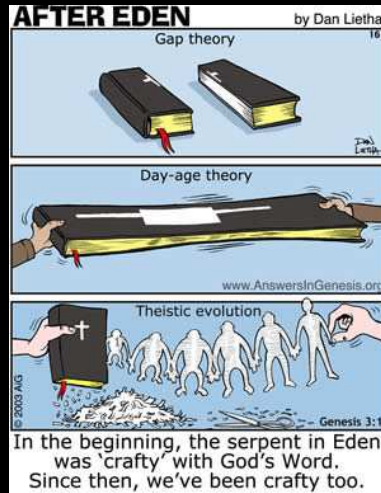


The Six Days of Creation & The Fallacy of Theistic Evolution



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Scriptures Teaching the 6 Days of Creation

Genesis 1:1-31

- “Evening and the morning were the 1st day” (v. 5)
- “Evening and the morning were the 2nd day” (v. 8)
- “Evening and the morning were the 3rd day” (v. 13)
- “Evening and the morning were the 4th day” (v. 19)
- “Evening and the morning were the 5th day” (v. 23)
- “Evening and the morning were the 6th day” (v. 31)
- “Evening and the morning were the first day” Moses

Exodus 20:8-11 - The 6-day work week premised on the 6 days of creation

Exodus 31:16, 17 - “For in 6 days the Lord mad the heavens and the earth, and on the 7th day He rested”

Mark 10:6 - “From the beginning of creation God made them male and female.”

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“Why Don’t Many Christian Leaders and Scholars Believe Genesis?”

by **Dr. Terry Mortenson**

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Because They Believe our Faith in Pop Science Supersedes Our Faith in God’s Word

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“Why Don’t Many Christian Leaders and Scholars Believe Genesis?”

Dr. Mortenson cites twelve renowned biblical scholars who concede old earth creationism or theistic evolution, not based on scriptural exegesis, but admit capitulating their interpretation of *Genesis* 1-3 to pop science uniformitarianism.

- Dr. Gleason Archer
- Dr. James M. Boice
- Dr. Meredith Kline
- Dr. Gordon Lewis
- Dr. Mark Demarest
- Dr. John Sailhamer
- Dr. Wayne Grudem
- Dr. J.P. Moreland
- Dr. Millard Erickson
- Dr. Kenneth Mathews
- Dr. Norman Geisler
- Dr. John Collins



Dr. Bruce Waltke, NASB & NIV Translator

Past president of the Evangelical Theological Society
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“The Christian scholars cited above and many other evangelical scholars and leaders during the past 200 years all say basically the same thing in different words.²⁸ In essence, they are teaching the church that science is the final authority in determining the correct interpretation of some or all of *Genesis* 1–11, or at least that science is the final authority in determining that the young-earth view must be wrong. Therefore, they think, Bible scholars are free to advocate all kinds of alternative interpretations, no matter how exegetically weak they may be.”

-Dr. Terry Mortenson, “Why Don’t Many Christian Leaders and Scholars Believe Genesis?” – (My emphasis, JBG)

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A Literal “Day”?

If we can't believe that the word “day” in **Genesis 1** is a literal 24 hour day because of humanistic “science” then:

1. Why is each use of “day” accompanied by the phrase “morning and evening” in **Gen. 1**?
2. Why did Moses teach that these were 24-hour days in **Exodus 20:11**? “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work. . . For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.” (also **Exodus 31:17 & Mk. 10:6**)
3. How do we believe the “unscientific” virgin birth of Jesus?
4. How do we believe the “unscientific” resurrection?
5. How do we believe the “unscientific” miracles of the O.T. and N.T.?

We can't believe any of the Bible, if we've already established from **Gen. 1** that humanistic science supersedes scripture.

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-John, MacArthur, 2000, *The Battle for the Beginning*, p. 44, emphasis in the original.



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What, Then, Does the Accomodationist Christian do Concerning the “Scientific Consensus” on the Following Issues?

- Human abortion?
- Embryonic stem cell research?
- Acceptance of the “scientifically-established fact” of innate homosexuality?
- Euthenasia and other end-of-life issues?
- Science of pop psychology often condoning fornication, adultery, extramarital affairs, abandoning family, unscriptural divorce and remarriages?

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Then, Do You Reject Other Supernatural Events?

