



## How Atheistic Evolutionists View Theistic Evolution

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To an atheistic evolutionist the entire notion of theistic evolution is absurd. The theory of evolution was designed to escape God and theistic evolutionists make God a part of evolution! When a person accepts evolution as a process used by the Creator, says the atheistic evolutionist, he should go all the way and reject the supernatural completely.

In an essay entitled "The Evolutionary Vision" which the self-acknowledged atheist Sir Julian Huxley delivered at Chicago in 1959 at the Darwin Centennial Convocation, Huxley said, "In the evolutionary pattern of thought there is no longer either need or room for the supernatural. The earth was not created; it evolved. So did all the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body. So did religion. Religions are organs of psychosocial man concerned with human destiny and with experiences of sacredness and transcendence. . . Evolutionary man can no longer take refuge from his loneliness in the arms of a divinized father-figure whom he has himself created, nor escape from the responsibility of making decisions by sheltering under the umbrella of divine Authority, nor absolve himself from the hard task of meeting his present problems and planning his future by relying on the will of an omniscient, but unfortunately inscrutable, Providence." \* LSI

\* *Issues in Evolution, Vol. 3 of Evolution After Darwin. The University of Chicago Centennial Discussions, Sol Tax, ed. (Un. Of Chicago Press, 1960), pp. 252-253.*