

# Reflections

## “Evolutionary Comrades” by Stefano Mugnaini

The Spanish parliament is clamoring to extend “rights” such as the “right to life, freedom and not to be tortured” to great apes. New resolutions, that will most likely become law in a year, will make it illegal to keep apes for circuses, television commercials, or movies. These new regulations mark “the first time any national legislature has called for such rights for non-humans.”

Is there anything wrong with protecting animals? No. I believe that stewardship of nature, within reason, is a biblical principle. However, the issue is the method or the motivation behind the protection of animal life. If it is done to the detriment of humanity; if it is achieved by demeaning the value of human life, then it is wrong.

Let us then ask what impetus is behind this legislation? The Great Apes Project founded by Peter Singer and Paola Cavalieri, has been “devised by scientists and philosophers who say our closest genetic relatives deserve rights hitherto limited to humans.” Pedro Pazas, the Spanish director of the Great Apes Project, gleefully exclaimed: “This is a historic day in the struggle for animal rights and in defense of our **evolutionary comrades**, which will doubtless go down in the history of humanity.” So the driving force is a view that apes and humans are equals, comrades. Gone is the idea of man’s uniqueness or special value.

Foregoing an exhaustive refutation of the false theory of Evolution, what will be the consequences of viewing humans and ani-

mals as “evolutionary comrades”? In his book *Created from Animals: The Moral Implications of Darwinism*, self-proclaimed Darwinian James Rachels stated that when the true moral implications of evolution are understood:

“Human life will no longer be regarded with the kind of superstitious awe which it is accorded in traditional thought, and the lives of non-humans will no longer be a matter of indifference. This means that **human life will, in a sense, be devalued**, while the value granted to non-human life will be increased. A revised view of such matters as suicide and euthanasia, as well as a revised view of how we should treat animals, will result.

Where will the devaluation of human life and the

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday

Class: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

7:00 pm



## For the Record Week of 07-20-08

## Communion & Baptismal Garments

## Program of Worship

*Ava Bullard*  
*Helen Embry*  
*Mark Embry*  
*Scotty Hall*  
*Leonard McNeill*  
*Lois Ott*

Bible Classes: 73  
AM Worship: 156  
PM Worship: 61  
Wednesday Evening: 70  
Contribution: 3,135.00

**Prepare Communion:**  
Mary Beth Christy &  
Janie Polutta  
**Baptismal Garments:**  
Frances Wakeland  
**Elder of the Month:**  
Larry Casbeer 795-0429

**Announcements:**  
Larry Casbeer  
**Song Service:**  
Royce Akers  
**Opening Prayer:**  
Raymond Boynton  
**Communion:**  
Deron Casbeer  
**Sermon:**  
Stefano Mugnaini  
**Closing Prayer:**  
Howard Streets



## We Are Praying For...



### **Military**

*Robert Bagley*  
*Kristopher Black*  
*Adam Bowles*  
*Chris Branham*  
*Adam Carlucci*  
*Russell Coble*  
*James Dalton*  
*Mark Fiorey*  
*Ellis Flenoid*  
*Steven Hilton*  
*Michael Hilton*  
*Matthew Lemieux*  
*Katie McCaskill*  
*Kevin Mitchell*  
*Shawn Reynolds*

**Mike Allen**, preacher for Chesapeake Church of Christ, has bone cancer. Gary Moody has requested prayers for him.

**Larry Cooper**, Ruby's son, was diagnosed with lung cancer.

**David Cupka**, husband of Doris & Janie's cousin Kay Cupka, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is scheduled for surgery on August 11th.

**Maxine Doll** has some health problems and would like our prayers. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

**Michelle & Kenny Drawdy** are having some difficult times and requested prayers. Michelle is a co-worker of Terri Fagan.

**Dennis Flatley**, a friend of Jim Lamm, is currently undergoing chemo to treat his cancer.

**Duke Gregory**, Doris & Janie's brother, is at home now and is going through physical therapy. He is still unable to walk alone and cannot use his right arm.

**Wesley Hahn** is in need of prayers for his health and employment. His mother is a close friend of Faye Spence.

**Esther Lamm** is having some health problems and would like us to pray for her.

**Jim Lamm** had a heart attack and is in Roper Hospital.

**Debra Langford**, sister-in-law of Carl Bowles, is in therapy since her stroke. She is still not able to speak clearly or have full use of her right side.

**Nell McIntire** has cancer and is the sister of Lois Ott.

**Lauren Parker**, a friend of Ginie Streets, has cancer and is not doing well.

**Nikolas Riggs** is in remission

but will undergo chemo for two years and has a long road ahead. Nik is the nephew of Angela Noyes.

