

Darwin. Why call it the Darwinian revolution?

Well, we think of the situation and we noticed there was general belief the Bible was true. Though there were many who did not receive it into their hearts. There were many who said they believed it and paid very little attention to it. But the Bible was having an effect on the life and culture and attitudes of people—even those who did not believe in Christ. Take Mary Ann Evans who wrote novels under the name of Georgia Elliott. As a young girl she translated Strauss' Life of Jesus into English and decided that the teachings about Christ were wrong, and refused any more to go to church with her very devout father. But the morality of the age was very deeply instilled into her outlook and her character. Someone told of meeting her at the end of her life after she had given a lecture at one of the universities and she said, God, immortality, duty. She said God - how impossible! Immortality - how unbelievable! But duty - we must each do our duty. What a wonderful thing! He said she seemed to me like an ancient sybillie.

You don't get that sort of an attitude toward duty unless there is a background that builds you up in it. And Mary Anne Evans was the result of generations of earnest Christian people even though she denied that from which she had derived her attitude.

There was a considerable group, then, which was anxious of finding some substitute for the recognition of the fact that God had created the world. We've noted one fact: the father of Chas. Darwin - Erasmus Darwin. He wrote a poem called Zoa Nomia -- a poem which claimed to give a picture of evolution right straight through. He died nine years before Darwin was born.