

## **Creation and evolution**

This month it is 200 years ago Charles Darwin was born. 150 years ago the first edition of his book *On the Origin of Species* was published.

With his evolution-theory Darwin brought about a revolution. It is a book that divided the spirits for a long time. It says in the Bible that God created the world in six days, doesn't it?

I am not passing judgment on Darwin's book. I am not a biologist. A prominent professor of molecular biophysics, Cees Dekker, says it like this: 'For the evolution of life there are all kind of proofs, the fossils, the geographic spreading of the species, the data from genetics'. He also says: 'I believe wholeheartedly that God is the creator, and that He created by means of a process of evolution.'

It is a pity that we have often created a conflict between religion and science, which should not have to exist at all. It has often caused unnecessary estrangement. Real science is not conflicting with faith in God. The Bible testifies to God, the Creator, but one should not use the Bible as a biologic manual. We believe that God is the Creator of heaven and earth. That is a happy knowledge. This world is not a spur of the moment. When I think about my own life I may believe that I received my existence as a precious gift. I am not just a stray deposit of blind coincidence. I may rely on a meaning, a good intention. My life is intended by God, whose love carries our life, from day to day.

Darwin contributed to biologic science. Biologists tell us something about the development of life. It is dazzling and intriguing to read about that. We wonder about our existence and the development of it. Above all we give praise to God, for wanting a world.

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