

It is quite common for evolutionists to remark about the alleged great superiority of the theory of evolution over what they describe as "the idea that God separately created each of the hundreds of thousands of different species." This, however, is the erection of a straw man rather than a true picture of what the Bible teaches. The Bible nowhere excludes the possibility that God used certain processes in the course of the creation or development of some of His creatures. Nor does it anywhere say that He separately created hundreds of thousands of different species. Perhaps this is what He did. We do not know. The Bible states that God created various types of plants and animals "after their kind," but does not say how large the "kinds" are, or how many "kinds" were originally created. We should not add our guesses to the facts recorded in the Bible, even when the guesses represent the theorizing of so great a scientist as Linnaeus.

Actually the concept of species is constantly undergoing discussion and revision by scientists. Sometimes what were thought to be separate species are combined into one. In other cases what was previously thought to be one species is divided into several. The species is not nearly so fixed a division as Linnaeus thought in his early days. The Bible does not say that God created every species as a special creation. We should stand unhesitatingly upon whatever the Bible definitely teaches, but we should be careful not to add to it our theories and guesses.

#### DENIAL OF CHANGE

Another way in which superficial attitudes of certain Christians have made it easy for young people to fall a prey to evolutionary teaching has been through giving the impression that the Christian believes that everything is fixed and unchangeable. Such an attitude has no Biblical basis. Anyone who looks about him is bound to see that change is constantly going on. If one returns to almost any part of the world after an absence of a few years he is apt to find that great physical changes have occurred. He may be shocked to see the effects of upheavals or catastrophes. He is