

development or change. But the way the word "evolution" has come to be used during the last century is as a term for a particular theory. And this theory is a theory that from one cell of matter, one cell of living matter, there developed all the plants and all the animals by a natural process. That these developed thus by a natural process and that ~~XXXX~~ one animal developed from another by a natural process and then man developed from one of the animals by a natural process. And I would say about this that it is purely a theory because there is absolutely no proof of it. It is purely a theory. Now if somebody wants to believe one theory or another theory or a third theory there's no reason a person can't believe any theory he wants - but let's label it as a theory and not say it's a fact and not say it's proven. There is absolutely no proof that all animals developed from one animal. There is no proof that all animals are related and there is no proof that man developed from any animal. Now what about such a theory - that everything developed from a simple thing into complex life. First as I say it's absolutely unproven. Most of the proofs that were given a hundred years ago for it are today completely set aside. And those who hold it advance entirely different proofs from those that were advanced a century ago. It's purely a theory. Well now is it a theory which one can hold and accept the Bible as the Word of God? I would say no, definitely not. I would say definitely not because the Bible specifically says that God created the plant and that He created the animals and that He created man and makes a definite line between these three which does not fit with one having developed into the other. And then I would say beyond that that it says about the animals and it says about the plants - both, that God said "Let the earth bring forth grass, the fruit tree yielding fruit and after his kind." And it says that He made the animals to bring forth seed "after their kind" and there's maybe six times when it speaks that different sorts of things were to bring forth "after their kind". Well, now how big is a "kind"? We don't know. Let's not jump to a conclusion about it but let's say this: The statements in Genesis make it clear there are divisions which we can call "kind". Some people say a kind must be a species. Scientists divide everything into a thousand or so species. Therefore no species can develop into another species. The Bible doesn't say that. The Bible doesn't say whether a kind is the same thing as a species or not. The species might be the kind. Maybe a genus is a kind. Maybe even a family would be a kind. The Bible doesn't say. But what the Bible does say is that there are kinds.