Marx's Darwinism: A Historical Note

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In the last years of his life, Marx developed an apparently close friendship with the English biologist E. Ray Lankester. At the time of their first meeting, probably in 1880, Lankester was about thirty-three years old and already distinguished in comparative morphology. At twenty-two, he had been appointed co-editor (with his father) of the important Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science; the following year he had been elected secretary of the biological section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he became president in 1883, the year of Marx's death. Elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1875 and a member of the Council of the Linnean Society in 1882, he was also the author of scores of books, monographs, and scholarly articles. Lankester was to achieve even greater fame, and a measure of notoriety, in the years after Marx's death, but there is no doubt that by the time he and Marx became friends, he had already achieved a considerable professional reputation.

What invests the Lankester-Marx relationship with interest is not their wide differences in age, for Marx had a number of much younger friends. As Isaiah Berlin was perhaps the first to note, the aging Marx became increasingly difficult in his personal relationships, easily offended and irritated by the behavior of old friends, but he was a gracious mentor to younger colleagues who sought his advice and support. Lankester was distinguished from the youthful radicals with whom Marx was friendly by his profession. He ardently dedicated his professional life to defending, extending, and popularizing Darwin's work. A study of the Marx-Lankester

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Marilyn, I agree. It's fascinating how Marx's ideas have evolved and are still relevant today.
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