- The serpent in the garden
- A worldwide flood and two of each kind of unclean animal entering Noah's ark
- Confusion of man's languages by God at Babel
- The miraculous conceptions of Sarah, Elizabeth and the Shunammite woman in 2 Kgs. 4 in their old age
- Joseph's interpretation of dreams
- Moses and the burning bush and the staff that turned into a serpent
- The 10 plagues
- Parting of the Red Sea
- Quail and manna from heaven to sustain the children of Israel in the wilderness

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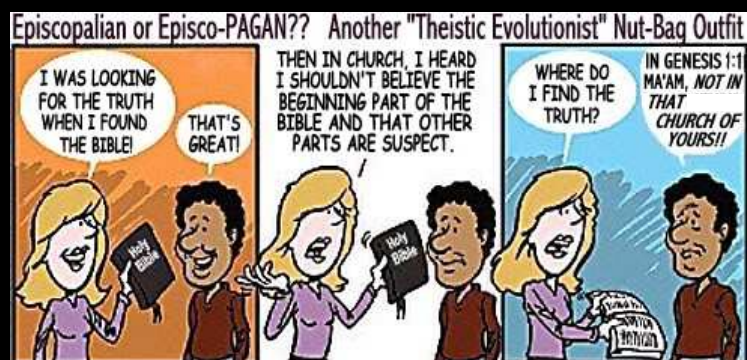
Then, Do You Reject Other Supernatural Events?

- Shoes and clothes that did not wear out in the wilderness wanderings
- Moses calling water from a rock
- Collapse of the walls of Jericho
- The signs given to Gideon in the wool
- The strength and mighty works of Samson
- Miracles performed by Elijah and Elisha (axe head floating on the water)
- Daniel surviving in the Lion's den
- The three Hebrews surviving the fiery furnace
- The virgin birth of the Christ
- The incarnation of deity
- The miracles of Jesus
- The resurrection

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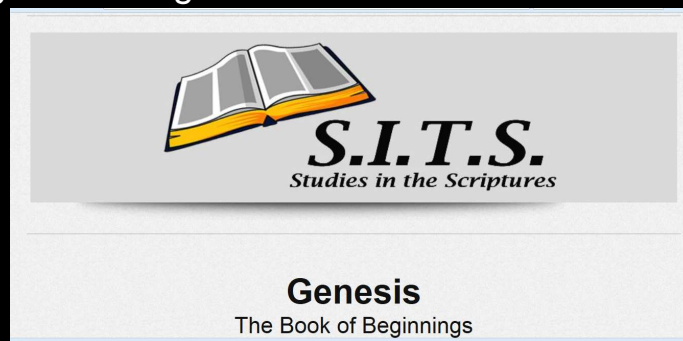
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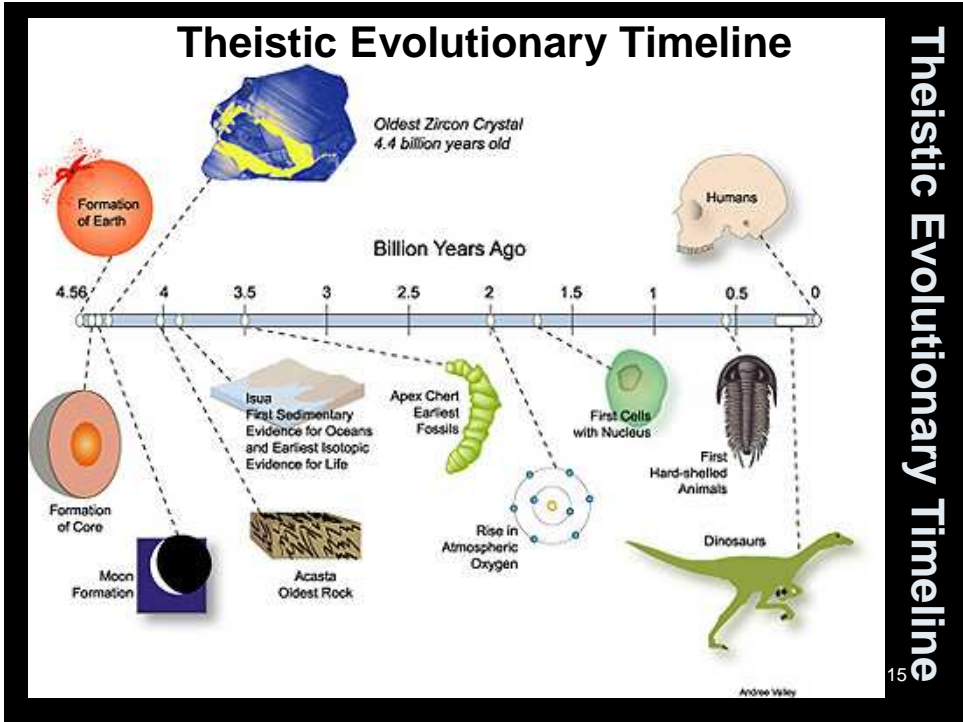
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Theistic Evolution

