

aspects of life change a good deal. Recognition of this fact is far from being what is meant by the Darwinian Revolution. One does not read very far in any text book on evolution before he comes across statements that make it very clear that the doctrine implies that everything that exists has reached its present condition through a long process of development from very simple beginnings. When used in relation to biology it means that every plant or animal that now exists has received its present form and its present complexity of organization as a result of a long process descending from forms that were very different, and ultimately going back to something that was extremely simple.

HOW EVOLUTIONARY TEACHING AFFECTS CHRISTIANITY

The rise of the theory of evolution has affected the Christian church in two different but related ways. The first of these consists in the substitution of a naturalistic philosophy for the idea that God created and controls the entire universe. This philosophy assumes that all things have come into existence purely as a result of a natural process, and that any reference to divine initiative or divine intervention at any point is purely mythical. Carried out logically such an attitude strikes at the very foundation of Christian beliefs. The influence of those who vehemently attack Christianity is small in comparison with the effect of the general attitude that is now inculcated in many educational institutions and reflected in many books and periodicals. This attitude has greatly affected the entire western world, and has caused a widespread decline in ethics and general morality.

The second way in which evolutionary teaching affects Christianity is through destroying confidence in the Bible. If God's Word is not dependable in all its parts, it can hardly claim to be His infallible revelation. It is now widely assumed that specific Biblical statements about the details of creation have been disproved by science. This destroys confidence in God's revelation and inevitably