

Creation Apologetics

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“Therefore, disregarding these needless opinions [evolution], let us turn to Moses as the better teacher. We can follow him with greater safety than the philosophers, who, without benefit of the Word, debate about unknown matters.” Martin Luther

Isaiah 29:13-16     1 Timothy 6:3-5

God used evolution as his method of creation. How do you respond?

How often is creation mentioned in the Bible?

Psalms 124:8

Proverbs 8:26-29

Amos 4:13

1 Timothy 2:13

2 Peter 3:5

Hebrews 11:3

**Apologetics**

“being prepared to make a defense [*apologia*] to anyone who asks” 1 Peter 3:15

**Theistic evolution as a model of origins**

Theistic evolution (TE) states that God used evolution for all origins (as his “method of creation.”) Theistic evolution is a sub-model of evolution; it has nothing to do with the creation model. Theistic evolution is a popular idea among Christians. To many it seems a good compromise and a way to accommodate “science” with their “theology.” Theistic evolution is a model proposed by people that attempts to harmonize and reconcile the Bible with evolution ... but does it?

Evolution model: origins are the result of natural processes (secondary causes). This is logically consistent with a materialistic worldview that has no need of God.

Creation model: origins are the result of intelligent, supernatural processes (primary causes). This is logically consistent with a Christian worldview.

Is it possible to combine ideas and have the “best of all worlds?” Luke 16:13

Can't we “baptize” evolution – cover it with something good – and make it acceptable? Matthew 23:27

Evolutionary scientists reject TE on religious grounds. Evolution is a naturalistic, materialistic process; it has no need for god. “Darwinism removed the whole idea of God as the creator of organisms from the sphere of rational discussion.” Psalm 14:1

Creationary scientists reject TE on scientific and religious grounds. TE is evolution; it is contrary to Scripture and to science.

Isaiah 5:20-21

Isaiah 29:13-16

Isaiah 45:9

Isaiah 64:8

## **The Word of God on origins**

The Bible rejects evolution, and as we have seen, so too does science. The creation account recorded throughout scripture affirms this. Moses recorded God's Word of creation in Genesis. Moses is a very reliable witness as he intimately knew God.  
Exodus 33:9-11    Numbers 12:6-8    Deuteronomy 34:9-10

Whom will you believe? Humans who don't know everything and make mistakes, or God who was there and declared what happened? Yes, it does require faith to believe in creation. It is faith in the Creator and not a blind faith.

1 Kings 18:21    Hebrews 11:3

## **Theistic evolution's effect on Christianity**

Why do some believe in theistic evolution? Due to social bias, many Christians believe evolution is "proven" by science. Many Christians want to avoid "controversial issues." Ultimately, it is so they can be accepted by the world.

Romans 1:18-23    1 Corinthians 1:18-25    1 John 2:15

If we can't believe Genesis 1, what can we believe? Evolution generates distrust in the clear words of scripture forcing Christians to "pick and choose" what is true and what is false in God's Word.    2 Timothy 3:16-17    Exodus 20:8-11

Evolution destroys the meaning of Christ's redemptive work. Romans 5:12-21 is a myth if evolution is true. Evolution destroys the idea of sin; there is no need for a Savior if there is nothing to be saved from.

## **Radiometric Dating**

The most common reason for accepting TE is many believe science has proven the earth is vastly older than the Bible indicates. Radiometric dating is a process used in the present to determine a past age. It works by making several *assumptions* which are based upon evolution. Consider this candle analogy ...

The word "day" in Genesis means an actual solar day. Here's why ...

Creation vs evolution – God vs. no god (evolution) or a god who does no good (TE)

**Creation is a reasonable (sensible and scientific) explanation for origins**

*The purpose of Creation Apologetics is to point to Christ*    John 1:1-5

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