture" by the LDS church, along with the Bible and other sacred books, was written by prophets of God on the American continent prior to 421 A.D. and it was translated by a modern prophet, Joseph Smith, in the early 19th century.

Adam and Eve actually lived in the Americas (we know they lived in Missouri at one time), but the Americas were deserted (most likely by Noah and his family during the flood) and eventually the continents were divided, leaving the American continent void of people and leaving the people in the "old world" without a knowledge the Americas even existed.

The first group to re-inhabit the Americas was led by prophets who came to America shortly after the events of the Tower of Babel (roughly 2,300 B.C.). This civilization completely self-destructed (by killing each other off), saving one prophet (Ether), who observed the battles, and one warrior (Coriantumr), the sole survivor of the battles. The battles ended around 600 B.C.

The main part of the Book of Mormon starts in Jerusalem, also about 600 B.C., when another group of people, led by the prophet Lehi, left Jerusalem and came to the Americas. A second group also left Jerusalem at roughly the same time. Coriantumr actually met the people of Zarahemla (i.e. who was a descendant of the Nephites) before his death.

About one-thousand years later, some time after 400 A.D., the people in America were so wicked that they killed the remaining prophets of God (including Moroni) and degenerated to the point that they no longer believed in the true and living God.

The "Dark Ages" on the American Continent was born. It didn't end until long after the Spanish arrived and made things even worse for the natives, if that was possible. The Spanish were mainly in South America, but the North American "Indians" had their own problems with other Europeans.

KORIHOR - THE ANTI-CHRIST

In the Book of Mormon there are recorded many stories of the spiritual and military enemies of the ancient church of Christ. Examples are Sherem (Jacob 7), Nehor (Alma 1), the Amalekites and Amulonites (Alma 21, etc.), Korihor (Alma 30), Coriantumr (Helaman 1), and so on.

The book my wife was reading referred to several of the enemies of the church as being: "anti-Christ." The author was using the term "anti-Christ" to mean "enemy of Christ," which is a common, and perfectly correct, way to use the term "anti."

However, having read the Book of Mormon many times, I did not remember the phrase "anti-Christ" being used very often. So when we got back home I scanned the Book of Mormon electronically and found that the term "anti-Christ" was used only once.

The one and only "anti-Christ" was Korihor, who was a contemporary of the great prophets Ammon and Alma the Younger. In fact, both of these prophets, and at least one other prophet, had face-to-face run-ins with Korihor.

Korihor was officially given the title of "anti-Christ" because he taught that Christ would never be born (see Alma 30: verses 6, 12, 13, 15, 22-23 and 26).

However, Korihor was not the only enemy of the church who taught that Christ would never be born. Sherem (see Jacob 7:1-2) was another. We do not know why Sherem and others were not also referred to as being an anti-Christ.

But there were two things that were unique about Korihor. First, Korihor was the only enemy of Christ to preach religious doctrines which were **exactly the opposite** of the doctrines of Christ. Thus, the term "anti" could also imply the concept of "opposite." Second, Korihor was personally taught his doctrines, face-to-face, by satan.

Korihor is the person who will be discussed in this chapter. Korihor was what we would now call an "evolutionist" as will now be demonstrated.

Korihor lived before the time of Christ and he said that Christ would never be born. Modern evolutionists live after the time of Christ, so they cannot deny that Christ lived, because of historical records. But they do deny that Christ was

resurrected and that He was the Son of God and that He lives today, as examples of their atheistic beliefs.

Korihor denied, and modern evolutionists currently deny, the significance and importance of the atonement of Christ (see Alma 30:17) and many other key doctrines.

I should note that not all "evolutionists" believe the pure doctrines of the theory of evolution. Many "evolutionists" mix the pure doctrines of evolution with their religious beliefs. These groups will not be discussed in this book because they are a hybrid of the two key sets of beliefs I wish to talk about.

KORIHOR - THE EVOLUTIONIST

There are many examples where Korihor's doctrines and the doctrines of the theory of evolution today are the same.

For example, Korihor not only predicted Christ would not be born, but he also did not believe in God. This is Korihor speaking (all references to Korihor are from Alma chapter 30):

28 Yea, they durst not make use of that which is their own lest they should offend their priests, who do yoke them according to their desires, and have brought them to believe, by their traditions and their dreams and their whims and their visions and their pretended mysteries, that they should, if they did not do according to their words, offend some unknown being, who they say is [God--a being who never has been seen or known, who never was nor ever will be.](#)

Alma 30:28

See also verses 25, 38, 43, 45 and 48 (e.g. Korihor asks for a sign in verse 48).

