

biological areas usually have specialized in some field of botany or zoology that has no direct connection with the subject of evolution. Most that they know about it has simply been taken on authority or on faith. Men in whom they have confidence believe it to be true, and therefore they accept it.

This is the basis on which most people have to accept a great part of what they believe. The field of knowledge is altogether too vast to make a personal judgment on everything. However, when something is so important in relation to Christian faith, it is hardly scientific simply to take over uncritically what other people say. It is often asserted that all scientists believe in evolution. This of course is not true. There are a substantial number who do not believe in it in the proper sense of the word. Of those who do, however, it must be said that at least eighty per cent have simply accepted it on the authority of someone else, and have never personally made an examination of the evidence so as ^{to be able} objectively to form a proper judgment as to whether it is true.

EVOLUTION NOT SIMPLY CHANGE

A great deal of confusion results from the fact that the word evolution is widely used simply to mean change or development, and yet is also used to designate a philosophy of life that attributes everything to natural causes and does away with the Biblical teaching of creation.

An interesting illustration of this double usage was shown when I heard a young man speak somewhat as follows: "How can you doubt evolution? Anyone can see the evolution of a boy into a man. It is perfectly obvious."

This statement shows in almost absurd form the confusion that is so often present from the double use of the word. One does not live long before realizing that the world is full of changes and developments of many sorts. Hardly anything can be said really to be static. This is a common fact of life which Christians have never doubted. Certain conditions seem to change very little, but most