**John Rogers**, Louise's husband, has a blood clot in his leg.

**Candice Spence**, needs our prayers for health problems and is the granddaughter of Chuck & Faye.

**Marcia Steckle**, a friend of Sharon Rush, had a mastectomy and is recovering at home.

**John Torres**, Johnny Murray's brother-in-law, has cancer and is not doing well.

**David Wakeland** has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home.

## Here's What is Happening...

### Ladies Retreat

Ladies please mark your calendars for our upcoming Ladies Retreat on October 24th - 25th. It will be held on Seabrook Island. More information will follow.

### SECH

The Southeastern Children's Home has begun the 2008 Change for Children campaign. If you would like to participate, the cans are in the foyer on the table. Please pick one up, collect your change and return by Sunday, September 28th. SECH would like to thank you for your participation in this annual cam-

aign which is important to funding the mission and ministry of SECH.

### Note from Stefano

I announced Sunday night that we are going to begin a question and answer type format on Sunday nights... Please submit to me any questions of a biblical nature and on Sunday night the lesson will deal with the specific questions.

### Soup Kitchen

If you would like to help in the soup kitchen on Monday, July 21, please see Mary Beth.



## Condolences

We would like to express our condolences to Dee Boozer & her family. Dee's mother, Marilyn Joye passed away on Saturday, July 19th. Her funeral was on Wednesday. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## Girlology

There will be a get-together to discuss what moms can expect for their daughters as they approach adolescence. Nancy Morrow will start with a presentation of a Girlology seminar she recently attended. We will have dinner and Nancy will lead us in an open discussion. This meeting is for moms only and will be on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please make plans to attend this important event.

## Sermon Outline...

God Is...  
Grace

**I. Grace defined: Unmerited favor.**

**II Grace: Our greatest need.**

**III God's Grace: Revealed when it is darkest...Isaiah 40:1-5**

**IV Grace compels us!**



## Happy Anniversary!

7/27

Scott & Ginnie Fowler

7/28

Terry & Nancy Morrow

## Thank you...

To my Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Essex Village Church of Christ,

Thank you all for the prayers offered on behalf of my mother, Marilyn Joye, and for your prayers for our family during her illness and passing. Your loving kindness is heartfelt and sincerely appreciated.

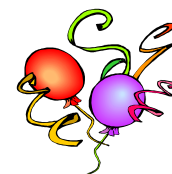
In Christian love,  
Dee Boozer & family

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to SECH or the American Heart Association.

To Essex Village,

I would like to thank you for all of the visits, calls and the flowers sent to me after my heart attack. I would also like to thank you especially for the prayers offered on my behalf. Your love and concern shown to me and my family are most appreciated.

In Christian love,  
Jim Lamm



## Happy Birthday!

7/30 Richard Runey

8/1 Diana Byrd

8/1 Nina Fowler

8/2 David Schooff

8/3 Keith Dee

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elevation of animal life eventually lead? History is replete with examples from Nazi Germany, Communist China, to the abortion epidemic in America today. The devaluation of human life is a necessary element for genocide and holocaust; the materialist view of origins is the perfect vehicle for that devaluation. Rachel concluded:

Some unfortunate humans—perhaps because they have suffered brain damage—are not rational agents. What are we to say about them? The natural conclusion, according to the doctrine we are considering, would be that their **status is that of mere animals**. And perhaps we should go on to conclude that they may be used as non-human animals are used—perhaps as laboratory subjects, **or as food**.

Once the biblical view that man is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) is replaced by the false notion that animals are our evolutionary comrades and deserve the same rights as human, the door will be wide open to the basest moral atrocities. In truth, it is a small step from granting apes human rights, to mincing up brain-damaged humans for dog food—a fact that evolutionary “ethicists” well recognize. Soy lent green, anyone? --adapted from article by Kyle Butt.

### ELDERS

Larry Casbeer	795-0429
Howard Streets	766-7727
David Wakeland	766-3601

### MINISTER

Stefano Mugnaini	329-3704
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### DEACONS

Rick Porter	556-2679
Activities	
Jim Lamm	556-6756
Benevolence	
Lloyd McLawhorn	556-6709
Worship	
Roddy Akers	559-3565
Song Service	
Larry Polutta	795-5266
World Bible School	
Bill Ragland	556-6711
Building Maintenance	
Hilton Googe	766-4670
Lynn Smallwood	766-8579
Grounds	
Eddie Haselden	767-5511
Financial	
Durwood Collins	869-4199
Youth Activities	

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