- I've written an article "*Biblically-Based Arguments Supporting a Young Earth*" in the April, 2012 issue of Biblical Insights magazine (*copies available on request*).
- Second article on "*The Harm in Rejecting the Unambiguous 24-hour Days of Creation in Genesis 1*"

- Much of the material I'm presenting tonight is in a manuscript that can be accessed from the **2011 Archives** on Kevin Kay's SITS website: www.sitsstudy.com
- Jeff Smelser has a manuscript at the same web page on the age of the earth.





Theistic Evolutionary Alternatives to the Six 24-hour Days of Creation in Genesis 1

- Note: All of these alternatives do irreparable hermeneutical damage to the Biblical text, such that if we accept these principles of Biblical interpretation, then we throw out any common sense rules of our understanding of the scripture is hopeless.

1. Day-Age Hypothesis

- First suggested by an Anglican bishop, George Stanley Faber, in 1823.
- Contends that each use of the word day in Gen. 1 may represent an indefinite period of eons of time (adding up to 13.8 Billion years).



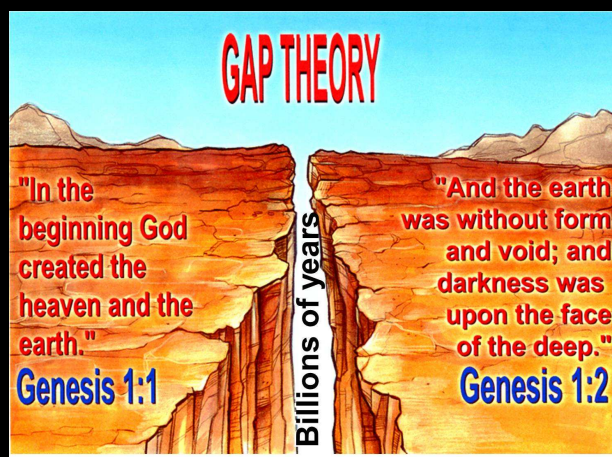
Day-Age Hypothesis continued

- YEC opponents argue that the D-AH. is based on a hermeneutical error called an "unwarranted expansion of an expanded semantic field." This is the practice of assuming that because a word in *some* cases may be used in a non-specific, accommodative and general sense (e.g., the word "day" being used to mean an "age of time" rather than a specific 24-hour period) then *anytime* this word is used it may be interpreted in the general non-specific sense instead of a specific 24-hour period (p. 167; [Chaffey, Tim, and Jason Lisle, Old Earth Creationism on Trial. 2008. Green Forest, AR: Master Books.](#))



2. The Gap Hypothesis

- Argues that ca. 4.5 – 13.8 Billion years transpired between Gen. 1:1 and 1:2, prior to the creation of man.
- Some argue that this was only "inorganic" (i.e., no plant or animal life), while their detractors say it had to be organic as the fossil record is full of the remains of animals and plants.



3. The Soft Gap Hypothesis

- Contends that the 4.5 - 13.8 Billion years occurs between Gen. 1:2 and 1:3, during which time distant star light was able to reach the earth.



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4. Modified Gap Hypothesis

- AKA, "pre-creation chaos gap hypothesis" proposed by John Neil Clayton.
- Argues that during the 4.5 Billion year gap between Gen. 1:2 and 1:3, all plant and animal life forms (e.g., forests, peat bogs, bacteria, viruses, amoeba, reptiles, dinosaurs, etc.) **except for "warm-blooded animals"** were on the earth.
- God allowed these organic forms of life to be buried in the ground because he knew that man would one day need their resulting gas, oil and coal.



