

Dr. McIntire's brought up a point and I want it made clear that these men on my left are in perfect agreement with these men on the right. We had a meeting previous and we had these things discussed and there is unanimity. And therefore I would like Dr. Willetts to get up and tie this thing a little more together.

I think one of our problems ~~XX~~ as Bible-believing Christians is that we've been tied somewhat dogmatically to rather narrow views. At least I was as I grew up. I think that if we're going to answer our critics, who claim that fundamentalists and the Bible don't get along with science, we have to take the facts of science and at least interpret them in the light of the Scriptures. I think all of us have pointed out this evening various facts. We have also pointed out various theories. Among a group of Christian men in the science field, with whom I am associated, there are several different opinions or theories as to how all this came about. There are those people who feel that the earth was created in six consecutive 24-hour days. There are those who believe that of these rock strata, which I have described, that those down below which contain fossils - the fossils were put there by God in the creation. There are those who believe that there are six 24-hour days of creation separated by long periods of time between. There are those who believe that these six days are in themselves long periods of time. In other words, among good Bible-believing Christians there are differences of opinion as to the length of time - differences in theory based on the same observed facts. As far as I am concerned, looking over some of the data of geology, we find that-I mentioned that they reached a certain strata in which they found invertebrate fila(?) (2.5) appearing all of a sudden. They have found that subsequent to that level there have been no such sudden large-scale appearances of different types of progressively advancing forms. And they also find in these subsequent strata, absence of the links which would tie together the important forms. To my mind this means that creation perhaps was successive but that evolution actually, as most of us conceive of evolution, did not take place. However, the biologist talks in terms of development, of evolution. He talks in terms of more fully developed varieties or species. He may not have in mind exactly what you and I consider to be evolution. So we have to be a little bit careful as to how we define our terms. But again I find that we must have a rather broad understanding of facts and then correlate the facts with what the Scripture says.