

and in any case when no interference takes place and natural laws or habits obtain *Atavism* is apt to result, supposed to be due to the greater vitality or *Prepotency* of the original type as compared with the artificial.

The first theory has been, by many, considered as a direct contradiction to revealed religion and a denial of the being as well as the creative power of the Deity, but to me it has never so appeared. For accepting it I should feel called on to advance a far greater measure of faith than if called on only to believe in distinct creative acts.

I never could see how Atheism could result from a careful consideration of Darwin's "Origin of Species," for such primordial elements assume an Omnipotence and an Omniscience far greater than we are called on to believe in revealed religion, and if we include the freighted meteor, I must stand aside; my imagination, faith and everything else fails.

I think we are safe in assuming that truth cannot contradict itself.

If revealed religion be truth and the laws of nature be truth, each the outcome of God's power and will, and the facts on which Darwin bases his "Origin of Species and Descent of Man as illustrated by Natural Selection and the Survival of the Fittest" be true, it simply means we do not know enough yet and, if I have any opinion or belief, it is that the apparent contradictions are simply illustrations to us of our ignorance and a monition to widen our faith in God's greatness with the hope that we may yet harmonize what now appears conflicting facts.

The "missing link" is the bond which unites these theories.

I feel quite confident that further observation will explain the misunderstood, but that no amount of argument or epithet written or spoken will at present solve the question.

Each is at liberty to choose his field, but I feel like "getting on the fence" with the firm belief that I will not have to get off at either side, as the two ideas must approach for Omnipotence directs all things. It may be that this will never occur under our present form of life, for how can the finite mind grasp the infinite? We are but "children gathering pebbles on the sea shore and the vast ocean of knowledge yet untouched before us," (as so elegantly expressed by Sir Isaac Newton.) It may be, though yet on the beach, that when we pass over to the other life, we may enter on explorations that at present we cannot imagine.

Accepting either theory, there is no question of what we should do in order that the *ascent* of man in coming years shall be an improvement on his predecessors; for both Darwin and the Bible inculcate rules we could easily follow when the intelligence of the majority will decide that they be carried out.

The Human Family is composed of four classes:—

1st. *The Good*,—Those who are actuated by high resolves, no matter what their position or associations may be.

2nd. *The Bad*,—Who are quite intractable.

3rd. *The Irresponsibles*,—Insane and idiotic.

4th. The great bulk of humanity that is moulded by and are the creatures of association and training.