

change, had the prototype of man in His divine intellect through the dim cycles of the unreckoned ages of His existence. He must, therefore, when the fullness of time arrived for the peopling of the earth with rational beings, either have formed man out of inorganic matter, and infused into him a rational soul, created out of nothing ; or, allowing nature to take its course, put off the creation of man until by advantageous variations, perpetuated by heredity, influenced by natural selection, the monkey, our reputed progenitor, had developed to such a state as entitled it to a spiritual soul, which, to say the least, is not becoming the Divine Omnipotence.

Such an origin for man is also at variance with philological science. Those who have made a study of Philology argue that the quintessential elements of all language are expressive of general ideas, and that these ideas bring the result of intellectual operations known as abstraction and generalization, man must have been a rational being before the formation of the fundamental constituents, the roots of all language. It follows, therefore, that language is not a development of animal cries, being the result of mental processes, of which the brute is incapable. This points to a diversity of origin for man and the lower species of animals. The refrigeration of the earth is another argument which does not coincide with the theory of evolution advocated by Darwin and his followers. The variations in the course of development are so slight, indeed, so infinitesimal that no sensible morphological change is effected until they have been repeated again and again by heredity for many generations. Thus, during the recorded period of history, no perceptible advancement has taken place in the progressive variations, so long as each link in the chain of evolution. We must not, therefore, marvel at the stupendous distance over which the Darwinian would lead us, if leaping the barriers of time, we should follow

him backward into the shadowy past to the epoch of the jelly fish, our first ancestor. It is no exaggeration to say that many hundred millions of years are necessary to bring our distant relative to the present stage of perfection. But Geologists limit the period of life upon the earth to an incomparably shorter period of time. As all heated bodies cool more or less rapidly, according to their substance and dimensions, they were able to approximate the time it would take the earth to cool, knowing that the centre is in a highly heated state and that the heat diminishes proportionately as the surface is reached. Accordingly, the cooling rate of the earth having been ascertained, it was no difficult problem to find that the temperature at the period spoken of by the Biologists was sufficiently high to give the jelly fish the benefit of a free turkish bath, which, in all probability, would render the clammy creature unfit for displaying the advantageous variations which should make him our primeval ancestor.

That the Darwinian theory, as far as the gradual evolution of the physical world is concerned, is founded on well authenticated facts, we do not deny. All scientists agree on the tendency of plants and animals to increase in harmonious progression, and to transmit a general likeness with individual differences ; the minute variations which take place in the progressive series, as well as the struggle for existence among plants and animals.

While admitting these facts, we cannot admit the theory in general. The anatomist may notice some similarity between the bodies of certain species of animals as they lie recently dead before him, such as between the body of man and the ape. We cannot reason from that that both have the same origin. Let them lie a little longer on the dissecting table and then no difference at all will be discernable between them. A little dust, which the winged breeze of heaven will soon scatter to the four points of the compass, is all