



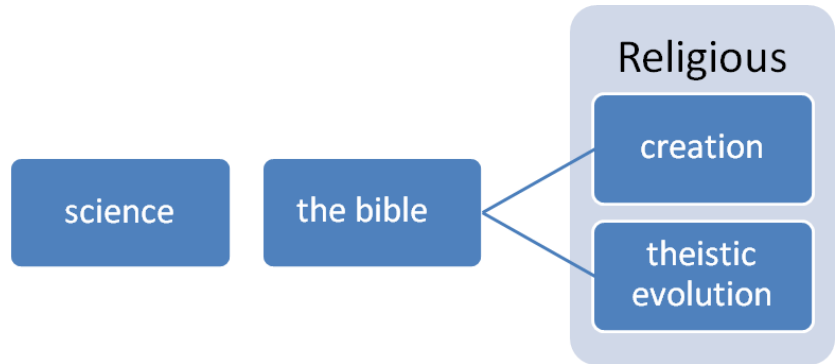
# My Ready Defense

## Week 9 - Theistic Evolution

### Two Views of The Bible

1. Creationists believe that:

- a. everything in God's original creation was very good
- b. Adam, Eve and the animals were vegetarians and there was no death
- c. sin and death came into the world through Adam
- d. God destroyed the world with a global flood and then said that man could eat meat
- e. in the future, God will restore the creation (Acts 3:21)



**Genesis 1:29-31:** And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

**Romans 5:12:** ...through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin

**Genesis 9:3:** Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

**Acts 3:19-21:** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

2. Theistic evolutionists believe that the fossil record was laid down over millions of years before mankind evolved and therefore, before the fall.



The fossil record shows death, disease, animals eating each other, thorns, tumours, etc. and therefore must have been laid down after Adam sinned, during Noah's flood.

## Problems with Theistic Evolution

1. If the Genesis account of creation is not true history even though it is written as historical narrative, how can the Bible be the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16)?
2. Why did Jesus, Peter, Paul and every author of the New Testament reference Genesis 1-11 as literal history on 100 different occasions (John 5:46-47, Matthew 19:4,5,46, 24:37-39)?
3. If God "created" using evolution, which makes Him unnecessary, how can God's "eternal power and divine nature" be "clearly seen" in creation (Romans 1:20)?
4. Why did God say that He created everything in six 24 hour days (Genesis 1, Exodus 20:11)?
5. Why did God provide a different history in Genesis than evolution demands, saying He created...
  - a. the earth before the sun (Genesis 1:1,16)?
  - b. the oceans before the land (Genesis 1:9-10)?
  - c. light before sun (Genesis 1:3,16)?
  - d. land plants/trees before marine life (Genesis 1:11, 20)?
  - e. plants before the sun (Genesis 1:11, 16)?
  - f. each kind of organism after their own kind (Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25)?
6. Which parts of the Bible should be reinterpreted to comply with a naturalistic or scientific perspective (e.g. the creation, the flood, the virgin birth, the resurrection, etc.)?
7. Why are there are no references to millions of years and other evolutionary concepts anywhere in the Bible?
8. Why would a good and loving God have used evolution, death and suffering as a means of creation, when death is the wages of sin and the enemy (Matthew 19:17, 1 John 4:8, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:26)?
9. How could organisms evolve over millions of years through death, suffering and survival of the fittest if death was a result of Adam's sin about 6,000 years ago (Genesis 2:16-17)?
10. If man coming from dust should be interpreted as coming from an ape-like creature, does man returning to dust mean we return to an ape-like creature (Genesis 3:19)?

11. If death brought man into the world, why would the Bible say that man brought death into the world (Romans 5:12, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22)?
12. If death did not come from one man's offense, what assurance do we have that righteousness comes from the One, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17)?
13. Why would Noah's Flood describe billions of dead things laid down by water all over the earth, about 4,300 years ago, if the fossil record formed over millions of years (Genesis 6-8)?
14. Why is there evidence of disease, like tumours and arthritis in the fossil record, when God said everything he created was "very good" (Genesis 1:31)?
15. Why is there evidence of thorns in the fossil record, when thorns were a result of the curse (Genesis 3:18)?
16. Why is there evidence of animals eating each other in the fossil record, when animals and humans were vegetarians before the Flood (Genesis 1:29-30, 9:3)?
17. If God used natural selection and mutations for creation and they are still happening today, why did He say the creation was finished (Genesis 2:1-3)?
18. Why does the whole creation groan and labour with birth pangs and why will the earth be burned up and replaced with a new earth (Romans 8:22, 2 Peter 3:10-13)?

## Summary

1. Everyone has a starting worldview. Your starting worldview is not provable.
  - a. There is no science that proves the naturalistic worldview.
  - b. We cannot appeal to any authority higher than the Word of God to prove the biblical worldview.
2. Evolution is a requirement of the naturalist or atheistic worldview, but is inconsistent with a biblical worldview in many ways, so it is important for Christians to take a stand on creation.
3. The Bible provides a history of cosmology, geology, paleontology and biology that is supported by science, but completely incompatible with evolution.
4. There has been an attack on God's Word ever since Genesis 3, but the attack on the days of creation using millions of years is the greatest attack on the authority of scripture today.
5. Rather than compromising on the authority of the Word of God in Genesis, Christians need to take a stand and build a ready defense that draws others to the Bible and not away from it.

He who is not with Me is against Me,  
and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

**Matthew 12:30**

