

C H R I S T I A N I T Y and A T H E I S M

4. Evolution

Introduction

"Thus disbelief crept over me at a very slow rate, but at last it was complete. The rate was so slow that I felt no distress, and have never since doubted even for a single second that my conclusion was correct." (*The Autobiography of Charles Darwin*, 86-87)



Robert Green Ingersoll wrote in his book *Orthodoxy*: "His (Darwin's) doctrine of evolution, his doctrine of the survival of the fittest, his doctrine of the origin of species, has removed in every thinking mind the last vestige of orthodox Christianity" (*The Twilight of Atheism*, p. 99).

The Development of This Issue

1. A Tool for Skeptics –

"British biologist Richard Dawkins was speaking for many when he said that Darwin 'made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist'" (*The Case for Faith*, p. 90)

2. The Untested Theory –

The Theory of Evolution remains untested compared to most other theories. The speculation used to explain the various methods of evolution are largely supported by the claim that "given enough time anything can happen."

Logical Response to the Problem of Evolution

1. Origin of Life? –
2. From Chaos to Complexity? –
3. Transitional Forms? –

Biblical Response to the Problem of Evolution

1. Everyone “Believes” in Something –

Job 38:4

Hebrews 11:3

2. “Creation” Gives Meaning to Life –

Psalm 139.13-18

3. Creation is the Foundation for Human Dignity –

Genesis 1:26

Genesis 9:6

The Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States, says:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed . . .”