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5. Ruin Reconstruction Hypothesis

- * Most popular of the gap hypotheses, introduced by Thomas Chalmers, (Presbyterian evangelist) in 1804.
- Teaches that in Gen. 1:2 "*The earth was without form*" should be translated, "*became without form and void.*"



Thomas Chalmers

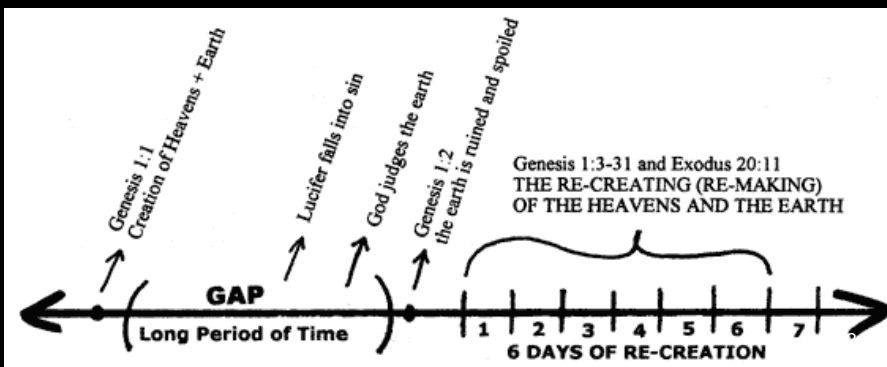
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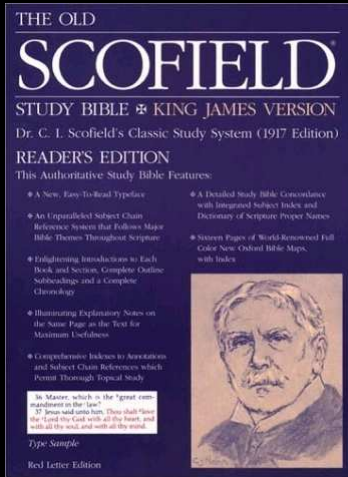
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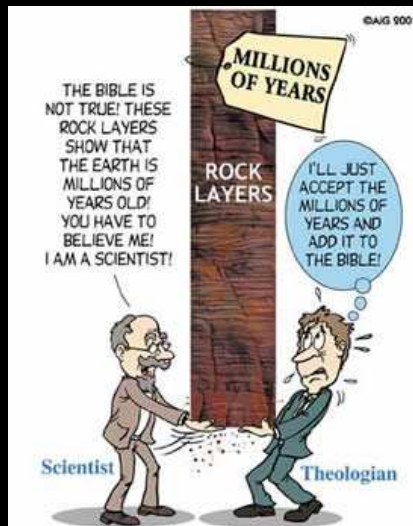
- Affirms that prior to the earth becoming void, God created it with magnificent resplendency. However, after "Lucifer's rebellion," or the "Luciferian fall," the earth became corrupt, so God destroyed the original earth (it became void) in "Lucifer's flood" and reconstructed the current world that we know.
- This gap hypothesis was popularized by the Schofield Reference Bible in 1917 and is currently held by many, especially those of Calvinistic tendencies.





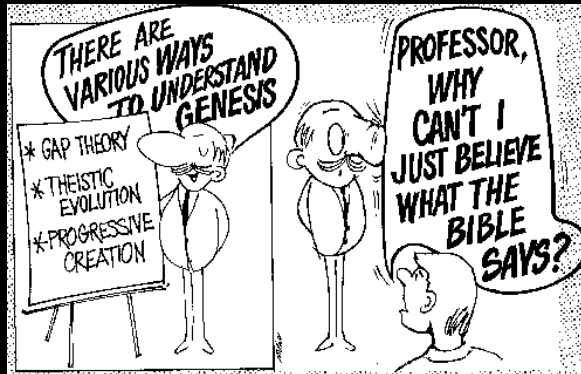
6. Late Gap Hypothesis

- The idea that Adam and Eve existed in the Garden of Eden for long ages of time (millions or billions of years [?]) before the fall. Thus, the gap takes place between *Genesis* chapters 2 and 3.