Thus, [Korihor was both an atheist and an anti-Christ.](#) The same holds true for the official modern day theory of evolution, as will be seen later!!

Korihor also taught that all prophecies were the foolish traditions of the people and that no man can know the future (verses 6, 13, 14, 16, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 31);

Korihor taught that the fall of Adam was false doctrine (verse 25). A belief in the "fall" requires a belief in God, so this is not surprising.

Ditto for the theory of evolution today except that modern day evolutionists deny that Adam and his wife Eve, and Noah and Noah's wife, ever existed!!

Korihor also taught that death is the end of our existence (verse 18), meaning we do not have an eternal spirit.

This was the specific doctrine that led to the immorality and wickedness of his followers (see verse 18).

Many people today also embrace the theory of evolution because they feel it justifies them in committing sin because of the claim there is no life after death, and thus there is no Judgment Day.

Korihor did not believe in sin or God, so he obviously did not teach a remission of sin (verse 16).

Korihor also taught that religious ordinances are foolishness (verse 23). Evolutionist also do not believe in a need for religious ordinances.

Korihor also insulted those who believed in God by using terms like "frenzied mind" and "silly traditions" (verses 16 and 31).

Today, evolutionists frequently insult their competition (the "creation scientists" who believe that God created all things).

In spite of his insults, most people rejected Korihor's doctrines (for example, see versus 19 and 20). But Korihor did get many followers (verse 58).

Today, the defining characteristic of modern evolutionists is the insults they hurl at those who believe in God (e.g. they insult the "creationists" who believe in God).

I will mention a couple of examples of insults from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS):

"The arguments of creationists [i.e. those who believe in God] are not driven by evidence that can be observed in the natural world. [A belief in] special creation or supernatural intervention [by God] is not subjectable to meaningful [scientific] tests, which require predicting plausible results and then checking these results through observation and experimentation. Indeed, claims of 'special creation' reverse the [scientific process](#). The explanation is seen as unalterable, and evidence is sought only to support a particular conclusion by whatever means possible."

Science and Creationism, page 8

This quote of the NAS may sound really profound, and really scientific, but in fact it is total nonsense and is nothing but an insult to anyone who believes in God.

God has decided not to show himself to the scientific establishment, and many others, to convince them that He exists!! How is this a proof that God does not exist?

Because of the arrogance of evolutionists, they consider that because God does not show Himself to them that this is a proof that God does not exist. But for God to show Himself to evolutionists would destroy their free agency and their need to develop faith.

But in fact there is a huge, gigantic amount of scientific evidence for a belief in the existence of God. Where did the DNA of millions of different species come from? Certainly *not* accidents (as this book will later demonstrate)!!

Evolutionists don't have a clue, absolutely none, how the DNA of one species could be randomly mutated into a superior DNA strand of a superior species. So why do they claim that their beliefs are the result of the "*scientific process*." Their beliefs are only a result of their vivid imaginations and wishful thinking.

Having DNA randomly mutate and end up with a newly viable DNA strand would be even more impossible for a species with a male and female. How did the male and female DNA randomly and accidentally both mutate **with the same mutations, in the same generation**, so they could mate and create a new species with new and improved DNA (Note: evolution always considers that the new species is superior to the old species).

Scientists have never done this. They have never demonstrated it is possible. They have never seen it happen. But they claim it has happened millions of times.

They have never even randomly mutated (via a computer and random number generator) a fourth grade math textbook and ended up with a fifth grade math textbook, complete with new concepts which were not in the fourth grade math textbook!! Doing this would be a lot easier than creating a new species from an existing species!!

But yet in spite of their failure to demonstrate how evolution could have happened at the DNA level, they consider that they have followed the scientific process!! The only "process" they follow is their vivid imaginations.

A person would never know that the evolutionists have no scientific evidence for the theory of evolution because the media and schools ignore the scientific problems with the theory of evolution.

The theory behind the theory of evolution is total nonsense, yet evolutionists claim evolution has created new species (and their new and unique DNA)

millions of times, without one shred of scientific evidence that randomness can create superior DNA!!

In fact, evolution has never happened once; except perhaps at the single-celled species level, but even this would be so rare it would never be observed!!

