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When I closed, no, when the bell rang yesterday, I was talking to you about Darwinism, the attitude that many people in this world are taking toward that and toward evolution. I was talking to some one the other day about this subject and they asked me if I wasn't afraid to talk to the students about evolution - somebody will misunderstand me, and somebody will misquote me and somebody will go out and say that I said ~~xxxxxxxx~~ <sup>things</sup> that I didn't say -- I know that, but I am not afraid to give any one the truth, and I want you young women to get the truth about this very much misunderstood, misjudged and mis-named thing that we call evolution. Darwinism is not evolution, I don't care how much your preacher tells you it is, and I don't care how much mine tells me it is, he has missed the truth, and I don't care whether he is a preacher or some else. God's truth is what we want. Darwinism isn't anything in the world but a theory to try to explain what evolution is and it is a theory that has never been accepted by scientists, much less by theologians. Now, there are scientists who will tell me that I am entirely mistaken, he would say -"I accept it", and there is another one who would say -"You are right, I don't", and that is where the theory has been from the beginning. One scientist has accepted it and another has rejected it. We do know this, that they have not been able to prove it. Darwin's theory <sup>was</sup> ~~xxxx~~ as I told you yesterday, to take these changes and look back, and keep on looking back, until you find one little life cell. He is going back a long time to do that. I don't know how many centuries and I don't know how he worked that out that from one little life cell everything that has <sup>has finally</sup> life/evolved. Darwin did not know whether that was so or not. It was just a theory. It is trying to unify the thing, that is all. Well, in working it out they decided that man came from the next lowest order of animal, which is an ape, or the monkey family, and so they talked about man as the descendant of the monkey. I don't

know, maybe we did come from monkeys. I have seen some folks that looked like monkeys and acted like they were part monkey. Haven't you ever seen anybody cut monkey-shines?<sup>?</sup> Then there is another one who says - "No, we didn't come that way, we were made from a clod of dirt". And I have seen some people who looked as if they might have been made from dirt. The point I want/<sup>you</sup>to get is that this theory is an attempted explanation of evolution, and it is today taken as evolution, and that is a mistake. The theory has never been generally accepted.

Now we have taken it up as a religious question and we say that the Bible teaches something ~~different~~ to the contrary, that if you can prove that Darwin's theory is correct, then all of our religion is thrown away, it is ruined, it is absolutely destroyed. Now, those folks who take that position are just as bad as those folks who follow this monkey theory through and through. These religionists are carrying the theory, that is all. You mean to tell me that if you can establish a truth, (and I don't know whether it is or not) that if you can establish a truth that that will destroy God's word. No, it could not destroy God's word because God's word is the truth, and this part that we call the Bible is just a part of that record, that is all. It does not contain it all. It is a part of it. It is the part that they found and preserved. I don't want anybody to have the kind of religion that can be destroyed by finding the truth. Why, it is God's truth that makes us free, and this Bible was not written to teach us science or geography.