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DR. TALMAGE SAYS IT IS DUE TO CHRISTIANITY. The Great Divine Discusses the Origin of Man - Denounces the Evolution Theory as Pure Infidelity and Contrary to Scientific Facts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The question of human origin, so prominent now in scientific and religious circles, is discussed in characteristic style by Dr. Talmage in his discourse, in which he also repeats the theory that all the world's progress has come through Christianity...

At the present time the air is filled with social and platform and pulpit talk about evolution, and it is high time that the people who have not time to make investigation for themselves understand that evolution in the first place is up and down, out and out infidelity...

Evolution is infidelity. I put upon the witness stand living and dead the leading evolutionists—Ernst Haeckel, John Stuart Mill, Huxley, Tyndall, Darwin, Spencer...

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Where around the factory! But in an unlikely hour for infidel evolutionists the spectroscope of Fraunhofer and Kirchhoff were invented, by which they saw into that nebula and found it was not a simple gas, but was a compound, and hence had to be supplied from some other source, and that implied a God...

With equal vehemence against the doctrine of evolution Hugh Miller, Farraday, Brewster, Dana, Dawson and hundreds of scientists in this country and other countries have made protest. I know that the few men who have adopted the theory make more noise than the thousands who have rejected it.

Here is the glorious and magnificent theory that God by his omnipotent power made man, and by his omnipotent power made all worlds, and 600 scientists have taken passage on board that magnificent theory...

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But, mind you, no natural progress. Where is the fine horse in any of our parks whose picture of eye and mane and nostril and neck and haunches is worthy of being compared to Job's picture of a horse as he, thousands of years ago, heard it paw and neigh and champ its bit for the battle? Pigeons of today not so wise as the carrier pigeons of 500 years ago—pigeons that carried the mails from army to army and from city to city...

Look at China, where evolution has had full swing for thousands of years interrupted by anything except here and there a mission station with its defunct book, the Bible, but through the most of the realm not interfered with. What has evolution done for China? Christian civilization goes in and builds a railroad; they tear it up. For 1,000 years the Chinese nation, where it is not invaded by the gospel, has not made one five-hundred-millionth part of an inch of advancement.

I tell you, my friends, that natural evolution is not upward but it is downward. Hear Christ's account of it. Fifteenth Matthew and nineteenth verse, "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

What is remarkable about this thing is it is all the time developing its dishonesty. In our day it is ascribing this evolution to Herbert Spencer and Charles Darwin. It is a dishonesty. Evolution was known and advocated hundreds of years before these gentlemen began to be evolved.

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There is only one thing worse than English snobbery, and that is American snobbery. I like democracy and I like aristocracy, but there is one kind ofocracy in this country that excites my contempt, and that is what Charles Kingsley, after he had witnessed it himself, called snobocracy. Now, I say it is a gigantic dishonesty when they ascribe this old heathen doctrine of evolution to any modern gentleman.

Well, my friends, our world is on the rocks. God launched it well enough, but through misplotage and the storms of 4,000 years it has gone into the breakers. What does this old ship of a world want? Development? There is enough old evolution in the bulk to evolve another mast and another rudder and to evolve all the passengers and evolve the ship out of the breakers.

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It is the voice of a god and not of a man. A Glorious Doctrine. There is only one thing worse than English snobbery, and that is American snobbery.

I am not a pessimist, but an optimist. I do not believe everything is going to destruction; I believe everything is going on to redemption. But it will not be through the infidel doctrine of evolution which has effected all the good that has ever been wrought and which is yet to reconstruct all the nations.

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