Here is another seemingly "profound" (i.e. total nonsense) quote of the NAS:

*"Scientists have considered the hypotheses proposed by creation science and have rejected them because of lack of *evidence*."
Science and Creationism, Page ix*

They do not consider the Universe, the Galaxies, the Sun, our beautiful planet and the DNA of millions of different species as *evidence* for the Intelligence and existence of God!! What fantasyland have they been living on?? What drugs have they been sniffing??

They are the ones who claim that the DNA of millions of species came to exist by random mutations to the DNA of a "parent species" to create a new and improved "child species."

In other words, the "parent species" *evolved* into the "child species" by random and accidental mutations to the DNA of the "parent species." The "child species" may later become a "parent species" if it evolves into yet an even newer "child species."

Where is *their* evidence that this has ever happened a single time!!! Their claims are scientific nonsense. Yet they insult anyone who believes in God!!

The absurdity of the comments of the NAS will be better understood after reading the two chapters on the "morphing of the embryo algorithm" much later in this book. The "morphing of the embryo" will be defined to be the process by which a single cell divides many times until the "baby" is born.

My aunt Helen Billings, who had a PhD, used to say this about the educational establishment:

*"When they give a person a Bachelors degree, they take away their mouth, when they give them a Masters degree, they take away their brains, and when they give them a PhD, they give them back their mouth."
Helen Kehr Billings, PhD (1901-1995), my father's sister*

This is the truth: much learning has allowed them to live in a fantasyland to the point they think they know something.

Getting back to Korihor, Korihor claimed the priests in the church usurped authority and kept their followers in bondage (verses 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 36). This is another insult.

Korihor also taught that you cannot know what you don't see (verse 15). This is exactly what modern day evolutionists teach (if God doesn't show Himself to them, then God must not exist).

There are some doctrines which are believed by modern evolutionists, which the scriptures are not clear as to what Korihor believed. For example, modern evolutionists claim that Adam and his wife Eve, and Noah and his wife, never existed.

It is not clear what Korihor believed about these four people; though we do know he did not believe in the "fall of Adam and Eve" (i.e. Korihor did not say that Adam never existed, only that the "fall" was false). Korihor did not teach that Adam or Noah were great prophets because Korihor was an atheist and he did not believe in God, thus he would not have believed there were any prophets.

Because Korihor did not believe in God, if Korihor did believe that Adam and Eve had existed, we have no clue where Korihor thought they came from (i.e. how did they come to exist?).

Korihor taught that no man could know the future (verse 13).

Korihor's teachings were not only consistent with the teachings of modern day evolutionists, Korihor actually taught the theory of evolution itself!!

17 And many more such things did [Korihor] say unto them, telling them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men, but *every man fared in this life according to the management of the creature; therefore every man prospered according to his genius, and that every man conquered according to his strength*; and whatsoever a man did was no crime.

Alma 30:17 [Korihor]

This quote sounds like Darwin's theory of "natural selection," also called "survival of the fittest." This doctrine is at the core of Darwin's theory of evolution!!

The difference between Korihor and Darwin is that Korihor's version of natural selection only mentions humans, but Darwin used natural selection to explain the existence of animals (in his first book) and then humans (in his second book).

We do not know where Korihor thought the animals and plants came from.

Darwin believed in human evolution before he published his first book, but his first book did not mention human evolution because Darwin was concerned people might not accept his theories if he mentioned human evolution in his first book.

But because Darwin became famous and was well accepted after writing his first book (The Origin of Species), he eventually became convinced the general public would accept human evolution, thus he did mention human evolution in his second book.

In fact, almost everything Korihor taught was identical to the theory of evolution of today, taking into account the limited amount of science that existed in Korihor's day and the limited amount of information we have about his teachings.

To put it another way, Korihor's doctrines were not exactly the same as the doctrines of evolution today at least partly because Korihor did not have the scientific knowledge and theories of scientists today. For example, Korihor probably knew nothing about "cells," thus he would not have taught about the "first living cell," which is a theory of evolution today.

In short, both Darwin and Korihor were atheists, but they did not have access to the same scientific technology we have today, plus we do not have all of the teachings of Korihor.

In summary, all of Korihor's doctrines, preaching and practices were perfectly consistent with the doctrines of the theory of evolution today, except that the doctrines of modern evolution include additional doctrines, some of which Korihor did not have the technical knowledge to understand (e.g. the "first living cell").

