

**Our news section ...**

## **WITHERING TIMES**

### **INDIAN SCIENTIST QUESTIONS DARWINIAN EVOLUTION**

This month we do not propose to give any Parsi news in this section. There are enough in the Gujarati Section.

Here is a piece of news from the world of science, relevant to our country, India, and our community, the Parsis.

Last November, an Indian scientist staying in America published a book:

"Independent Birth of Organism", wherein he challenges the Evolution theory of life on earth as originally propounded by Darwin. He is Dr. Periannan Senapathy from Tamil Nadu a researcher in molecular biology, a highly specialised and sophisticated branch of science.

Of course this is not for the first time that Darwinian theory was seriously controverted by weighty authorities. From Darwin's own times till today a good amount of writings have appeared against his theory. Dr. Senapathy's book is a significant contribution.

There were certain facts in nature which confused Darwin himself and made him doubt his own evolution hypothesis, like the feather of a peacock and the eye of a human. But in the world of science, when a theory sticks, it sticks so tenaciously that all facts, events and arguments against it are deliberately ignored or brushed aside. Darwin's is one of such paradigms (i.e. a stuck belief) which refuses to be erased out from the minds of many scientists and of the awe-struck non-scientists.

#### **Kill to survive**

Darwin's theory, in short, is that the first piece of what we know as life was an animal with one cell only. (Cells are large molecular formations in all living beings. A cell can be roughly termed as a molecule of life). The one celled "amoeba" then evolved i.e. was actually converted successively to 'higher' forms, multi celled organisms, of life. The journey was something like this: amoeba to fish to birds to land-animals, to monkey and finally to a tail-less monkey, man. The force behind this process was the struggle for existence, food and sex, and the survival of the fittest. If you want to survive, develop strong parts on your body; you must be able snatch away food. That is how giraffe developed its long neck and strong kick to reach the branches of tall trees and kick if somebody interfered in its food-getting efforts. There is no other force operating behind the huge variety of animals on the lands and in the waters of the earth. There is nothing like God. All exist and survive or die on the alter of survival of the fittest by chance and accident.

#### **Welcome! Oh Devil !**

The theory had arrived in 1859. The western humans were then in a state of intellectual intoxication. Our mind is supreme. Nature is out there. We will find its secrets. We have done so quite considerably. The universe is mechanical and deterministic. We will know its laws and so bye bye ye God!

It is highly surprising that Darwin's theory is mostly sheer guesswork. It purports to spread over millions of years. Amoeba to man has taken such long. The only materials in support are the forms of animal organs and body parts. Short legs become long, fins become feathers, the tails grow short and ultimately disappear, as in man.

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