

# REFUTING THEISTIC EVOLUTION

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Most professing Christians believe in theistic evolution. They believe in a Creator God and they believe in salvation through Christ, but they don't believe the Bible's account of six-day creation. They accept evolution's teaching about the ancient age of the earth and the gradual evolution of creatures.

Consider Billy Graham. He says it doesn't matter what one believes about creation and evolution. "Either at a certain moment in evolution God breathed into one particular ape-man who was Adam, or God could have taken a handful of dust and created a man just like that" (*United Church Observer*, July 1966). Theistic evolutionists believe that it is possible to reconcile the Bible with evolution, but in reality, this is an impossibility.

***First***, the early chapters of Genesis are written as history rather than poetry or allegory. The days of creation are 24-hour days with "an evening and a morning" (*Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31*).

***Second***, the Genesis account of creation is cited as history by Jesus. He mentions the first man and woman as historical people (*Mat. 19:4-6*). In *Matthew 19:5* Jesus quoted Genesis 2:24. Christ always treats Genesis as history, and it is impossible to honor Him as Lord and Saviour and disregard His teaching. In *Matthew 19:4-5*, Christ mentions both "accounts" of creation in *Genesis 1* and *2*. These are not two contradictory accounts of creation. *Genesis 1* and *2* are two accounts of the same creation viewed from different perspectives.

***Third***, *Genesis 1-11* is cited as history by seven of the New Testament writers. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are quoted from or referred to 100 times in the New Testament, and Genesis is always treated as historical. Adam is named nine times in the New Testament (*Lk. 3:38; Rom. 5:14; 1 Cor. 15:22, 45; 1 Tim. 2:13-14; Jude 14*).

***Fourth***, *Genesis 1-3* forms the foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ (*1 Cor. 15:3-4*). The gospel says that "Christ died for our sins." If Adam was not a real man and there was no literal sin, the gospel becomes an empty religious myth.

***Fifth***, Jesus' human genealogy is traced from Adam (*Luke 3:23-38*). We know that this genealogy contains the names of real historical people, and there is no reason to treat Adam differently. Further, there is no room within this genealogy for millions of years of time.

**Sixth**, Adam is compared to Christ (*Romans 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:45*). It is obvious that the apostle Paul considered Adam an actual man and the Genesis account literal history. If Christ is a real man, so is Adam!

**Seventh**, the teaching of Genesis cannot be reconciled with the teaching of evolution.

- a. Genesis says God created the world and everything in it in six days. The days of creation in Genesis 1 were regular 24-hour days, days with an evening and a morning (*Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31*). This is repeated in *Exodus 20:10-11*.
- b. Genesis says everything was made to reproduce after its kind. The statement “after their kind” is repeated ten times in Genesis chapter one (*Gen. 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25*). This is exactly what we observe in the world. Dogs reproduce dogs, spiders reproduce spiders, birds reproduce birds, and peanuts reproduce peanuts. Animals can interbreed and adapt within kinds (e.g., dogs can produce different kinds of dogs), but kinds cannot be bridged. This is what the Bible teaches and this is what we can observe everywhere in nature, yet evolution teaches that the kinds are not stable, that the fish evolved into the amphibian, and the amphibian into the reptile, and the reptile into the bird, etc.
- c. Genesis says the first man was created directly by God (*Genesis 2*) and was not the product of gradual evolution from the animal kingdom. The Bible says Adam was the first man (*1 Cor. 15:45*). And Eve is the mother of all men (*Gen. 3:20*).
- d. Genesis says man is made in God’s image and is not a part of the animal kingdom (*Gen. 1:27*). Evolution says man is an evolved animal.
- e. Genesis says the world was created perfect, then fell under sin and has been deteriorating ever since. This is consistent with everything we can observe. Everything is moving from order to disorder. Everything is deteriorating, running down. This is what the Second Law of Thermodynamics describes. But evolution says that things have gradually evolved from chaos to order.
- f. Genesis says everything was designed to fulfill God’s purposes. Wherever we look in nature, from the living cell to the stars, we see the appearance of design by a great Intelligence. This is contrary to the doctrine of evolution. Study the cell, the eye, the ear, the leaf, the bird’s wing, the atom, light, water. Everywhere you find evidence of purpose and design. Even a “simple” microscopic one-celled bacterium (*E. Coli*) contains DNA information units equivalent to 100 million pages of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and all of that information works together in perfect harmony and is self-replicating! Purpose and design is what one would expect if God created the world as the Genesis record says He did, but if evolution were true, we would find chaos.