

The fact that evolution is today so widely accepted as fact is not as strange as it might seem. It is very sad when a mere guess, and a negative guess at that, is labeled as a fact, but it is not out of line with what we can expect from the weakness of human nature.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

It might be interesting to examine five considerations that enter into the present wide acceptance of this dogma. The first of these is the natural problem that faces every Christian who recognizes the fact that though God controls and directs all the events of this world as He chooses, He has so established it that cause and effect are real factors. Success or failure in most of our undertakings bears a very definite relationship to the amount of energy and intelligence that we put into the endeavor. Mechanical causes are active in so many aspects of life that there is naturally created a tendency to believe that everything can be explained in this way. Yet anyone who works extensively with human beings, while readily seeing that many of their actions are explainable as a result of particular physical causes, soon realizes that other actions and attitudes cannot be explained in this way, and sees that the personal element is vital wherever men are concerned. It is thus altogether in line with our human experience to recognize the possibility of important activity by the great Supernatural Being who is more important than any mere human being.

In the present age we find God generally working through second causes, or using means that are not immediately apparent to the human eye, while mechanistic and material factors are visible at point after point in our lives. As a result those who do not know Christ as their personal Saviour often find it easy to accept a doctrine that assumes that nothing in the whole course of the creation and development of this wonderful world is the result of any divine activity.

A second factor that should not be overlooked is the desire of the natural man to escape from God's law. We would probably be greatly surprised if we knew how many who have accepted the evolutionary guesses have been largely moved to do so by a conscious or unconscious desire to seek those things in life that appeal to the natural fleshly self without having to pay attention to any divine law.