

Evolution #4

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by sudden, immediate action; others by gradual processes. Such means ~~and~~ He chose He used to bring the universe into the form that it is in now, but God did it, God was active in it, God is active today directing and controlling it. That is one system that we take by faith, because we know God, the God of the Bible, we know that what He says is true, and that's what He tells us in the Word. ~~And the~~

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And the other system of faith says "No, there ~~isn't~~ any God, or if there is, He's way off there and has nothing to do with us much. But there is a natural process which explains everything, and you cannot allow any supernatural interfection into it."

These are the two opposite views: one is theism; the other is evolution. And when some people talk about "theistic evolution" they are getting into a frightful confusion of terms. It's like talking about "free communism"; It is taking two things - or like talking about a hungry man who has just eaten too much. It is taking two things that are opposite and combining them together; that's using evolution in this sense of a world-embracing philosophy which is definitely anti-Christian.

Now I'd like to say a word or two about the way that this evolutionary view got its big start. I can't say much about it, because we don't have a great deal of time; I could easily spend an hour or two ~~on this~~ on this, and if we had time I think you'd find it very interesting, because it was a historical development in England which had a great many interesting angles and facets to it. But I want just to bring out two or three points about it. And one of them is ~~that~~ that evolution did not begin with Charles Darwin. Evolution is the explanation by purely natural causes of the universe. And if you don't believe in God who created everything, it's the only other alternative. And so it's nothing new. It has been believed in by those who did not accept the Biblical teaching all have through the ages; there have been many who advanced different forms of evolutionary theory. Darwin's own grandfather was <sup>a</sup>one who wrote a long poem to present an evolutionary view. There were evolutionary views presented in France shortly