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## More Research Indicates Humanity is Declining

More evidence is accumulating that the human race is not getting more intelligent as one generation replaces another, an idea most secular scientists apparently still accept.

Most of us have heard of the work done by Dr. John Sanford, the former Cornell University geneticist who has studied in detail what mutations are doing to our genes. It appears that mutations, even the micro ones, when considered in total, are gradually weakening the human genome and therefore the human race.

Now, according to a news item in the April-June *Creation* magazine, research by a Stanford University scientist is telling the same story. Gerald Crabtree, in a recently published paper, has estimated that in the past 3,000 years (approximately 120 generations), every person has experienced two or more mutations that have been harmful to intellect or emotional functioning.

But Mr. Crabtree doesn't seem worried. Unlike Dr. Sanford, he still seems to be keeping the evolutionist faith. He suggests that in the future "we may be able to magically correct any mutation that has occurred in all cells of any organism at any developmental stage. Thus, the brutish process of natural selection will be unnecessary." If that isn't a faith statement, what is?

Another item in this same magazine discusses work by other geneticists who studied more than one million mutations. "Most of the mutations that we found arose in the last 200 generations or so," one of the scientists said. If correct, this research would place the beginning of the curse of mutations at roughly the time of Adam and Eve's sin or the beginning of the world.

Secular scientists have only a feeble hope that in the future science can overcome this trend toward genetic entropy or weakening. We Christians are blessed to have more than a hope—we have the certainty that things will be greatly improved for us. But it won't happen in this life. We must wait until heaven.

**"(God) will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away"** (Revelation 21:4). Eternal life and joy in heaven is a gift from God available through faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

—Warren Krug, editor