

illustrated the utter fallacy of the attitude that seeks to explain the origin of complicated organisms while ruling out all possibility of purposive activity by intelligent beings.

The illustration was a reference to an automobile. He said that if someone were to assert that "a small invisible demon" resided under the hood of the machine and provided the power that made it go, there would be no way to disprove it, but that it would be far more reasonable to look for natural forces. Although he disclaimed any full understanding of the mechanism of an automobile, he said that he knew enough about the power of an electric spark and the explosive nature of gasoline to feel sure that all the processes that make the automobile go can be explained in a mechanistic way with no need of assuming the existence of an intelligent or supernatural being.

The trouble with the illustration is that the professor confused science and history and assumed that scientific facts experimentally proven today are sufficient basis for making statements of historical fact as to what has occurred in the past. The fact that the present power of the automobile can be explained on a mechanistic basis does not mean that it came into existence through purely mechanical forces. If someone were to suggest that a volcano had shot into the air molten iron, molten copper, molten glass, molten rubber and other substances, and that as these mingled in the air and while they were dropping to the earth they had been welded together in such a way as to produce the professor's automobile, the inventor of such a theory would be immediately laughed out of court. We have abundant eyewitness evidence that automobiles have been planned and constructed by intelligent beings who have gathered the materials from various places and so shaped and organized them as to produce an automobile. The fact that the car now runs by mechanical processes does not prove that it was produced entirely by natural forces unguided by any intelligent being. The analogy applies equally well to the various types of life in the world, which embody a complexity of organization far beyond that of any machine that man can make.

GOD THE CREATOR

Christians believe that God controls all the mechanical forces in the world. He generally allows them to work in accordance with fixed principles that He has established, and the more we learn of these principles the better we are able to make use of this wonderful world in which He has placed us. For us to assume, however, that all of these things came into existence by purely mechanistic forces and that no intelligent Creator made them is as unreasonable as it would be to assume that no intelligent mind had any part in the making of the professor's automobile.

Thus the whole question of evolution boils down to the one question: Can we rule out the existence of God? We look at the great complexity of the universe, the wonderful working together of its many principles, the marvelous adaptation of it to life, the almost inconceivable complexity of every portion of the human body. It is really absurd to suggest that all of this came into existence purely by natural mechanistic forces without intelligent direction.

God made various kinds. We do not know how many. We do not know how long a space intervened between His making of the various kinds. We do not know how much development took place within a kind, or what dif-

ferentiation of it into sub-groups may have occurred. We can, however, trust everything the Bible says about this and we can recognize the fact that the theory of evolution, that all the forms of life have developed by purely natural processes from one simple beginning, is not a matter of science but of history. It is, by its very nature, unprovable. Most of the alleged evidence in its favor is logically unsound. It actually rests on the unexpressed assumption that God does not exist.

END OF SERIES

Due to the rotating postal strikes we did not receive the above concluding article on the Reformation Series—The Rise of Evolution. Again we express our thanks to Dr. A. MacRae for this valuable material and documentation.

We believe Dr. MacRae is considering publishing The Rise of Evolution articles in pamphlet form. We would be happy to hear from any of our readers who would like to see this material readily available for a wider distribution which may encourage Dr. MacRae in considering this project.

VISITATION WORK IN ST. LUCIA

My car takes me over many of our rough roads to visit some who have trusted Christ and are not able to go out because of illness. I find this a ministry in itself—visiting those who have no earthly treasures or friends, we are able to bring some ray of light as we visit them.

There is a woman I am thinking of who was laid aside with cancer. I had met her during one of my visits to the hospital. After she went home I continued to visit her at her request. She suffered from much pain and also from lack of food and care (the misery that some go through) but in spite of it all she could say that she was looking forward to heaven as she had trusted Christ as her Saviour.

Last Wednesday I received a phone call saying she had passed away. It was my lot to make arrangements for the funeral. Just a few attended including some of her neighbours, but we praise God for this testimony. The neighbours were very impressed and asked me to come to see them because they would like to trust Christ.

About three weeks ago I met a woman at the drug store. She told me, "I went to see ——— and she told me about you," so I would like you to come to my home to give me some instructions. Please pray that as I visit them they may truly give their hearts to the Lord as this one who has gone to be with the Lord.

Vacation Bible School starts on the 27th. We need your earnest prayers.

Again thanks for your fellowship in the Gospel.

—Belinda Emanuel, Castries, St. Lucia

COMING EVENTS

DR. WENDELL ZIMMERMAN, pastor of Jacksonville Baptist Temple, Florida, is to be the guest preacher at the Fall Convocation of Toronto Baptist Seminary, Thanksgiving Monday, October 12th, 1970 - 8 p.m. He will also be speaking at the day session of the Annual Convention of the Association of Regular Baptist Churches (Canada) October 12th and will be guest preacher at the morning and evening services of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Sunday, October 11th.

We look forward to Dr. Zimmerman's return visit.