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- So is evolution true or not?
  - Modern science says: “yes.”
  - Scientists are often wrong, or they only have discovered a *part* of the story.
  - It’s possible that this is how Hashem created the world, through evolution.
  - It’s possible that Hashem made it look like evolution is true, but really that’s not what happened. That leaves room for our **בחירה**.
  - It’s possible that scientists have been incorrectly analyzing the facts and the whole theory is wrong.
- There is a lot here that we don’t know for sure, but what we do know is that understanding the facts of evolution **does not have to be a contradiction to מעשה בראשית**.

# From R' S.R. Hirsch:

This will never change, not even if the latest scientific notion that the genesis of all the multitudes of organic forms on earth can be traced back to one single, most primitive, primeval form of life should ever appear to be anything more than what it is today, a vague hypothesis still unsupported by fact. Even if this notion were ever to gain complete acceptance by the scientific world, Jewish thought, unlike the reasoning of the high priest of that notion, would nonetheless never summon us to revere a still extant representative of this primal form as the supposed ancestor of us all. Rather, Judaism in that case would call upon its adherents to give even greater reverence than ever before to the one, sole God Who, in His boundless creative wisdom and eternal omnipotence, needed to bring into existence no more than one single, amorphous nucleus and one single law of "adaptation and heredity" in order to bring forth, from what seemed chaos but was in fact a very definite order, the infinite variety of species we know today, each with its unique characteristics that sets it apart from all other creatures. (Collected Writings, vol. 7 pp. 263-264)

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- Some scientists want to look at the facts of evolution and say that there must be no creator, חס ושלום.
- We look at the same facts, but come to a different conclusion. **להפך! The world is a wondrous place. There must be a Creator!**
- Hashem wants us to look at the world and see the facts. We see how understanding these facts testifies to the fact that there is a Creator, and the world is a complex, beautiful thing (remember the vesicle-formation video?)! **מה רבו מעשיך**.