

sure to find many results of slow and gradual change. In every phase of life changes of one sort or another are constantly occurring. No child is exactly like either of its parents. The whole human race has descended from Adam, yet it today includes individuals who differ from one another in hundreds of ways. Human languages are constantly developing in various directions. When a man of today first looks at an English book written in the 13th century he can hardly understand it.

The Bible does not teach that things do not change. It is the scoffers rather than the Christians whom it describes as saying, "All things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (II Peter 3:3-4). Christians should recognize the common fact of change. This, however, is very different from accepting as true the unfounded guess that all existing types of life have developed by natural processes from one simple beginning.

We have now examined three ways in which a superficial attitude on the part of Christians can produce an unnecessary hazard for Christian young people. The first of these was the error of making guesses as to the time when the universe was created, or as to the time when the first man was given life; the second was the error of equating "kind" with species; the third was the error of seeming to deny the obvious fact that changes occur.

The fact that far more time has been given to discussing this third reason for the widespread acceptance of evolution than to either of the first two should not be taken as meaning that this third reason is more important. As a matter of fact, a far greater force toward the acceptance of evolution has probably been exerted by each of the two forces previously listed, and also by the fourth reason, which will be mentioned next. However, it seemed wise to discuss this third reason at greater length, since it is an area that Christians should bear in mind in order to avoid unfortunate errors.