

Lecture 5 - THE RISE OF EVOLUTION (cont'd)

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A NEGATIVE GUESS

Not only is evolution a guess. It is a negative guess, and it is extremely difficult to prove a negative.

As we have seen, the theory of evolution claims that all types of plants and animals have developed by natural processes from one original simple type. Such an origin of any one of the larger classes of plants or animals has never been proved. Evolutionists differ greatly as to what kind of process might cause such a development. There is no theory as to the process that is held by a scientist today that is not strongly denied by other scientists of equal standing. Thus the theory is really only a denial that God created any of the types of plants or animals that exist.

In order to establish as reasonable such a wholesale denial of divine creation it would be necessary to demonstrate with certainty, not merely that one major type had developed from another--and no proof of this is forthcoming--but that every such type has developed and that none has ever been created.

The proving of such a negative claim in a matter of history is practically impossible. A man living in the heart of China might insist that every human being has yellow skin and slant eyes, since he had never seen one with a different type of physiognomy. If he traveled to a neighboring region he might decide that there are two types of skin--the yellow and the brown. Here is a positive assertion that he could safely make. But if he should assert that these are the only types of human beings that exist he would be on very dangerous ground. It would be necessary for him to investigate every part of the world before he could safely advance this type of negative statement.