

The battle around evolution is important in its own right, *and* it has a great deal to do with the battle for *revolution*. It is, first of all, a battle in the realm of epistemology—over questions of what is truth and whether and how human beings can acquire a true understanding of reality. Are we going to proceed according to a scientific approach—investigating reality, to accumulate experience and evidence about reality, and then drawing rational conclusions? Or, are we going to blindly adopt an outmoded way of understanding how the world works and what its driving forces are, and insist upon *superimposing that on reality* and on smashing down anything which conflicts with that non-rational (or irrational) approach? Are we going to insist on *a priori* notions of truth—dogmatic assumptions which are not drawn from reality and not testable in reality—and rule out of order things which *are* drawn from reality and have been tested and shown in reality to be true?

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