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Is Evolution to Blame for Two Attacks in Finland?

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Within the past 12 months the nation of Finland has had to endure two school massacres. In September Matti Saari, 22, killed 9 students and one teacher at the Kauhajoki School of Hospitality.

Police are investigating possible links between Saari and Pekka-Eric Auvinen, who fatally shot eight people and himself at a high school in southern Finland in November, 2007.

The two had similar personalities and interests. They dressed the same. They both posted violent clips on You Tube before the shootings. They were both fascinated by the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado. The two attacked their own schools and both committed suicide. And they likely purchased their guns at the same place.

An interesting question is whether or not they shared similar views regarding Darwin's theory. Auvinen in a video revealed he was inspired by the theory of evolution. "I am prepared to fight and die for my cause," he said. "I, as a natural selector, will eliminate all who I see as unfit, disgraces of the human race and failures of natural selection...I have had enough."

If Auvinen and Saari shared similar interests and may have even been in contact with each other, it is certainly possible that they shared similar negative evolution-inspired feelings about the human race or, at least, some humans. Certainly, few Darwinists are led to contemplate such drastic actions. Yet, it makes sense that some students may be confused by evolution theory into thinking that as "slightly more evolved animals," they might be justified in eliminating those they see who are holding back the advancement of the human race.

It is a shame though that these events are happening especially in a country like Finland, where more than 80% of the population is officially Lutheran but reportedly few attend church regularly. If the Finns would return to their Lutheran roots with its message of hope, love and forgiveness in Christ, and forget atheistic evolution and its opinion that life has no purpose, there just might be less reason for fearing a repeat of these school massacres. *LSI*

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