THE BOOK OF MORMON WAS PREDICTING THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

What is interesting about the "natural selection" quote above is that the Book of Mormon was published in **1830**, which was long before the concept of "survival of the fittest" or "natural selection" was made popular by Charles Darwin in **1859** when he published his first book on evolution - The Origin of Species!!

In Darwin's own autobiography he explained that he "discovered" the concept of "survival of the fittest" in **1838** when he was reading the book: On Population, by Malthus. Even this "discovery" was eight years *after* the Book of Mormon was published in America!!

While the theory of evolution itself existed before the Book of Mormon was published in 1830 (in fact Darwin's grandfather was an evolutionist), Darwin was given credit for "discovering" the evolution doctrine of "survival of the fittest" or "natural selection."

Charles Darwin is also the person credited with making the "theory of evolution" known and popular among the general public. Prior to 1859, the theory of evolution was virtually unknown to the general public, even in England, and I am not aware than anyone in America knew anything about the theory of evolution prior to 1859.

Thus, the concept of "survival of the fittest" or "natural selection" was **first described publicly in the Book of Mormon, not by Charles Darwin!!** It was not first described by a scientist, but by an anti-Christ in the Book of Mormon.

The Book of Mormon described "survival of the fittest" eight years before Darwin "discovered" it and 29 years before his book on natural selection was made public and even longer before Darwin published his book which included human evolution!!

In fact, the first published book on this planet to describe the theory of human evolution, in detail, was the Book of Mormon!!

The Book of Mormon was not a reaction to the theory of evolution; rather it was **prophetically preparing** the members of the modern day LDS church for the onslaught of the atheistic and anti-Christ doctrines of the theory of evolution.

Why is it important to understand this?? The reason is that the theory of evolution could not be disproved until 1953, with the discovery of DNA.

Prior to 1953 the evolution debate was about fossils and shapes of animals, etc.

Thus, faithful members of the LDS church could have seen the story of Korihor in the Book of Mormon and known that the theory of evolution was false doctrine long before the discovery of DNA in 1953!!

While the preaching of Korihor did not last very long, and his impact was quickly extinguished by the prophets; today the teachings of Darwin are growing out of control because they are taught in the media, in the schools, etc.

Today, the main difference between the theory of evolution and the doctrines of Korihor are that today the theory of evolution is supported by scientists and is considered to be scientifically "proven" to be true.

Much will be said in this book about the absurd claims of scientists who pretend they have proven the theory of evolution is valid science. It will be seen in this book that not only is the theory of evolution the antithesis of religious truths but it is also the antithesis of factual science.

The theory of evolution is not supported by science; it is supported by **massively complex deceptions**, as this book will explain in detail!! In fact, **seven chapters** of this book will be needed to carefully unwrap the highly sophisticated deceptions of terminology which are used to pretend there is scientific evidence for the theory of evolution.

The beliefs and doctrines of Korihor make perfect sense when a person realizes that satan himself personally taught Korihor what doctrines to teach. Satan cannot tell the truth and Korihor taught the people exactly what he had been taught by satan. This is also a quote of Korihor:

53 But behold, **the devil hath deceived me**; for **he appeared unto me in the form of an angel**, and said unto me: Go and reclaim this people, for they have all gone astray after an unknown God. And he said unto me: There is no God; yea, and he taught me that which I should say. And I have taught his words; and I taught them because they were pleasing unto the carnal mind; and I taught them, even until I had much success, insomuch that I verily believed that they were true; and for this cause I withstood the truth, even until I have brought this great curse upon me.
Alma 30:53

While satan probably understood the biology of cells (from his knowledge in the pre-existence), because Korihor and the general public in his day had no clue what a cell was, it would have been distracting, confusing and controversial for satan to teach Korihor about modern biology.

While the scientists in the days of Korihor probably did not know about cells, they did know about the motion of the planets (see verse 44).

Knowing that satan personally taught Korihor what to say, It should come as no surprise that Korihor taught doctrines which were **exactly the opposite** (i.e. the *antithesis*) of the doctrines taught by Alma the Younger and the other prophets of the Book of Mormon.

While the other enemies of the church in the Book of Mormon, that we know about, taught doctrines which were a mixture of truth and error, and/or they were military enemies; the doctrines of Korihor were purely and precisely the exact opposite of the doctrines of the prophets in his day.