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French natural philosopher who was among the first to advocate concepts leading to our current theory of evolution in living organisms. Robinet suggested in his five-volume work, *On Nature*, that species gradually changed, one into another, forming a linear sequence of progress, with no gaps. Although this view of evolution is now felt to be overly simplistic, it was very important at the time, forming as it did the first published viewpoint of species as mutable over time.