

MAN'S ORIGIN, MAN'S DESTINY. A.E. Wilder Smith. Wheaton, Ill.; Harold Shaw, Publishers, 1968. 320 pp. \$5.95.

Seldom does a man combine the breadth and depth of knowledge in so many fields as does the author of this book. His scientific career and degrees (three doctorates) speak for themselves; in addition, his knowledge of and allegiance to the Bible is ~~unusually~~ ^{unusually deep}. The work is both a handbook (in that it covers all the vital subjects related to evolution) and a textbook (in that its coverage is in depth). Entropy, fossils, carbon dating, mutations, natural selection, Dr. Leakey, life in a testube are some of the topics the author treats in the field of evolution. In addition he deals with the biblical data ^{intelligently and} as one who believes this is God's inspired word.

As the reviewer thinks back over this book he is impressed with the force with which the author drives home the point that the living God of the Bible, not chance plus evolution, ^{has to be} the Creator. Not only does he devastate every argument of evolution but he keeps before his readers the ^{person} power of God as revealed through Christ. although good, it is

Less than one-third of the book is devoted to man's destiny, and, ^{by} comparison with the exceptionally strong argument of the first section on man's origin the weaker ^{built} part. Too much is made, for instance, on a trihotomous view of man (pp. 247 ff.), and the author opens the door for the salvation of the heathen who have not heard of Christ without giving due regard to Paul's discussion of this question in Romans 1 (pp. 265-66).

The appendix is worth the price of the book. It is a critical analysis of theistic evolution as proposed by Germany's foremost exponent of that view (one sees many similarities with that which is being taught in this country by some evangelicals who espouse that view). The illogic of theistic evolution is brought into sharp focus/ and must be reckoned with by those who hold it.

To sum up: an outstanding, scholarly contribution; "must" reading for the informed Christian.

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