Can Creation And Evolution Both Be True?

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INTRODUCTION

- As we go out to share the gospel with other people, it is unavoidable that we're going to face questions.
- There's a segment of our culture who no longer see creation and evolution as mutually exclusive, but believe there is a middle ground to be found there. And that middle ground is theistic evolution.
- The important thing is not what is appealing. The important thing is what is true.

1 What Is Theistic Evolution?

- Essentially, they say that evolution is true.
- Theistic evolutionists do not see our universe and life as a grand cosmic accident like the atheist does.
- They see evolution as the mechanism that God used to create the world. God still did it, but he did it through evolution.
- He provided the materials. He began the process. He established the laws that govern it.

2 It Helps Evolution With Its Critical Problem Areas

- The first big hurdle that evolution faces is the beginning.
- Now they have an adequate way in their minds to deal with the beginning. God.
- The second hurdle we talked about was life. How do you go from non living things to living things?
- They say God started it. God took that first non-living matter and created life. And from that it began, and evolution took over from there.

3 The Obvious Glitch Is Genesis Chapter 1

Genesis 1:1–5

- Clearly, the book of Genesis gives us a much different story about creation, about the beginning, than evolution does.
- Genesis teaches that God created the world, spoken into existence by his word over six literal days.
- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- And there was evening and there was morning one day.
- Now, folks, that doesn't sound anything like evolution.

4 Some Dismiss the Genesis Account Altogether

- Some deal with the problem by simply dismissing the Genesis account altogether.
- He didn't mean us to take that literally. This is a figurative passage.
- It's not meant to be a literal or scientific or historical account of what actually happened.
- In other words, what they say is do what you will with Genesis. That's not how it happened.

5 The Day Age Theory

- There are some who have proposed what is known as the day age theory.
- They would argue that the days of Genesis were never meant to be understood literally as 24-hour periods of time, but instead they argue that each day represents an age of time.
- They would point out that we often use the word day in just that way. And they're right about that.
- When I talk about what happened in Jefferson's day, you all understand I mean an age of time. Not a 24 hour period.

MY NOTES