

## Darwinism or Creationism

*“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”* Psalm 11:3

The 1800's was a time of great extremes. On one hand there were **great revivals** and **missionary effort**. Great preachers such as D.L. Moody and Charles Spurgeon were used to shake the continents for God. Missionaries such as David Livingstone, William Carey, Adoniram Judson, and J. Hudson Taylor carried the Gospel to the farthest corners of the earth. Satan was not content to sit idly by.

In 1859, **Darwinism** was spawned when Charles Darwin wrote The Origin of the Species. Evolutionary Darwinism denies the existence of a creator, saying that life is controlled by impersonal forces. No creator, no God, and therefore no accountability at the end of life.

Greatly influenced by Darwinism was Karl Marx, who wrote Das Kapital in 1867. Marx is the founder of **communism**, which proclaims, “There is no God!” Communism is an atheistic system in which the government becomes a god to the people by owning everything and distributing everything. Communism has shed more blood than any movement since the beginning of time.

The writings of Darwin also influenced Adolf Hitler and **Nazism**. Do you know what the original title of Darwin's book was? It was The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life. Hitler simply took Darwinism to the next step.

Around the same time, in Germany, modern **textual criticism** was born. This movement believes that the Bible came to us (and is coming still) through a process of religious evolution rather than direct revelation of God. Textual critics are not trying to find out God's truth, but rather, they attempt to explain it away with their skeptical imaginations. Satan was the first actual textual critic when he said, “Yea, hath God said?” (Genesis 3:1) Textual criticism is the mother of the new translations of the Bible, beginning with the Revised Version of 1881.

Probably the greatest battle today lies in the realm of creation vs. evolution, since most of the new “isms” are an outgrowth of evolutionism. Let us boldly and effectively proclaim that Jesus Christ is the **creator of everything** (Hebrews 1:2; 11:3) and is to be **central in everything** (Revelation 4:11).

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