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The following 760 word release on the political implications of an explosive new study of global health and wellbeing is written to easily cut to needed lengths, quote from, or rewrite to varying readership interests. Sections include: The scientific political front. The science of recovery. The healing of a nation. Global healing.

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The recovery of a “lost top half” for Darwin’s theory of evolution says “Do both.”

In contrast to the “survival of the fittest” and “selfish gene” politics and economics of the Bush years, a new report based on twenty years of advanced evolution research reveals that Darwin specifically identified moral sensitivity, love, and education as far more important “higher agencies” driving human evolution.

In sharp contrast to the old model Darwinism of Bushist policies, the report reveals that Darwin actually apologized in his book on human evolution, *The Descent of Man*, for ever using the phrase “survival of the fittest.” He also spoke with disgust of “selfishness” as responsible for “the low morality of savages.”

The Scientific Political Front

The political significance of the Darwin surprise is spelled out in a report for the multinational Darwin Project (www.thedarwinproject.com), with a Council composed of over 50 leading American, European, and Asian scientists and educators.

According to *Bankrolling Evolution: Money, Politics, and Science* by evolutionary systems

scientist David Loye, this new development on the scientific front confronts the Congress—as well as 2008 presidential election candidates—with three questions of global as well as national importance.

What happened to America during the Bush years? How do we fully recover? Of the greatest importance as our global situation worsens: How do we prevent it from ever happening again?

The report explores what happened during the Bush years in terms of the history and science of how human evolution has been checked—or actively driven backward—by pathological backlash against progressive times of evolutionary advance. Germany under Hitler, Russia under Stalin, and the ignored warning of social scientists of what could happen in America, provide the background to a disturbing new look at psychiatric profiles of “Bushism’s” followers as well as leaders.

On one hand, among symptoms the report explores are “a disastrous classic case of ‘authoritarian personality’ and NPD (or narcissistic personality disorder)” for President Bush; on the other, “a disastrous textbook mix of ‘conformity’ and ‘obedience to authority’” for his enablers and followers.

The Science of Recovery

How we can recover, and prevent a potentially even worse recurrence of what happened, is explored in terms of the development of a new measure of global health and well-being. Drawing on a half century of science as well as recent studies and the “Darwin surprise,” the new Global Sounding measures the degree to which we are being advanced, checked in place, or driven backward on fifteen basic levels and activities for human as well as general and moral evolution.

A pilot test for the new measure was of the potential global impact of Bushist policies. Backward movement on three levels affecting the global environment had been expected. But instead the pilot test for Bush policies registered a negative or backward shove on all fifteen basic indicators including moral evolution.

The Healing of a Nation

The relevance of these findings to the current political situation in America are underlined in the summary for the report and book by David Loye, a former research psychologist on the faculty of Princeton and the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the UCLA School of Medicine and author of the award-winning *The Healing of a Nation*. The regression of which Bushism became a symptom is a far more serious matter than even its most fervent critics yet realize,

Dr. Loye concludes. It is so deeply embedded in America, he contends, that only through full scale investigations in both the House and Senate by persistent Democratic committee chairpersons into the deception and corruption of recent years can we either recover or prevent it from happening all over again, only worse next time.

“It’s the same for nations as for people,” Dr.Loye says. “As I documented originally in *The Healing of a Nation*, however painful it may be, you’ve got to uncover and face the reality of what happened to gain the understanding and the catharsis required for healing oneself or one’s nation.”

Global Healing

Democrats must “tirelessly expose the fundamental ‘snooker the rubes’ hypocrisy of the Bushist regime and the power of its religious, industrial, financial, and political allies,” which otherwise “will persist long after its figurehead is gone.” Even so, a section “Liberals and Conservatives vs. Regressives” emphasizes the other aspect of the “Do both” strategy for Democrats.

“With disaster barreling down toward us from all sides if politically, economically, scientifically, morally, and spiritually—as well as environmentally—we persist in ‘business as usual,’ Loye writes, “is it not at last beyond question apparent that within the context of the cliff-hanger evolutionary context of our time we must transcend our differences?”

While on one hand, relentless exposure of what happened must be pursued, on the other hand Republicans as well as Democrats and those of all other parties, he concludes, must “reassert the commonality of the progressive moral vision across divisions of ideology, and begin the process of both American and global reconciliation and healing.”

Bankrolling Evolution is the first of six books celebrating the 200th anniversary of Darwin’s birth being published by the Benjamin Franklin Press (www.benjaminfranklinpress.com). A companion publication, *Measuring Evolution*, provides a guide to use of the Global Sounding for globally-responsible program and policy development by decision makers in business, government, politics, the media, nonprofit and religious organizations, and philanthropists and foundations. Both *Bankrolling Evolution* and *Measuring Evolution* are globally available on websites for internet book sellers in the U.S. and throughout Europe and Asia.

Contents and key chapters for *Bankrolling Evolution* can be found on the website for the Benjamin Franklin Press: www.benjaminfranklinpress.com. Further information on Loye and the scientific background to the report can be found on this website as well as the website for The Darwin Project: www.thedarwinproject.com.

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