

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

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(subhead) CAN EVOLUTION BE CALLED A FACT?

In the preface to a recent book on evolution the author says: "No serious biologist today doubts the fact of evolution, the development of all living organisms from previously existing types under the control of evolutionary processes."

In this statement we should note the writer's definition of evolution, his calling it a fact, and his claim that it is accepted by every "serious biologist" today.

Such sweeping generalizations properly belong in superficial popularizations rather than in books that aim to be scientific.