

Letter to  
Maudie Eys  
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Dear Sir

Your inquiry is one at present  
affecting many earnest minds.  
For my own part, believing  
as I do that the Darwinian theory  
has no scientific foundation other  
than in relation to variable  
forms and that it is already  
beginning to disintegrate and  
to give place to other hypotheses  
as little able to achieve anything  
more than a temporary popularity  
I am not troubled as to its  
religious bearings, except in  
so far as I see theologians  
to justify as to mix it up  
with their religious doctrines,  
just as theologians have  
of past ages have done with  
older philosophies to the  
great detriment of Christianity.  
At the same time if men  
will separate — as Darwin & his  
followers do not — the two  
fundamental ideas of  
development and causation  
as included in creation  
and under the latter use

distinguished between secondary  
and ultimate causes, there  
is no danger of a conflict  
with them. This result  
follows when men fall  
into the consequent ideas of  
Causation, or chance and  
agitation, unhappy too  
life among Darwinians and  
chief to be stimulated in the  
last thoughts of the loose  
methods employed by  
Spencer and Darwin. This  
is really the last religious danger  
and no man of sound  
mind and firm faith need  
fall into it, however much  
he may be <sup>intellectually</sup> affected by the  
Spencerianism in a circle  
which prevails in Spencerian  
Wallace & the rest.

So many quarters similar  
to yours have reached me of late  
that I have in self defence pre-  
pared a little book on the present  
aspects of Evolution which is being  
printed & the Rev. Dr. S. J. ...  
and of which I shall be glad  
to send you a copy.

I do not know of what title it is published  
I will use if there is any mistake