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is today very generally used in the sense simply of development. It's used constantly that way; they talk about the evolution of the automobile, the evolution of the airplane, the evolution of this, that, and the other development. And they give the impression that we Christians believe that everything is static. Now we don't believe that at all. The Bible is not a static book. The Bible is a book that shows how God has acted; it shows what God has done. It shows how God has dealt with changing situations. It shows a dynamic, active God, a God who is ~~unchanging~~ unchanging: Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever in His attributes, in His qualities, but not a God who is like a picture up here, or a statue that stands there and never moves. A God who feels pity, who feels sorrow over our sins; who feels grief when we turn away from Him; who feels joy when we turn to the Lord. He is an active God. Jesus Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, and yet without sin. He is active. He is vital. And this word "evolution" in the common idea of development: the world is full of development. A caterpillar; look at that little caterpillar, and then see it change into a butterfly - utterly different. Who would ever have believed that that could ~~for~~ develop into that? It's one of the marvels of God's creation. The world is full of development. And if God chooses that certain things develop and change so that they are somewhat different at a later ~~later~~ time, He can do what He chooses in this regard. Science tells us today that the earth is turning around on its axis at a tremendous rate, and going around the sun this great tremendous distance once a year, and that the sun is moving around the center of this galaxy, and that the galaxy is moving forward more than a thousand miles an hour in space. Tremendous action, movement, is the picture that science gives us of the world, of the universe, and there is nothing contradicting that in the Bible. So let's be careful how we use the word. Now what is the thing that we object to - that the word "evolution" is often used to mean. I was talking with a man one time, and I told him how I ~~had~~ <sup>have</sup> done a very considerable amount of study of languages. And I told him how languages degenerate. ~~degenerate~~ <sup>that</sup> And it is true -/you will find - you take almost any language in its