

When the time came for Huxley to speak, Huxley came forward very modestly and spoke very quietly at first and discussed some of the scientific aspects. Then he said, Now I'd like to say regarding the question that has been asked as to whether I was descended from a monkey through my father or my mother, I would like to say that I would far rather be an innocent monkey than to be a man of great abilities and great gifts who uses them to befog ideas and to hold back the progress of knowledge and present superficial thoughts, and hinder real thinking. Something like that he said. There are many versions of it because there were no shorthand writers to take it down. That's approximately what he said.

When he said it, the students yelled, a woman fainted, the excitement in the room was tremendous. It was the feeling that the man who was defending the Bible was using a superficial approach. This man was saying, Let's find what the truth is. That gave the evolutionists respectability.

Darwin used to speak of Huxley as my business manager. My general agent, rather, Huxley said, he was Darwin's bull-dog. And for the next--- Huxley loved to fight. Darwin hated it. Darwin preferred to stay in his study and write. Huxley loved to go about and speak and to attack those who denied the evolutionary theory and say what fools they were, when as a matter of fact, he himself never accepted it until after the attack upon it was made.

The result was a tremendous overturning took place. I picked up a book today published within the last 2 yrs. in which the statement was made, Evolution is no longer a theory; it is an established fact, and practically all scientists accept it as fact.

When we face statements like that, when we face teaching even in our grammar schools it is important we have an idea what it's all about. It's important we know what our attitude should be toward them.

It's true that with people who don't do much thinking, a superficial argument, a ridiculing will have a tremendous effect. But I don't think in the end that sort of approach is what brings results. I think we want to look at facts, see what they are, and exactly what the truth is.

I read this passage in Jeremiah. The claim in Jeremiah is that God has made the heavens and earth. This is a claim is made in many of the prophetic books. It is stressed a good deal in many parts of OT and NT. But for a continuous statement of how God created the world, we find it in Gen. 1 and 2.

Before we look at Gen. 1 and 2, just one more important word about the meaning of the word "evolution." There is where we make one of our great mistakes. It's easy to say the Bible or evolution; God the Creator or evolution. That is true in one way of thinking. In another way it isn't. It depends how you define evolution. It is so easy in discussing to use a word in one sense and then slip