

schools, even in some of our grammar schools. It is no wonder that today we have great increase in crime. That in places where you could walk with no danger, no thought of worry a few years ago, today you just don't dare. People have come to doubt that there is a God. Teachers are not supposed to say to their children that there is a God in the schools. They are forbidden to have prayer in the schools. They are trying to shut God out of our world.

So I think it is very important we think of this ~~xxx~~ question: Is there a great God? Did Isaiah merely imagine this great vision of the glory of God which he had? Did he just imagine it? Or was it actually true? I think one of the most skillful strategies that Satan ever accomplished was the use of that word evolution. What does evolution mean? The word just mean change, gradual change. Well, everybody knows there are changes. Nothing stays static. A man once said to me, How can you doubt evolution? Anybody can see the evolution of a boy into a man! There are constant changes. No child is exactly like its parents.

We believe that there are limits to changes that occur. That God established animals and people according to their kind and that they can't go beyond their kind. But that is secondary. What Darwin emphasized was his belief was that all this came about by accident, that there is no purpose whatever in it. In France, Lamarck had advanced an idea of evolution a few years before Darwin an idea very similar in its actual outworking of what Darwin held. But Darwin was very much opposed to Lamarck because Lamarck believed there was a purpose in the universe, that things moved according to certain principles.

The essential principle of Darwin's theory of evolution is that there is no purpose in it all. It is pure accident. Of course if it is all accident, what difference does it make how we live? We live and we die and that's the end. But that's not what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches that there is a great God high and lifted up and that God controls all things. Actually it is very foolish to question the existence of God. The Scripture says, The heavens declare the glory of God. Actually when you look at the universe we have here, it is ridiculous to suggest that all things came into existence by accident!

One of the great astronomers of our present day--an Englishman--was very certain a few years ago, that the whole universe continues exactly as it is and has from all eternity, that as matter is used up, new matter is coming into existence and he wrote books to prove that idea. The idea of a steady state universe. Now most astronomers have given up the idea of a steady state universe and they believe that everything that we now have once started in something the size of a football, and that it suddenly exploded and thus the whole universe came into being. All the matter shot out further and further, and that suggests there was a beginning. Dr. Hoyle was very insistent on the theory of evolution. But now mathematicians have figured how long would it take by pure accident, by just the just the mere different substances we find in the universe, to have