

Lecture 5 - THE RISE OF EVOLUTION (cont'd)

Dr. Allan A. MacRae, President
Faith Theological Seminary
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

(subhead)

A REVELATION FROM GOD

As we have seen, evolution, in the full and proper sense of the term, represents a complete philosophy of life that is quite opposed to the Christian idea of a God who created and controls the world. This was clearly recognized by many of the early advocates of Darwinism.

The second reason why the teaching of evolutionary theory has led many away from Christianity has probably attracted more attention than the first. This is the question of its relation to the Bible, and particularly to Genesis.

Christians believe that the Bible is a revelation from God, giving us information about great eternal truths that we could not possibly learn by our own unaided effort. In it God reveals facts about Himself and His character, and shows how we can be saved from sin and how our lives can become worth while. In it the One who knows all things makes it possible for us to know the truth about many important matters which we could not possibly learn by observation or experiment, since we have no way of gaining access to the ^{requisite} ~~data involved in them.~~

We can learn many things from our own observation, but the vital facts as to who God is, why He made the universe, what is our relationship to Him and what the future holds in store for us, are quite beyond the possibility of being learned by experience or observation. We cannot possibly answer such questions, unless we receive a communication from someone who knows the facts about them. The Christian believes that the Bible is such a communication, or revelation.

There is nothing bizarre or strange about this idea of revelation. Most of the facts that any of us know have been learned through communications from other people. What makes the Bible unique is the fact that it comes from God, who knows all things, and that He has produced it by using human writers in a special way. He selected