

occurred. Such proofs are not only ample but also overwhelming. They are completely convincing to all who have studied them with reasonably open minds. Of course no amount of proof can convince those who simply do not want to know or to accept the truth. Such wishful thinkers cannot be persuaded by repetition, and those who do really want to know the truth already know the evidence or can readily find it in earlier works. Here the factual truth of evolution is taken as established and the enquiry goes on from there."

-- George Gaylord Simpson, *The Meaning of Evolution* (New York: The New American Library, 1951), p. 11.

"These facts are so well-known and make up such an army of evidence that they form the chief foundation of the statement that evolution has long since passed out of the domain of hypothesis and theory, to which Mr. Bryan refers, into the domain of natural law.

"Evolution takes its place with the gravitation law of Newton. It should be taught in our schools simply as Nature speaks to us about it, and entirely separated from the opinions, materialistic or theistic, which have clustered about it."

-- Henry Fairfield Osborn, *Evolution and Religion* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1923), pp. 16-17.

"As we shall see, these records (the 'living record' and the 'fossil record') are inconsistent, and they leave hardly any doubt that 'descent with change' -- evolution -- has indeed taken place."

-- Paul B. Weisz, *Biology* (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1954), p. 599.

"From this brief account it will be clear that experimental studies are still in their infancy; no doubt great advances will be made in the next few decades. Meanwhile, with the universal acceptance of the fact of evolution, the focus of thought has switched from a concentration on the past to a consideration of the present and future. The result must surely be a more realistic and dynamic appreciation of evolutionary change."

-- W. H. Dowdeswell, *The Mechanism of Evolution* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1960), concluding paragraph.

"No serious biologist today doubts the fact of evolution, the development of all living organisms from previously existing types under the control of evolutionary processes. However, there have been and will continue to be differences of opinion on how evolution takes place, just as there are different ideas on the exact processes involved in, for example, the formation of mountain ranges. Thus while the fact of evolution is amply clear, there are different theories regarding the significant processes that have brought about evolutionary change.