

Fifty yrs. ago if a student went to college to study engineering he learned how to build bridges and how to construct dynamos and other practical matters and he had practically nothing about the Word of God or about literature. But in the last 20 to 30 yrs. there is a very strong movement in education, that people should not know just engineering, but they must be well-rounded. They must have courses in Humanities, and most of our engineering schools now require courses in Humanities. The courses they call courses in Humanities in the cases where I have come in contact with them (it), and this is not a great many so it may be different from what I have come in contact with --- but I have come in contact with a number of cases in which what they call a course in the Humanities has been a course in giving you misinterpretation about the Bible and trying to instill in your mind the idea the Bible is not God's Word and that it is not true.

So the build of our engineering students today, if my observation is correct, are being indoctrinated with unbelief in the Word. I think an illustration of how great is the change that has come is to look at Darwin and Huxley of 100 yrs. ago and compare their attitude with that of today. Now Chas. Darwin, who being one whose name was most connected with the great spread of the theory of evolution, Darwin at one time thought of going into the ministry. He had thought of going into medicine, had taken a year and did not like it. His Father suggested he go into the church. Charles was a conscientious fellow so he said I'll have to consider and see if I can sincerely do that. He said, If you go into the Church of England, you have to believe in the deity of Christ. He said, I don't know if I believe in the deity of Christ or not. But he never raised a question at that time that he believed the Bible was the Word of God, and entirely true. It was only in later yrs. he came to attack the Bible. He just assumed the Bible was true, but he was not sure whether he believed the deity of Christ or not. Eventually he gave up all faith in the Bible. But it was a gradual process with him. That was the temper of the time. The Bible was true; you could ignore it; you could go in other directions but you did not question much that this Bible is true, this is what you ought to do.

Huxley was quite a different fellow than Darwin. Darwin never intentionally displeased anybody unless that person had attacked him. If somebody attacked Darwin he could get very angry. But if you didn't attack him, he would hate like anything to displease you. The result is you will find little tracts in which Christians have written how they visited Darwin in the last yrs. of his life and Darwin regretted the harm his books had given. Some of these make you think Darwin was a Christian! If you read more of Darwin's life you find it isn't true at all. Darwin was very much opposed to Christianity in his latter years, but he did not like to displease anyone, and I think if a Buddhist had visited Darwin, and had said I'm afraid your teaching is going to hurt Buddhism, I think Darwin would have said, Oh, I'd hate to have that happen. I have such regard for you and your ideas. I don't think any Buddhist said that, incidentally. But Christians did, and that's the way he talked to them.