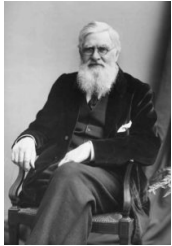


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Indeed, there is a great contrast between these two evolutionists. Darwin was largely supported by his father's money. Wallace had to travel and collect specimens to make money. Darwin had all the advantages of privileged education. Wallace was mostly self-educated. Darwin was, of secular views, practically an atheist. Wallace was a spiritualist and believed that his theory had come to him through familiar spirits. It should not, however, surprise us that neither Darwin nor Wallace gave any glory to God for their ideas. Both men's ideas contradict the word of God.

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