

As we have seen, there are clear and definite contradictions between the Biblical account and any thoroughgoing theory of evolution. Upon these the Christian should take his firm stand, knowing that what God has revealed science can never prove to be incorrect. We must, however, be careful not to read into the Bible ideas that are not there. If we do, we run the great risk that advancing knowledge will prove that the interpretations that we have read into the Bible are erroneous, and this will lead many to think that the Bible is untrustworthy, when it is not the Biblical statements but our inferences that have proven undependable.

(subhead) EVOLUTION NOT SCIENCE BUT ATTEMPTED HISTORY

People often fail to realize that evolution is not really a branch of science but rather an attempt at writing history.

One may use scientific evidence in a court of law to try to prove the guilt or innocence of a defendant. Though science is used, the result is not science but jurisprudence. Similarly when one uses scientific research in an attempt to determine the past history of animals and plants, the result is not science, but history.

History is the attempt to determine what has occurred in the past. Ordinarily it deals with events concerning which written records have been preserved. In order to be completely certain of any event in history it is necessary to have eyewitness evidence. When history has to be based upon circumstantial evidence it inevitably involves a great deal of uncertainty.

Natural science deals with the present facts of this world as we can observe them or as we can ascertain them by experiment. It can be used in an attempt to construct a history of past events, but in the absence of eyewitness evidence such constructions must always involve a substantial amount of guesswork.

No human being has ever witnessed the beginning of a new family, order, or other large grouping of animals or plants. Darwin devoted a considerable portion of his