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**The conclusion of Catholic geologists, geneticists and astrophysicists  
meeting in the Capital:**

## **Scientists ‘flunk’ Darwin**

**“Adam and Eve did not descend from the ape;  
the Bible tells the truth”**

*Inset ‘boxes’ read:*

**“The theory has managed to demonstrate mutations within a species, but not  
the appearance of new species”**

**“The author of Genesis is also He who created the world; the sacred book  
cannot contain falsehood”**

*Main text:*

The creation of the world, and of Adam and Eve, just as the Bible tells it, is to be taken literally as absolute truth, and not read as fantasy or myth. This is what a group of Catholic scientists and theologians have affirmed at a symposium organized in Rome. They have exhorted the Church to react more decisively against evolutionary theories, and not to succumb to scientific fashions of the moment.

Geneticists, geologists, astrophysicists — about twenty persons in all coming from the U.S.A. and various European countries (including Russia, but not Italy) — have been meeting for the first time in Rome, at the initiative of the American “Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation”. Their purpose — each one speaking from within his own area of specialization — is to lay the foundations for a Catholic counter-attack on evolution theory. On Thursday these scientists attended the Pope’s private Mass, and yesterday met with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Professor Dominique Tassot, president of the French “Center for Studies and Prospectives on Science”, made these observations: “Darwinism has managed to demonstrate mutations within a given species, but not the appearance of new species. It has not brought forth facts or proofs. Our objective is to help people — especially Catholics — to understand that what science asserts is not absolute truth, to which even religion must bow in homage, but rather, a series of theories which can be modified, even within the course of a few years.” Tassot emphasised: “It is a total mistake on the part of theologians to feel they must go rushing to explain the Bible in the light of the latest scientific ‘revelations’. It is better to start from the premise that the author of the Bible is also the author of Creation, and therefore, the Book of Genesis cannot contain falsehood. For example, beginning in the eighteenth century, the great Flood narrated by the Bible in Genesis was challenged on the basis of theories of geological stratification which today, however, are in turn being challenged. There have been many arguments coming from various scientific sectors which have been raised against Scripture, but which are now forgotten. They had no value.”

*(The last paragraph of the report has nothing whatever to do with the Rome Symposium. Unfortunately — given its unwarranted insertion into a report concerning the Kolbe Center — it cites the Italian leader of the dissident and unapproved Society of St. Pius X, criticizing the current leadership of the Church in regard to liturgy and other matters unrelated to science, evolution, or anything to do with our symposium.)*