7. Literal With Gaps Hypothesis

- This hypothesis argues that each of the six days of creation were literal days; however, Jehovah inserted five eons of time amounting to millions or billions of years into the gaps between each of the six days.



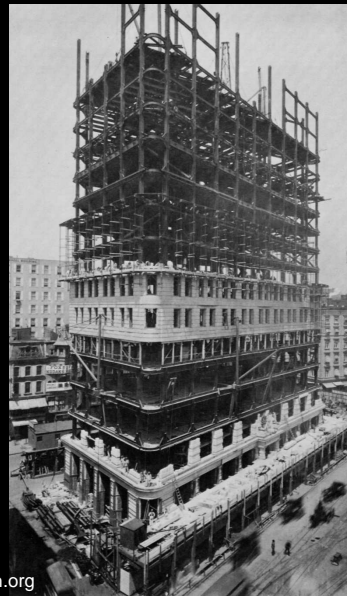
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8. Framework Hypothesis

- Non-literal view of the whole creation account, allowing for an ancient earth. YEC advocates often describe the FH as the most confusing of alternative views in which the six days of creation represent neither literal days nor correspond to ages of time
- Views the *Genesis* creation account as a “non-literal theological literary device” used to account for creation. Instead of being an actual chronological sequence, the six days of creation are said to represent topical categories.



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9. Revelatory Day View

- This idea contends that the six days of creation are actually a series of six visions, each one lasting one day, that were given to Moses to reveal Jehovah's creative work.



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10. Progressive Creationism

- Advocated by **Hugh Ross** - Typically includes some form of day-age or gap hypothesis.
- Often denies that organic evolution occurred
- Contends that during eons of time, God successively created animals and added them in a stepwise fashion to the earth in ever increasing complexity.
- Over time, these simpler animals would become extinct and God would create more complex ones, etc., until finally he created man.

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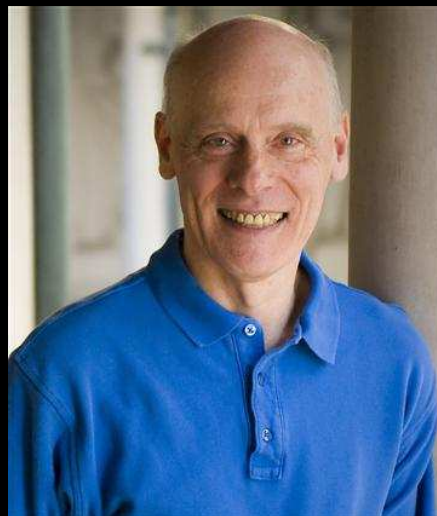
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Progressive Creat. Continued - I

- Teaches that for hundreds of thousands of years, pre-human primates that looked somewhat like men lived on earth and drew on walls in caves, although they weren't fully human and didn't have an eternal soul.
- These primates are sometimes called "spiritless hominids" and include the earliest ancient American Indians and the earliest ancient Australian Aborigines, which were not really humans

Progressive Creat. Continued -II

- Hugh Ross teaches that, amid the spiritless hominids 40,000 years ago, God finally placed modern man on earth and gave him a soul.
- Canadian-born astronomer, Hugh Ross, has, in recent years, been the leading proponent of progressive creationism among evangelicals.



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- Employs one or more of the previous ten views in order to abrogate the six 24-hour days of creation in Gen. 1 and allow for evolution.

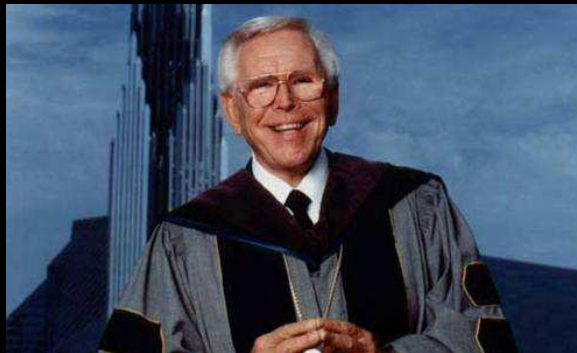
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Evangelical Advocates of Theistic Evolution

- Timothy Keller
- Billy Graham
- Chuck Colson
- Robert Schuller
- B.B. Warfield



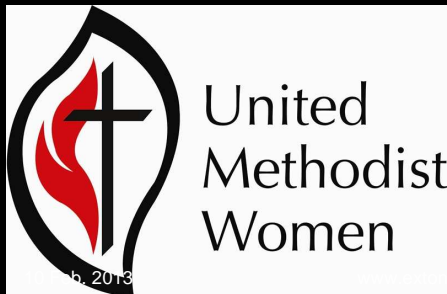
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Protestant Denominations that Allow for Theistic Evolution

- Presbyterian Church
- Nazarene Church
- Anglican Church
- Episcopal Church
- Lutheran Church
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Church
- Roman Catholic Church by sanction of Pope John Paul II in 1996.



