TEILHARD DE CHARDIN - THE EVOLUTIONIST

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Abstract

The work done by TEILHARD DE CHARDIN on the field of paleontology has been generally accepted. On the contrary, his theory about evolution with the central idea that the Universe must have a direction and that the whole process of evolutionary events has been directed by its final result: by man's consciousness, did not found any general acceptance. Many evolutionists belonging to the Neodarwinians as well as natural philosophers standing on the bais of materialism refuse TEILHARD's theory about evolution. This paper discusses some of the problems connected with TEILHARD's theory. After author's opinion an analysis of the evolutionary facts not influenced by theoretical prejudices or by the world view of the investigator seems to be supporting in many respects TEILHARD's theory. There is no doubt that the general evolution - viewed as a whole - is directional and progressive. Of course it is another question to think this process caused only by its final outcome. Future research work on the field of evolution would have to take into account TETLHARD's "central dogma" that the appearance of life and of man in the Universe were utterly improbable events, and yet both of them did happen.