

HOW DID THE UNIVERSE BEGIN?

If one is not to believe that God created the many types of plants and animals there is no other theory possible except that they developed by an evolutionary process from simple to complex. All of it must have started, however, with existing matter. Where did this matter come from? The Bible says that God created it. There is no scientific theory to place in contradiction to this. It must have been created at some time by One who was powerful enough to do so.

The Bible does not say that there has been no development. We do not know what may have occurred in the course of the history of God's universe. It does say that God created plants and animals according to their kind. The Bible does not state how many kinds there are, whether a dozen or two million. God created definite kinds, and these kinds cannot develop beyond the borders that He established. God made man as a separate creation, using many of the factors and patterns already used in the animal creation.

In the end it boils down to the simple question: Did the universe come out of nowhere, with no meaning to it all? Is it just a series of accidents, with no explanation of how it was started? If we are to believe that there is a God who had any part in starting it, it is no more difficult to believe that He had just as much part as the Bible declares He had. The vital question concerning evolution is this: Do we believe in God's existence or not? If we do not believe in God's existence, there is no alternative except the theory of evolution, but it is a theory which is irrational, which is not supported by solid evidence, a theory which leads to nothing but belief that one is part of an irrational universe moving by pure accident no one knows where.