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emerges - that Darwin's theory was accepted in substance only by

those whose theology was distinctly orthodox theology and of other evolutionary theories with liberal and romantic theological speculation.