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Evolution and Creation
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- feel the same way I do - so let's not forget it. Afterwards we'll hear from - a solo by Mr. Springman - personally I wish he'd sing in German again - like he did last Sunday; I surely enjoyed that. But anything he sings I always love to hear.

Now, tonight I am to speak to you on the subject of Evolution and Creation. And I want to bring out a few ideas in this connection that I think ~~are~~ are rather important for us to be familiar with. And I feel that there is nothing that has done more to injure Christian faith, to tear away people from belief in Christ in this last hundred years than the teaching of evolution and its embodiment in Biblical criticism in the form of the Graf-Wellhausen hypothesis. This latter has destroyed the faith of theological students, and has resulted in many of our pulpits being occupied by men who don't believe the Bible. But the rank and file of our people have been affected by evolution, and led to believe that the Bible is myths and legends, largely by this. And I feel that one reason why this has been so successful is because Christian people have not thought the thing through, and have not taken a clear understanding of what the Bible teaches and what it doesn't teach, and thus have caused great confusion which makes it easy for our young people to be led astray. Now it is very easy to give just a very superficial interpretation of something in the Bible, and to make it sound very convincing, particularly with people who already are ~~very~~ favorable to the Bible. But when we have our young people with very superficial understanding of the Bible it makes it very easy for unbelief to lead them away. And so I think it is vital that we lead our young people to have a clear understanding of some of these important matters about the Scripture. And one area in which I believe there has been particular harm done has been in this particular ~~area~~ ^{area} because we have just said, "Oh, evolution - wicked." - without thinking what we mean by evolution. I think we should think it through very carefully. A young man said to me once, he said, "How can anybody doubt evolution; why anybody can see the evolution of a boy into a man." Well that impressed me when I first heard it as ludicrous. And yet it's not quite so ludicrous when you think about it. The word "evolution"