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A Social Perspective

With its newfound scientific credibility, evolution rapidly permeated all fields of inquiry, eventually resulting in a radically new social perspective. In the words of Theodosius Dobzhansky: "Evolution need no longer be a destiny imposed from without: it may conceivably be controlled by man, in accordance with his wisdom and his values". Acclaimed by the American Academy of Sciences and St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary, he is billed as "the greatest evolutionist of our century and a lifelong Russian Orthodox". (P.E. Johnson, *Darwin on Trial* [Chicago: InterVarsity Press]). While Dobzhansky's Orthodoxy is obviously nominal, he is beyond doubt a true believer in the new fundamentalism: "Evolution is much more than a theory - it is a general postulate to which all theories, all systems henceforth must bow and which they must satisfy in order to be thinkable and true. Evolution is a light which illumines all facts, a trajectory which all lines of thought

must follow”.

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