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I want to finish this morning the series of talks I have been making on that much abused and misunderstood word - evolution. I want to get you young women in the position in life so that you will not lose your hold on your faith because of things that people may say and do. Frankly, that is the object of all that I have been talking to you about on this subject. There is no question about it, Jehovah rules. There is a power that made the earth and all the stars, (that is what we call them, planets or whatever they may be) a great creative force that we call God, or Jehovah. We are told, and we believe, that God is a spirit and that those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. There are great truths of Jehovah that human beings have not yet found out. We are trying to find God's truth and at present, especially through this Southland of ours, the issue is beclouded by a discussion that is going on about the word evolution. There are two accounts of the creation of man given in the Bible. I am not so much concerned, in what I am trying to say to you this morning, in the establishment of the truthfulness or the falsehood of either of these accounts. I believe that God created man, that God created other things, and that man and other animals, birds, etc. reproduce their own kind, but I am not going into the question of the creation, that is not the object at all in these talks. You work that out for yourself, and the explanation that is satisfactory to you, that gives you full and complete satisfaction is all right. It makes no difference what others may say. The big thing is that we are created and that we have a relationship that exists between us and Jehovah, that is the big issue -- what shall my relationship be to God? Any truth that may be found out in any way, if it is truth, will in no way hurt ^{man's} relation to his creator. I do think it is exceedingly unfortunate that some ~~people~~ of our church leaders should make an issue that if one thing in this book is shown to be false that the whole Christian religion tumbles. I think that is very unfortunate. God's truth is going on, and this record (and it

is only a partial record, we do not have it all) but this record was not made to teach us modern day science, or geography, or history. It was made to show man how to get his proper relationship to Jehovah. It was made for the spirit man, and we quite often misinterpret this book because we try to give it a special physical interpretation when we are dealing with the spiritual interpretation. We have an illustration of that in this lesson that I read you this morning, and I am just taking the New Testament and reading it to you. I did not pick the passage of scripture as having any bearing on my talk to you this morning. Jesus had been sitting there at the well with a Samaritan woman, and, young women, she was what we call a bad woman today. The man she was living with was not her husband. The record tells us that, and Jesus was sitting there talking to her, and his disciples came. She was a Samaritan woman and a bad type among the Samaritans, and when the disciples came she went back into the city. The disciples had gone into the town to buy something to eat, and when they asked Jesus to eat, he said "I have meat that you know not of", and they thought he was talking about bacon and eggs, as you and I think of it, something to eat in that sense. Jesus told them that he was not talking about that, that his meat was to do the will of his Father. He was talking to them about the spiritual, that he had something to satisfy his soul, and they misinterpreted it, just as I suspect they misinterpreted it when ~~they~~ he told them it was harvest time (it wasn't harvest time) but he told them, the harvest is ripe, ready unto the harvest, ~~harvest~~ that means the harvest in the spiritual world, but I suspect they thought he was talking about cutting wheat. We misunderstand many things that are written here, because we do not go there with heart and soul open seeking God's truth. I say it reverently, I would to God that the teachers and the preachers could get ahold of the great big truths of life and the spirit of Jehovah that is behind them and stop wrangling about little questions that are insignificant because they are only temporary and could deal with the things that

are eternal, because there is a spirit back of every truth in science, just as there is a spirit back of every true Christian and I want you students who come to this college to be able to go out into the world of misunderstanding and find the truth and hold to the truth regardless of what all the world may say and do, because it is the truth that gives us real freedom in this world, and freedom in the world that is beyond this. All the beauties of God's truth are ours when we can see the truth and know it and see its manifestations in this physical world. A person who knows sciences and knows the truth that is behind it and the spirit that is behind it gets a great deal more out of a rain storm than one who does not know anything about science - for instance who is like the little boy who had been raised in the city, and they had a downpour of rain. He ran to his Mother and said -- "Mama, God has opened all of his spigots, hasn't he?" If he had known the great law by which tons and tons of water are gathered together in the heavens, brought into clouds and condensed into rain drops so that when it falls and hits the earth, it does not do damage, but does good. If he could just get the facts of the matter, some conception of the enormous number of tons of rain that are in the clouds, that are there to minister to the parched earth and to be of service to every living thing on the earth, he would see the wonder and glory of God even in a storm. We want to get the truth and the spirit that is back of truth. It all comes from Jehovah, whether we find it in this book that we call the Holy Bible, or in the rain clouds, it all comes from Jehovah. As a boy I tried to go to the rainbow to get the wonderful things that I would find there. I went to college and science taught me that the rain bow was in my eye, and that, of course, I could never reach it. Did that knowledge destroy the story of the rainbow for me? Not at all, it brought it home to me and made me realize how wonderful God is, that he can use the human eye and a raindrop and give us that beautiful thing we call the rainbow.