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*It is, indeed, a coherent and consistent view of the species of Rhinoceros and every species of Hyæna, that the species of Rhinoceros and every species of Hyæna, and the species of Man, and the species of every present species, was separately constructed out of dust, or out of nothing, by supernatural power; but until I receive distinct evidence of the fact, I cannot assent to the statement, and I cannot do so by supposing that he seriously holds such a notion.*

THOMAS HUXLEY

"PALEONTOLOGY AND THE DOCTRINE OF EVOLUTION" (1870)