

the book very violently. Darwin's good friend, Thos. Henry Huxley, who disliked the church very much--Huxley was the one who coined the word "agnostic"-- Huxley had discussed the matter with Darwin and said, I can't see your theories at all!

Darwin gave him his book to read and he read it, and he said, I can't see it; I don't think you're right at all. But now when the Bishops of the Church and the leaders all jumped on Darwin, Huxley read the book again and decided Darwin was right! He said, it was only when he read the book in printed form that he saw the idea that Darwin was right! Huxley became the leading supporter of the theory. Darwin was a kindly gentleman, a man who was always in poor health, very rarely traveled away from home, but was able to get in a few hours every day on scientific work. He had spent 10 years studying barnacles. He had written a book on the comparison on different types of barnacles. People had even made fun of him as the sort of scientist who just works and works and works and on little details of theory remote from life. But he had a reputation as a very objective, careful scientist.

When a book by Darwin came out supporting these theories it gave tremendous support to it. There was considerable excitement over it, and the general idea people got was here as a result of his careful scientific study this man has proven this, when actually it was an idea that had come to him when he read Malchus exactly as it came to Wallace. But his name being connected with it gave tremendous support to it.

At Oxford U. they decided to have a meeting to discuss the matter and asked Darwin to come. Darwin said, I haven't the strength to go. Can you have my friend Huxley represent me? They said, Alright. Huxley was there, and a Bishop of the Church of England, Bishop Wilberforce who was a man of wide learning, perhaps too wide to have the details as accurate as he might, gave a speech about this new book on evolution and attacking it using rather superficial arguments --at least some of what he used were. As he went along he said, We have a friend of Mr. Darwin's here, a Mr. Huxley.

He said, Mr. Huxley, When your turn comes to speak, would you please tell us, Was it from your mother or your father that you were descended from a monkey? It was a sort of superficial, light brushing the thing aside. Huxley when he said that brought his hand down on the knee of the man next to him and said, The Lord has delivered him into my hands! The man sitting next to him did not know what he meant.

What Huxley meant was the Bishop had used a superficial sort of statement that was just ridiculing ~~the~~ a question of the advance of knowledge and wisdom, and by showing that he would make a tremendous progress in presenting his ideas. I say it was the Victorian ethics defeating the source of the Victorian ethics. The ethics came from Christianity, but they built up the idea of standing for truth and standing for what is right, and now men who were superficially attacking something which attacked the system they were connected with, gave men who as a result of the Victorian ethics felt themselves to be sincerely seeking truth the chance to appear as the real champions of truth before the world.