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Percentage of People In Religious Groups Who Believe Theistic Evolution

- Buddhists (81%)
- Hindus (80%)
- Jews (77%)
- Orthodox Believers (54%)
- Mainline Protestants (51%)
- Catholics (58%)
- Muslims (45%)
- Historically Black Protestant Groups (38%)
- Evangelical Protestants (24%)
- Mormons (22%)
- "Jehovah's Witnesses" (8%).



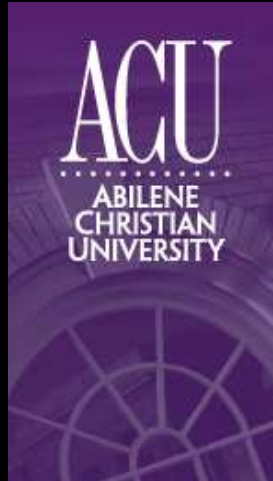
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Other Institutions Who Have Allowed for Theistic Evolution

- *Abilene Christian University* (since at least 1986)
- *Pepperdine University* (since at least 1984)
- *The Discovery Institute*
- *The Christian Post*
- *Christianity Today*



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Problems With Theistic Evolution

1. The Scriptures teach that creation occurred instantaneously at the command of God (**Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24; Pss. 33:6-9; 148:1-5; Heb. 11:3**).
- Theistic evolution teaches that the earth and all that it contains were created over **billions** of years of unhurried evolutionary progression.



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Problems With Theistic Evolution, cont.

2. The Bible teaches that the earth was created on day one and the stars were created on day four (**Gen. 1:1-5, 14-19**).

 - Theistic evolution teaches that the stars were formed billions of years **before** the earth.



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Problems With Theistic Evolution, cont.

3. Although **Genesis 1:16-19** teaches that the sun and the moon were both created on day four, theistic evolution teaches that the sun was created millions of years prior to the moon.



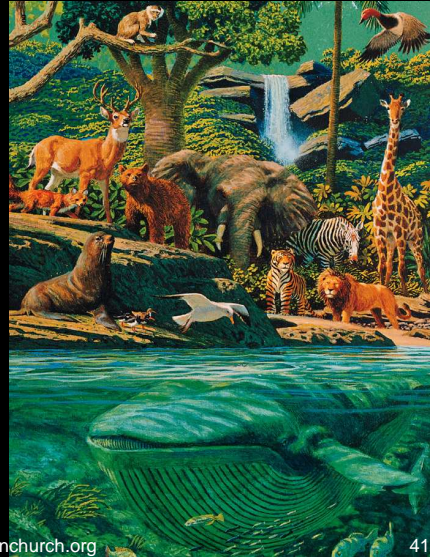
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Problems With Theistic Evolution, cont.

4. The Bible teaches that plant life and animal life were created on days three and six, respectively (**vv. 10-13, 24, 25**).

- Theistic evolution teaches that plant and animal life evolved alongside one another over millions of years.



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Problems With Theistic Evolution, cont.

5. The Bible teaches that both birds and fish were created on day five (**vv. 20-23**).

- Theistic evolution, on the other hand, advocates that fish preceded birds by millions of years.



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Problems With Theistic Evolution, cont.

6. Although **Genesis 1:20-25** teaches that birds were created first (day 5) and then reptiles were created the following day (day 6), theistic evolution avows that reptiles evolved millions of years prior to birds.



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7. **Genesis 2:18-23** declares that woman was fashioned from a rib taken from the side of man. Theistic evolution maintains that women evolved alongside man over millions of years.



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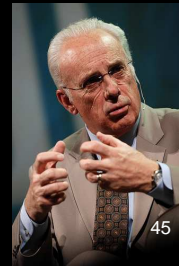
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