

Science And Truth

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Why are so many people ready and willing to accept the theory of organic evolution? This can be answered by many and varied answers. The answer at any one time will depend upon the individual questioned and the circumstances at the particular time. Before the work of Charles Darwin the general belief was in the creation of plants and animals as we have them today. The theory of evolution was not original with Darwin. Such men as Buffon and Lamarck had advocated this theory many years before Darwin. Since the conflict was so great between this theory and the Genesis record it was generally rejected. However, when Darwin's Origin of the Species came forth in 1859 both philosophers and biologists took this opportunity to oppose the Genesis record and those who accepted this as the truth.

Some believe in evolution as set forth by Darwin to avoid accepting anything supernatural. This is of course illogical since this theory does not explain the origin of life. With a theory to explain the many and varied plants and animals the evolutionist must again resort to another theory as to how life originate. Both origin and development must rely upon assumption.

Others believe in the theory of evolution because so much has been, and is being, written on the subject. These individuals are so impressed by the amount written that they refuse to notice or fail to understand what is said and just accept it on the basis of quantity instead of quality. Many textbooks teach this theory as fact and many find it impossible to even consider the possibility that a textbook could be in error. So with eye and mind closed many accept the theory and yet have little or no real understanding as to what the theory really says.

Still others accept the theory in order to be "up-to-date" in their thinking. In our public and private schools today there are teachers that will ridicule those who accept the Bible account of creation. This is, the student is told, old fashioned and does not meet our present day advances in science. Then the theories are put forth as accepted facts and the students are to swallow them without

questions. If I the student should question these theories the wrath of the opposition is often brought down upon him. This is not unusual. Those who have had the courage to contend for the truth have always been ridiculed whether the truth opposed error in science or in religion. Regardless of the price, "buy the truth and sell it not."

(Editor's Note: I came across this article in the archives of a magazine, "Searching the Scriptures" volume II, Number 1, January 1961. The old adage, "The more things change, the more they remain the same is still true when it comes to the acceptance of the theory of evolution. D.T)