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Dr. Ritha Tevfik,  
Member of Parliament,  
Constantinople, Turkey.

My dear Sir:

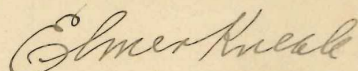
I am preparing an article which will show as nearly as possible what intellectual leaders think of the teachings of Charles Darwin, the great scientist of England who taught concerning the evolution of man and of all the different forms of organic life which we now see. There are numbers of people who now claim that most scientists and thinking people generally no longer accept the teachings of Darwin. Considering this I have written a few of the foremost Religious leaders, Scholars and Scientists asking what is their opinion concerning these teachings. I believe it would be highly edifying to collect brief expressions on this subject from men of different nations, who lead the world's thought.

The teachings of Darwin briefly defined, are as follows: first, that most of the different forms of organic life which we see at the present day can be explained by a gradual process of natural selection, in which those types that were not adapted to their surroundings were eliminated; second, that the traits or habits acquired in the course of this process are transmitted by inheritance.

A number of the most prominent scientists and churchmen of Europe and of America have already answered concerning this subject, and I would esteem it an especial favor if you could give a brief statement of your opinion concerning these teachings, or if you prefer, to give just your own idea of the origin of man and of organic life in general as we see it today. A few lines from you as an intellectual leader would be read with the greatest of interest by many in America. If you do not write English, I will be glad if you would write your answer in Arabic or Turkish, as I can have it translated.

If it would be convenient to send a picture of yourself, the Register would be pleased to have it so we could insert it with your answer, and thanking you for an expression on this subject, I am

Yours very respectfully,



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