

I'd like to read the first verse in the Bible: Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Then I'll read the first part of the second psalm: "Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed One. Let us break their chains, they say, and throw off their fetters. The One enthroned in heaven laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath."

The fact of creation is vital and central to Christian belief. The fact that God has established all things, that He controls all things, that he directs all and is interested in every human being, is very vital to Christian life and testimony. So naturally this is a point which the devil hates and would like to destroy. The most effective means he has employed for this purpose is what is called the theory of evolution.

120 years ago, the year when Darwin wrote his book on the Origin of Species, I doubt if there would be one half of one percent of the university and college professors in England and America who would state that they did not believe that the Bible was God's Word and entirely true. The atmosphere was one of general agreement that God was creator, that he was supreme, and that the Bible was His work. Of course this came to a great extent from the fact that so many of those who founded this country came here in order to escape religious persecution, in the old world, and set the general tone in this country, but their coming was a considerable time before that (most of them), perhaps even more of the tone was set by the great awakening of the 18th century.