

Darwin Was No Atheist

Charles Darwin was born 200 years ago yesterday, and from the noise coming from some quarters, one would believe that he was an atheist. Nonsense. To be sure, he was a self-described agnostic, but he had no use for militant atheists. Consider what he said to Edward Aveling in 1881, a dogmatic atheist: "Why should you be so aggressive? Is anything gained by trying to force these new ideas upon the mass of mankind?"

Also, Darwin and the Catholic Church were of the same mind in one very important matter: "It seems to me absurd to doubt that a man may be an ardent Theist & an evolutionist."

The next time some sage feeds you propaganda about Darwin, tell him to explain these two quotes.