

Quotes

Humanism

‘A religion is essentially an attitude to the world as a whole. Thus evolution, for example, may prove as powerful a principle to co-ordinate men’s beliefs and hopes as God was in the past. Such ideas underlie the various forms of Rationalism, the Ethical movement and scientific Humanism.’

‘Humanism: An outlook that places man and his concerns at the centre of interest. Modern Humanism, which does away with traditional Christianity, is characterised by its faith in the power of human beings to create their own future, collectively and personally.’

Sir Julian Huxley,
*Growth of Ideas. The evolution of thought
and knowledge*, 1965, pp. 99 and 336.

WHO SAID THIS ABOUT EVOLUTION?

‘From first to last it is a dish of rank materialism cleverly cooked up ... And why is this done? For no other reason, I am sure, except to make us independent of a Creator.’

ANSWER

Adam Sedgwick (1785-1873) British geologist and Professor of Geology at Cambridge, England. This was written by Sedgwick in about 1861 after he had read Darwin’s book *On the Origin of Species*.

Adam Sedgwick,
cited in Ronald Clark,
The Survival of Charles Darwin,
Random House, New York, 1984, p. 139.