

EVOLUTION TELLS OF SCIENTIFIC CREATOR

NOTED PHYSICIAN SAYS

Presents Biologic Proofs of Evolution in April Welfare Magazine; Reconciles Scripture

"There is nothing in evolution to antagonize one's religious belief. Man is not denying a Creator; he is simply beginning to learn something of His marvelous methods in His supreme work of creation."

Dr. W. A. Newman Dorland, well known physician and author, brings together an imposing array of proofs of evolution in a discussion, entitled "Evolution — Its Biologic Proofs," presented in the April issue of the "Welfare Magazine."

"Evolution does not mean a question of non-creation or special creation (that is, instantaneous creation through Divine command)," Dr. Dorland explains. "But it is a question of method of creation. It is not a theological question, but a historical one. It is an inquiry as to how the different forms of life have been developed."

Means Development
"Organic evolution, then, as we understand it, means the development of the plant and animal kingdoms in a continuous orderly way by successive steps from the simplest beginnings to their present forms under the guidance of natural laws, just as the solar system has evolved in obedience to natural laws. The fact is that man today sees his world changing, very slowly, but none the less surely. This slow orderly change of the present is all that he needs to explain the past."

The general idea of evolution, Dr. Dorland states thus: "The theory of evolution holds that once life began upon the earth it commenced to change at once in order to adapt itself to changing and diversified conditions in its environment; that as a result of these environmental influences the tendency was to develop away from plastic, generalized types, to less plastic, specialized types."

Adaptability
Adaptability is the great fundamental principle in the evolutionary process, the author explains. Upon this principle depends the question of the survival of the fittest. The "responses" of plants and animals to changes in environment is evolution in its biological sense.

Dr. Dorland traces the biologic proofs of evolution as they are evidenced in the fossils of plants and animals. He cites the work of Luther Burbank, who by a process of natural selection created new varieties of berries, fruits, vegetables and even timber trees, as a fore-shortened process of evolution.

Coming down to the question of evolution in the human race, he declares: "Taking into consideration his physical construction alone, man is an animal and must accordingly come under the domination of the laws that are active in the development of the animal kingdom. Because of his predominant anatomical features he must be classed with a certain group known as primates, which group includes the lemurs, monkeys

and anthropoid apes, as well as man. "That does not say that man is a monkey. He is not believed to be a descendant of monkeys and no evolutionist has ever held such a view, the celebrated Scopes' trial to the contrary notwithstanding."

Relationship
"The relationship existing between man and the anthropoid apes and the monkeys is practically the same as that existing between the cow, the pig and the sheep, all of which belong anatomically to the order Ungulata, but neither of which is ancestral to the others. Therefore, the assertion that evolution teaches that man came from the monkey is an evidence of crass ignorance of the subject and was never made by a scientific evolutionist."

The author tells of the proofs of evolution in man, found in the fossil remains of the manlike creatures of past ages.

"Man's superiority over other animals," he says, "resulted from his striking ability to use his environment to his advantage, as shown by his acquisition of fire and his use of tools; by his social tendency, whereby he banded together in families, classes and nations and was thus better enabled to resist the vicissitudes of life; by his development of a complex language, whereby he was able to communicate with his fellows; and by his habit of teaching or passing on his knowledge to his offspring."

Continuing his discussion of the relation between evolution and a Creator, he says, "The Creator who evolved them must be ultra-scientific, and as such, must carry on His wonderful works in a scientific manner."

"The biologic proofs of evolution are convincing to the thinking, scientific man."

MECHANICAL SERVANTS PROVIDED BY UTILITIES

"Sixty able-bodied servants in constant attendance on every man, woman and child in the United States would be furnished by the total capacity of all the power generating equipment used by the various industries in the country, in 1923, inclusive of automobiles, if that capacity were converted into man power," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, who bases his statement on a bulletin issued by the Department of the Interior.

This statement shows that the total power capacity, from the highest type of steam turbine and internal-combustion engine, down to the windmill and farm-work animal, was 230,514,000 horse-power, exclusive of the horse-power of pleasure automobiles. But with the horse-power of pleasure automobiles included, the total is 684,044,000, an increase of 543,530,000 horse-power, disclosing the amazing fact that the total horse-power capacity of pleasure car engines is nearly twice that of all other industries combined.

Although a Japanese gentleman recently travelled around the world in 26 days, some of our citizens can't walk up to the business office and pay their bills in a year.

A host at the beginning of the meal to his wife: "We are short one spoon." "What, already!"

COMBINED HORSEPOWER OF ALL AUTOS IN U. S.

Total Twice That of All Other Forms of Industrial Machinery, Report

The combined horsepower of all automobiles in the United States is approximately twice that of all other forms of industrial machinery, according to a survey just made by the Department of Interior. The figures show the total to be 684,044,000 horsepower, of which 230,514,000 horsepower of the 23,127,315 automobiles now in use in the country, which would be the equivalent of 60 man power for every person in the United States, according to the statistical department of The Automobile club of Illinois.

AMERICAN GIRL SPEAKS IN ANCIENT COLLEGE

Miss Helen Mays of Henderson, Texas, director of girls' recreational work for Near East Relief in the Caucasus, has been asked to lecture on her work before the 2,500 students of the University of Erivan. This is the first time a woman has had such an invitation and the first time a course on a modern practical theme has been given at this ancient seat of learning. The Superintendent of Schools of Erivan has applied to Miss Mays for thirty recreational leaders.

CECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NEW TYPE AUTO TAX

A new idea in automobile taxation has just been reported by the American Consul in Czechoslovakia, according to the Department of Foreign Survey of The Automobile club of Illinois. All motorists who enter or leave Czechoslovakia between the hours of midnight and four a. m., must pay a motor tax equivalent to 59 cents in American money. This fee is in addition to all other duties that must be paid on the car, and is not charged between 4 a. m., and midnight.



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