

....In a prefatory letter to a work of Mr. Charles Darwin's, recently published, he says:

"It seems to me absurd to doubt that a man may be an ardent theist and an evolutionist. . . . What my own views may be is a question of no consequence to any one but myself. But, as you ask, I may state that my judgment often fluctuates. Moreover, whether a man deserves to be called a theist depends on the definition of the term, which is much too large a subject for a note. In my most extreme fluctuations I have never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of a God. I think that generally (and more and more as I grow older), but not always, an agnostic would be the more correct description of my state of mind."

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Cause. (from Alamy Vol. 7 of Phil 7)

The general idea of cause is that without which another thing, called the effect cannot be; and it is divided by Aristotle - Metaph. lib. v. cap. 2. - into four kinds known by the name of the material, the formal, the efficient and the final. He says it is possible that one object may combine all the kinds of causes. Thus, in a house, the principle of movement is the art and the workmen; the final cause is the work; the matter the earth and stones; and the place is the form.

Material Cause - Stone & Earth.

Formal Cause - the plan.

Efficient - workmen - Final - Habitation