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What do evolutionists mean when they say that evolution is the means by which our world and the life in it have arrived at their present state? *Evolution* is a harmless enough word that simply means *change* in its general usage. For example, it can be said that the automobile of today shows many signs of evolution when compared with Henry Ford's original car. However, the evolutionary scientists do not refer to such a simple definition of the word when they apply it to the origins of our universe and man. We will let them define the term themselves. LeConte says it means that,

...all things came by continuous progressive changes, according to certain laws, by means of resident forces (*The Bible and Theories of Evolution*, E. A. Elam, p. 80).

By *resident forces*, he means forces within the organism itself. Julian Huxley, known far and wide for his advocacy of the evolutionary hypothesis, says,

The most striking phenomenon in biological evolution is the emergence of mind out of an apparently mindless universe" (*At Random*, p. 45).

He says again,

The earth was not created, it evolved. So did the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body (*The Evolutionary Vision*, pp. 252-253).

Speaking before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. George C. Simpson gave the world his definition of evolution:

"Man's ancestors were apes or monkeys or both. It is pusillanimous if not dishonest for an informed investigator to say otherwise... Man is not figuratively, but literally akin to every living thing, be it an amoeba, a tapeworm a flea, a seaweed, an oak tree, or a monkey... even though the degrees of relationship are different and we may feel less sympathy for forty-second cousins like the tapeworm than for comparatively speaking brothers like monkeys" (address delivered in Chicago, December 29, 1959).

In these statements, which are representative of many others, we see that evolution as defined by the scientist does not mean simple changes, but the continual progression of lower forms to higher forms, completely independent of any creative mind or force. It is to this meaning of evolution and its frightful implications that we address ourselves in this and subsequent articles

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