

missionary and Dr. Barnhouse went on a missionary tour around the world. After Barnhouse visited this city and then came back to the U.S. the leader of the mission group in ~~xxx~~ this large city wrote a letter which was distributed among the missionaries in that city, and he said: Now Dr. Barnhouse has come and Gone. You can take your Bibles off the table and put them back in the cupboard and now you can go about your work of education and architectural work, agricultural improvement, and all of that and not have to try to put on a pious front like we all did so effectively for a brief time while he was here!

This man~~xxx~~ who~~x~~ told about it said ~~that~~ in his letter that in that town, a big city, there were I think 60 missionaries and one of them was supposed to give half of his time to evangelism and the rest were all engaged in social services of one kind or another. I don't know how typical that is but it certainly is illustrative of the development that has come in America during these years.

When you see the way unbelief is growing in America with its attacks upon Christianity, we can very naturally ask the question, Why with these attacks on Christianity in general, why with these attacks on the idea that God exists even why should we spend time talking about a little matter like inerrancy! Why make a fuss about inerrancy? There are some fine evangelistic people who talk that way. But is that right? Are they correct?

I would say that this matter of inerrancy affects the very center of our religion. After all we believe in the great God who is Creator and Controller of the universe. There is a widespread teaching (you will find it constantly on TV, etc.) a widespread teaching, that the whole universe has come into existence simply by accident. Just yesterday I heard Prof. Sagan of Cornell U. on a very well ? program that is now being showed for the second time. Beautiful program! He ridicules superstition as he calls it. He tells most emphatically how everything developed just by accident.

He says it was just by accident that the chromosomes of Adam came together in such a way as to make people like we are. He said it might have been entirely different! He said, Doubtless among the many thousands of planets that there must be around of the many stars --- we have no proof that there are any planets outside of our solar system, I think it's a good guess there may be some--but if there are thousands of them he said doubtless on many of them life has developed, but it's entirely different from our life. It's all by accident.

I wish people would quit talking about evolution. It's not evolution. The word evolution means change. Well, we all believe in change. A young man said to me once, Why don't you believe in evolution? Anybody can see the evolution of a boy into a man! So there is change. We change as we get older. Our children are never exactly like us. The world is full of change. The trouble is not in saying there are changes; the problem is in saying that everything came into existence by accident. That was Darwin's primary point. It wasn't that there are changes. It was that the changes come purely by accident, by the survival of the fittest or some such procedure.