

they are getting into frightful confusion of terms. It's like talking about free communism. It's taking two things -- or like talking about a hungry man who has just eaten too much. It is taking two things that are opposite and combining them together. That's using evolution in this sense of a world embracing philosophy which is definitely anti-Christian.

C I'd like to say a word about the way that this evolutionary view got this big start. I could easily spend an hour on this. If we had time we'd find this very interesting because it was an historic development in England which had a great many interesting angles and facets to it. I want to bring out two or three points about it.

One of them is that evolution did not begin with Chas. Darwin. Evolution is the explanation by purely natural causes of the universe. If you don't believe in God, it's the only other alternative. It's nothing new. It's been believed in by those who did not accept the Biblical teaching all thro the ages. There have been many who have advanced different forms of evolution. Darwin's own grandfather was one who wrote a long poem to present an evolutionary view. There were evolutionary views presented in France shortly before his time. There were some presented in Greece long ago.

What Darwin did was to present a method of evolution which he thought made the whole thing very simple, and which most scientiests today believe does not really explain it. There are some who tenaciously hold to what == to the view Darwin presented. But most do not hold to the details of the explanation Darwin had, because actually it does not explain it at all. But the important thing in the establishment of evolution was not Darwin. He was a sort of figure to fasten it on to because he was known as a careful scientist who worked carefully and slowly. He spent 10 years studying barnacles. He had 10,000 barnacles which he had gotten, he measured them, and wrote a long book about them. People make fun of the scientist who studies the little details of barnacles. But people felt that a man who worked so slowly and so carefully as all that, what he presents must be the result of careful research and actually Darwin's idea of evolution was something that came to him all the sudden. Just a brilliant idea he got, and someone else got the same idea later on exactly after reading the Books Darwin read when he got it -- the idea. But it was Darwin's name as a careful, methodical scientist that gave respectability to a view that had been presented shortly before by a man who was not considered as much of a scholar.

The publisher of Darwin's book didn't think it would sell very much. The publisher said to Darwin, Why do you want to publish this book on the origin of species? I don't think anybody will buy it. Why don't you write a book on pigeons. Everyone is interested in pigeons, he said. But Darwin said, No this is what I want to write and I'll pay half the cost of the publication. I want to get it out." The publisher said, I wish you'd pay all the cost, and if there should be any profit from it you'd get it. Darwin said, No you promised me that if I would pay half, you'd publish it and then you'd get whatever profit there is." The publisher made millions on it. Because to Darwin's amazement, and the publisher's amazement the book just went like wild-fire. It was read all over England immediately. The reason was not the brilliance of the book; it was the fact that England was just ripe for it. England was filled with dead orthodoxy. Now dead orthodoxy is a whole lot better than living heterodoxy.