

What about the evolution of houses you use? What about the evolution of the automobile? But you don't use "evolution" simply to mean development. Of course, we all believe in development. Every sensible person believes in development. Did you ever see a man who had a child that looked so much like him people could not tell them apart? When my little boy was 2 yrs. old he looked so much like me that if you wanted to know which was him and which was me you had to look at the upper lip! I was told that but I didn't believe it. Because other people said he looked more like his mother. Actually I think he partakes of both of us.

There is always change, development. The world is full of development. Nobody has ever doubted it. It is a new idea that there is such a thing as development that Chas. Darwin promulgated 100 yrs. ago.

The idea of what you mean by "evolution" is the idea that everything has developed by natural processes from one simple beginning, and everything has developed by natural processes from the beginning. That's altogether different from saying you believe in development. A lot of Christians have gotten themselves into the foolish position by saying we don't believe in any kind of evolution at all. Everything is exactly the way God made it.

I just as soon you didn't use the word evolution, but if you are going to use the word evolution to mean development you get the thing confused. We believe in development. We've seen lots of development. But what does the Bible say about it. Gen. 2 says, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. That phraseology "living soul" in English is a little unfortunate, because the Heb. word used there is also used in describing the animals. They are also used in connection with the flood, where it says that all the animals ~~in~~ not in the ark died, every living soul. Only I don't think the English there translates it a "living soul" but the Heb. word is exactly the same. And that Heb. phrase should be translated "an animate being", "a living being," nephesh chayah.

Man, after God breathed into him the breath of life, became ~~xxxxxxx~~ what the animals already were. In other words, Genesis as it stands allows no possibility that man developed from any previously existing type of life. Man was not formed just out of the air! It says the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground. There was material here already. How did God cause that material to come together and make a man?

It does not mean that God took some clay and fitted it together and marked it up, all that. We don't have that idea. Neither did Moses have that idea of God. We don't know how God did it. But God took pre-existing matter, but not pre-existing life. He took pre-existing matter and in some way He made man out of it. Man is a distinct and separate direct creation. Woman is a distinct and direct creation. The only difference is man was made out of dirt, woman was made out of man. She was made out of much finer materials than man was!