

5. Did God use evolution?

Some state that God made the cosmos, but then used evolutionary means to finish working in the earth. This is known as theistic evolution. Such an idea is not found within Scripture. This is an attempt to mix the truth from Scripture with the error of men. Mixing evolutionary theory with the truth of God's word is like mixing water and oil. When men mix God's truth with human "wisdom," it produces a compromise (syncretism) that destroys faith in God's word. If all you had was the Bible, would you ever read "billions of years" into the pages of Genesis? Genesis clearly defines a day as "evening and morning." No one in the history of the church has interpreted evolutionary theory from the Bible until the modern period. Evolution comes from the godless traditions of men. Like all godless traditions, these will all eventually be revealed to be foolish, just as the corrupt traditions of ancient paganism. "For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." (1 Corinthians 1:19-25)

One may ask about adaptation. Adaptation is very much a part of the wisdom that God placed into his creation. This can be observed and tested; it is scientific. Adaptation is consistent with the kinds of species that God has made. For example, the famous finches Charles Darwin studied on the Galapagos Islands did show a remarkable ability to adapt to their changing environment. God has placed the necessary information within each species to adapt and change to a variety of environmental factors. But this is not evolution. It is adaptation. For evolution to take place, one species would have to change to another species or kind. That has never been observed anywhere on earth, nor has it ever been recorded in any fossil record. Certain men have "magically" created graphs and artwork depicting their dream in the name of science, but it has all been false. This is because God did not use evolution to create or to sustain the universe – as stated in Scripture.

Bible passages to read: Genesis 1; 1 Corinthians 1:18-3:23

Questions to ponder:

1. Does God's wisdom mix well with the "wisdom" of men?
2. How does theistic evolution seek to join God's truth with human error?
3. What is the result of mixing God's truth and human "wisdom"?
4. Explain the difference between adaptation and evolution.
5. Do you trust the Bible more than the "wisdom" of men?