

So we have in ch. 1 and 2 a picture of a direct act which God made, but exactly how he made it we don't know except that man was not living before he was man, and it comes in ch. 1 near the very end of the creation. That sharply contradicts any idea that man has developed from pre-existing animals. It sharply contradicted by the Bible at this point. The only possible proof, since nobody was there--no human being--- that man developed from pre-existing animals, is to find bones that look something like man and something like some other animal. But that doesn't prove that the man developed out of that animal any more than to find an automobile which looks like two other automobiles proves that there was a development from the one into this one and then into that one. You have to have more proof than that to show that there was real development there.

That's one thing Genesis clearly shows us, that man is a distinct and direct creation of God. But the exact means we are not told.

Now the other point at which this so sharply contradicts any complete and general theory of evolution is that it is stated that God created the plants to bring forth after their kind. It is stated that he created the animals to bring forth after their kind. Here is the word kind (min ) in Heb. Is that species the Latin word Lineaus used for his smallest classification? We have no right to say it necessarily is. Is it genus, a family is it a class, is it an order? We don't know exactly what it equates with or whether it equates with any particular part of our scientific classification.

This we know that Genesis declares God created a certain number of kinds. Were there 10 kinds? 100 kinds? Were there 1000 kinds? We're not told how many, but certainly there is not development from one simple beginning into all that exists on the earth today. There might be development within a certain area. Did you ever see a child that was exactly like his parents? There's always something of a change, something of a development.

But the development cannot exceed the limit of the kind, and how widely that limit is the Bible doesn't tell us. I have a friend who is a plant geneticist. He was trained at the U. of Calif. in botany. He taught there for a time, then became a geneticist for a plant company in Calif. and devoted many yrs. to trying to develop new types of roses. He developed maybe 30 different types that are widely sold today. He's a leader in this field. He said he found when he would take any kind of plant and try to improve it that by cross-breeding and careful selection it was very easy to improve the plant. Very easy. But, he soon found he reached the limit beyond which improvement of the plant proved impossible. He never was able to make a new species by these methods. He would improve the species up to a certain point, and beyond that he could not get. It was important for him. He was making money for it by the way he could improve so it was worth his effort to do his best, but he could not do it. If he left the plants to themselves and did not continue the cross-breeding and careful selection they would soon revert to exactly the condition they were in before he took it up. There is no proof of gradual change from one species to another.