

This is the beginning of the term and there is nothing more appropriate to speak about than beginnings. So I can speak of the beginning of the term and also of the beginning of the Bible. The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning God." I believe that is a good place for us to start. Fifty years ago very few people in the U.S.A. would have hesitated to say that they believed in God. They might realize they were not living in the way He would like them to live; they might realize that they had never received Christ as Saviour, but they would plan to do it sometime. The bulk of them. At least 100 years ago they did. During the last 100 years the theory of evolution has been disseminated in our country, and it has particularly taken control of the teaching in our colleges and universities. God has been bowed out of His central position and our public schools are forbidden to recognize his existence.

But I believe it is always good for us to get back to basics. These words "in the beginning God" are worth our thinking about. A few years ago some of my colleagues went to a meeting in Philadelphia in a large auditorium at a meeting discussing the subject of evolution. A famous professor from Harvard University was to present some of the latest developments.

But with fundamental groups == with fundamentalism seeming to have somewhat of a rebirth in our country he felt it necessary to make a bow in its direction as he started. So he said, as I drive my automobile if somebody wants to tell me that under the hood of the car there is a little imp that makes the car go, and this little imp gives the force and propulsion to the car, if somebody wants to believe that, he said, I can't prove he's wrong. If he wants to believe it let him believe it! But he said I happen to know a little bit about the explosive power of gasoline and a little bit about the ability of electricity to make a spark and cause an explosion and I believe that's what makes a car go. Those people nodded and looked and thought, We don't need to believe in god! God doesn't make the car go. It's the explosive power of gasoline and the power of electricity to make a spark.

I wonder how many of those people there stopped to think, Did the explosive power of gasoline, did the ability of electricity to make a spark build a car? Did they plan it? Did they gather the different components of it from different parts of the world and put them together? Arrange them in a certain way and make a plan for it? Was there not an intelligence in the making of that car that is not due to the explosive power of gasoline or to the ==any natural force? There was an intelligence back of that car or the car would not be there.

When you tell me that this world with its tremendous complexity, with the wonderful way in which things work together, with its marvellous consitution, that this world came together by an accidnt! What do you expect me to believe anyway? Actually it is silly and yet ever since Darwin, this idea is more and more spread like a g fog over our nation. Particularly in our universities. A fog. An~~xxxx~~ attitude--well, o if you want to believe in some old-fashioned ~~xxxxix~~ attitude and superstition of a god, there is no objection if you want to feel that way. But we know that things just came into existence through evolution. That word evolution was one of the cleverest things that Satan ever put across to deceive people. That word "evolution." Because the vital thing is not the word. The