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### Mortimer Adler's Anti-Darwinism Crusade



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*Books of the Western World*.

The reason we are telling you about Adler today, however, has to do with his half-century-long crusade against Darwinism. Based on his understanding of what constitutes real science, Adler contended that Darwinism was nothing but a myth and wild speculation. Adler observed, "Darwin himself is partly responsible for much of this speculation. *The Origin of Species* is full of guesses which are clearly unsupported by the evidence." Adler added that "these guesses ... are not in the field of scientific knowledge anyway.... Evolution is not a scientific fact, but at best a probable history, a history for which the evidence is insufficient and conflicting."

In his book, *Slaughter of the Dissidents*, Dr. Jerry Bergman points out that Adler was born of Jewish parents and became a "religious scoffer" when he was a young man. It was his acceptance of the cosmological argument for God – that a creation needed a Creator – that eventually caused Adler to believe in God. Mortimer Adler died in 2001 at the age of 98 – a Darwin-denier until the end.

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