

The First and Revised Editions of Anarchist Tchou Su's *Evolution of Living Things*

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Abstract Tchou Su (1900-1962) was a famous Chinese biologist and popular science writer of our time. He was admitted to a work-study program and studied in France in 1920. At that time, he was exposed to anarchism. He received the Doctorat d'Etat degree in 1931, returned to China in 1932, and took up research and writing as his career unceasingly. In 1958, he published the monumental work *the Evolution of Living Things*, still the best evolutionary biology work in China. In 1960, he was accused of negating Marxism with anarchism. Fortunately he obtained Vice-Premier Nie Rongzhen's protection from being put in prison. But his work *the Evolution of Living Things* must be revised. The book was revised by his student Wang Youlan, and the correcting was completed in 1963. Owing to the Great Cultural Revolution, the revised edition was not published until 1980. This paper tries to explain the whole course of publication and revision of *the Evolution of Living Things*, and compare the first edition with the revised one. We can tell that he believed in anarchism firmly.

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