



THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Problem of Genius



"This [is] the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him." - Genesis 5:1

We have for so long been led to believe that early man evolved from the animal kingdom and, thus, began with little intelligence. But is our mental capacity today really the result of evolution from brute beginnings?

From time to time, individuals display a mental capacity that far exceeds their need

of it. This anomaly presents a serious challenge to the theory of evolution. Consider the example of George Koltanowski, International Chess Grandmaster. In 1960 he played against 56 other chessmasters simultaneously, winning 50 games and tying 6. He took about 10 seconds per move and was blindfolded throughout the entire nine-hour marathon! This is an incredible achievement of the human memory. Evolution is said to depend upon chance mutations that give the individual a survival advantage, but it is difficult to see how this would explain George Koltanowski's extraordinary memory capacity.

It is sometimes suggested that most of us only use part of our brain capacity, while a genius uses almost all of it. But why would an evolutionary process have given us all this capacity in the first place? A far more reasonable argument is that today's genius is simply an unusual retention of ancestral brain capacity that reminds us that God created man in His own image.

Image: George Koltanowski in a chess tournament, doe-oakridge, PD.

Scan the QR code after service to watch a related video!



Memorial Baptist Church



December 28, 2025



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday December 28, 2025

8:45am - Discipleship classes

10:00am - Worship

12/31 - No Service

Look Ahead

1/5 - Upward Practices Begin

1/14 - Upward Games Begin

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out the MBC Connect Card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

December 28, 2025

Joy Junction

8:45am - Sara W.

10:00am Svc. - Kim S. - Ben S.

Wed. - December 31 - No Reg. Svc.

Junior Church

Chris S. - Thomas S.

The Way - Wed - December 31

No Activities

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.

10:00am - Joe G. - Bobby J.

Wed. - December 31 - No Reg. Svc.

January 4, 2025

Joy Junction

8:45am - Bekah H.

10:00am Svc. - Barb G., Jennifer E.

Wed. - January 7 - Linda W.

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

The Way - Wed - January 7

6PM - 7:55PM In the FLC

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - John P.

10:00am - Gary S. - Jesse W.

Wed. - January 7 - Ed S.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

As of December 21, we have received offerings totaling \$1,140. Please prayerfully consider making an offering this month. Our goal is \$1,700.

Junior Church Needs Your Help

A helper is needed in Junior Church. Junior Church is the second and fourth Sunday of each month and we have four teams.

The Usher Ministry Needs Your Help

The Usher Ministry needs your help. If you would like to serve, please contact Curtiss Cobb at (573) 604-0910.

"Come early, be engaged, stay late"
Sunday school starts at 8:45
worship together at 10

