

Another good chapter is that on a "Uniform Standard for Comparative Animal Psychology."

We would earnestly commend to all scientists a careful study of Chap. VII., Bk. V., in Mills' Logic, "on Fallacies of Confusion," as most useful to them in building up their theories. It has always appeared to us that modern animal psychologists are faithless to their theory of evolution. Evolution teaches us that there is an ever upward step in the succession of being; hence we should expect that this would take place in the case of man, the present culmination of all previous evolutions of being. This, Revelation makes known. Creatures below man have had evolved for them, in rising degrees, a sensitive soul, that can direct them to act suitably to their needs for obtaining good and avoiding harm. The next step would be the "evolution," so to call it, of a creature that would add intelligent reasoning, and a deeper insight into the true nature and reason of things; a being that would more nearly, in this and other ways, e. g., the moral sense of right and wrong, approach the character of the Great Author and Ruler of all. Man is clearly seen to surpass other creatures, especially in this last respect. Man has a conscience as regards, if we call it so, the abstract nature of good and evil as principles of conduct, not merely of expediency. The best of men in all ages have felt that they were not mere clods of the valley, but had a future. Revelation explains this by letting us know that that which differentiates man is his threefold nature; his highest constituent being his spirit, in which reside and act his intellectual and reasoning powers properly so called. Science, if it does not attempt to go beyond its province by calling in imagination to its aid, will find itself stopped at a certain point. If it assures us that acts and thoughts are the results of motion, or change, in the brain cells, it cannot tell us what that mysterious thing is that connects will, or thought, with that motion or change. Why not, then, accept the explanation afforded by Revelation? It is answered: Revelation does not clear up the mystery. No more it does; but it gives us the information that man has a nature not wholly common to other creatures, but is possessed of a constituent that enables him to see, more and more, into deep things and thoughts, and the next step higher will be when the new man "Shall know even as he is known."

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