

*The story of Ota Benga is a sad and maddening example of the kinds of blunders that occurred at a time when the theory of Darwinism was rationalizing the evolution of humanity.*

“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie.” ([Romans 1:25 NIV](#))

On February 6, 2006, The Wall Street Journal published an article entitled: “How Pygmy Ota Benga Ended Up in Bronx Zoo As Darwinism Dawned.” A scan of the newspaper page can be viewed below:



*The Wall Street Journal, Feb 6, 2006, Pg. B1 (Click to Enlarge)*

“The wisdom of the world is foolish in God’s sight.” ([1 Corinthians 3:19 NIV](#))

The lies and misunderstandings of Darwinism have produced some very ugly and horribly tragic results. This article highlights only one small example of this.

Darwinism’s supporters will countercharge that Christianity has also produced similar and worse results. But they miss one major difference: those perpetrating atrocities in the name of Christ are doing the opposite of what Jesus and the apostles taught. For example:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” ([Matthew 22:37 NIV](#))

“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.” ([Matthew 7:12 NIV](#))

“Love your enemies.” (Matthew 5:44 NIV)

“Do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.” (Matthew 5:39 NIV)

“Never pay back evil with more evil.” (Romans 12:17 NLT)

“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:18 NLT)

“Never take revenge.” (Romans 12:19 NLT)

“If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.” (Romans 12:20 NLT)

“Conquer evil by doing good.” (Romans 12:21 NLT)

Darwinism, on the other hand, has no morals. There is no God, so we are neither accountable to any higher power, nor is there any objective set of moral laws which govern humans. According to Darwinism, humans are just higher animals and the law of the jungle rules. Eat or be eaten. The strong survive. The weak die off. A hundred and more years ago the darker skinned humans were thought of lower on the evolutionary ladder than light skinned people. They were certainly not considered equal. This led to all sorts of injustices, and Darwinism justified it. The tragedy of Ota Benga is one such example of these injustices.

“No wisdom, no understanding, and no counsel will prevail against the LORD.” (Proverbs 21:30 HCSB)