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Possibly no subject is more widely debated in certain settings today than the question of man's origin. While biblical creation takes the back seat in many public schools, court cases, and national TV, man knows, it is a force that must be reckoned with. Man cannot escape this inner most part of his being.

When Charles Darwin was pressed hard concerning evolution, he knew that the fossil records had problems. In his book titled "On the Origin of Species" (1859), he admitted to what he called "a crowd of difficulties (80)". He also stated on page 152, "Geology (the study of origin, history, and structure of the earth) assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic change, and this is perhaps the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory of evolution."

Dr. Geisler said concerning his observation of Darwin and his crowd of difficulties, "The reality is that there is no missing links, but a missing chain, with only a few links here and a few there."

Evolution simply means change in any direction. The word is a legitimate word and has a legitimate use in a sentence. For example, there has been considerable evolution in the field of technology. But when the word is used in relation to origins it means much more than change or development. It includes the idea of origin by natural processes, both the origin of the first living substance and the origin of new species.

Man did not evolve over a long period of time from an original single-celled creature. But was a planned act of God, and in our next few papers we will note the process.

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