# The Christian World View & Theistic Evolution

By David Raby

In my talk about '**why I am a Christian with a Biblically developed worldview'**, we considered the difference between the **Christian worldview** founded upon **Biblical thinking** and an **evolutionary worldview** founded upon **secular thinking**.

- **This talk is about the importance of strengthening our Christian World View and the danger that Theistic Evolution presents.**

**Theistic evolution** is the belief held by some Christians that God **used** evolution in the creation process over billions of years. This concept **never appears** in the Bible, so it has to be inserted into Genesis creation record.

**But are evolutionary concepts provable to the standard of the divinely inspired Word of God?** *(think about that)*

**If not, what right do we have to insert them in the Bible?** *(think about that too)*

- Interestingly, what we consider to be **acceptable** and **true** about our universe and the world we live in **usually governs the way we think**. This is called a **'mindset'.** For example, when a person is certain about events occurring in the past that no humans have ever witnessed, such as life on earth supposedly evolving over vast timescales. If that is accepted as a '**true account**', a person's '**mind**' is '**set**' or '**made up**' on this issue.

This type of mindset also influences our motives, our language, our behaviour and the choices we make in life, for better or for worse.

**Therefore, we need to be careful about what we accept as true.**

- As a child you may remember putting coloured cellophane over your eyes and seeing the world around you in various colours such as red, green, blue or yellow. Seeing the world through these individual colours is amusing for children, but what the child sees through the coloured cellophane is **an unreal, distorted perspective**.

**Having an atheistic worldview is like putting on evolutionary glasses**. Everything you see through those evolutionary glasses, including earth's history and fossils etc is interpreted in millions of years of death, decay, corruption, extinction, pain and suffering.

Furthermore, God is eliminated in this worldview. Man decides that he is responsible to no one accept himself. He is the one who makes the rules and decides what is right.

**But having a Biblical worldview is like putting on Biblical glasses**. Everything you see is understood through the lens of Holy Scripture with God who made the heavens and the earth and with Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer.

- Through this Biblical lens we understand that the history of the Bible is a true account and that includes creation and the record of redemption, leading to a new heavens and earth where there will be **no** more sin, death, pain and suffering.

**As you can see, both worldviews are diametrically opposed, rather like light is opposed to darkness and truth is opposed to lies**. It is also about what we believe about our origin, is it God's word or man's word?

Therefore, be very careful when deciding which **'worldview'** to accept into your life. The choice you make will take you in radically different directions.

- Now, **theistic evolution**, like the cellophane example, is **coloured** by the **same** evolutionary thinking, leading to the **same** evolutionary mindset that leads to the **same** evolutionary outcomes, including empty meaningless lives.

Christians who hold this opinion attempt to fit evolutionary philosophy into the Biblical creation account by **harmonising** God's word with evolution.

- This is done by applying a **symbolic understanding** to the creation record. This means that God initiated and guided the evolutionary process, allowing for both the existence of a creator and a secular explanation for the origin and diversity of all life.

By doing this, theistic evolutionists insist that Genesis is a **non-literal account of creation** that highlights a theological narrative that attempts to convey so-called deeper truths about God's relationship with creation.

**This view means that the Bible must give way to man's opinions**.

Bible teacher, John MacArthur says that *"it is a serious mistake to imagine that modern scientists can speak more authoritatively than Scripture on the subject of origins. Scripture is God's own eyewitness account of what happened in the beginning. When it deals with the origin of the universe, all science can offer is conjecture."*

Theologian, Dr. Douglas Kelly makes the following statement: *"So the question of whether the Bible is a science textbook **evades** the real issues, which are to do with its **claim to total truth and authority**. It is meaningless to claim that scriptural authority applies only to religious things, since the Christian Gospel is all about **real things**, the real **origin**, **history** and **destiny** of man and the **universe**.*

*Remove its claim to authority in the realm of science, and you are actually removing it from any relevance to the real world."*

- **But ultimately, it is the Lord himself who, in one sentence, dispels the false notion of alternative views on creation**:

He says in **Mark 10:6** *'But from the **beginning of the creation** God made them male and female.'*

The Lord confirmed that it was from the '**beginning**' that God made the first man and woman. What **'beginning'** was Christ referring to?

It was the '**beginning of Creation**'.

The first man and women were made on **Day 6**, not after millions of years of gradual development.

- **Our Lord fully endorsed the literal Genesis account of creation here.**

**All Christians must do the same.**

**I do hope that we can accept that God has more wisdom on this matter than we do!**

So why don't all real Christians fully accept the creation account as it is written and as God inspired it?

- **There are numerous reasons why, but the most devastating reason is a lack of faith.**

A Christian who is strong in faith has no problem in accepting the Word of God exactly as He inspired it.

Conversely, a Christian who has a week faith struggles to accept parts of God's Word if it conflicts with a secular, evolutionary mindset. The Christian then attempts to modify God's word to fit secular thinking and evolutionary philosophy. **This is a dangerous mix**.

Remember that it is **'faith'** in the **true and living God** that saved us when we believed the Word of God. We received righteousness by **'faith'**. It was through **'faith'** that we received peace with God. We are to walk by **'faith'**.

In Ephesians, we are to take the shield of **'faith'** in defence against the attacks of the wicked one.

- Faith is a core essential in the Christian's walk with God. Without 'faith' we cannot please God and **that faith extends to believing God's word in the creation account exactly as God inspired it**.

**The heroes of faith in Hebrews ch 11** include Abel, Noah, Abraham and Moses the Lawgiver and so on. Could you imagine any one of these godly believers allegorising God's word or adding man's opinion to it?

- Can you imagine **Noah** modifying God's word and deciding that God is **not** going to send a **global flood** but a **local flood**. So all he has to do is move the animals out of the way to a safer place just a few miles up the road!

**Think of what the outcome would have been!**

**In Exodus 20:11** Moses writes: *For in **six days** the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the **seventh day**: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it*.

- This commandment, enshrined in God's Law, goes right back to the Creation Week of 7 literal days and is **one** of the **10 Commandments to the Jewish nation**. This is a further testimony to the literal accuracy of the Genesis account.

This further underlines the importance of the 7 day creation week forming the foundation of the weeks in our calendar even today.

**Christians must keep to the pure word of God and not add man's opinions to it or take anything away from it**.

- Now when Charles Darwin formulated his evolutionary account and publicised it in **1859** in a book called '**On the Origin of Species**'. He was **not** trying to understand **how** God could have created everything.

**No**, Darwin had already rejected God from his thinking, and he wanted to demonstrate above all else, **how** God can be **completely eliminated from all thinking about how life began**.

This book, and his later work, '**The Descent of Man**', published in **1871**, built upon the premise that his **1st book** attempted to achieve, namely, to completely **remove the Creator** from all **rational thinking**, from all **science**, from **nature** and **human behaviour**. After all, in this mindset, man is nothing more than an evolved animal.

**Darwin was very successful in achieving his aim.**

- Darwin's theory was **gladly welcomed** by an **ungodly world** and **unregenerate mankind**. It did not matter whether a person was religious, a communist, an atheist or anything else for that matter.

Darwin insisted that naturalism and nature is all there is. When that was accepted as '**fact**' and '**true**' by a godless humanity that had already rejected the Saviour, Darwin's work became published throughout the world, and it now forms an evolutionary framework that is rigorously imposed upon biology and upon other sciences.

**Remember the evolutionary glasses we looked at earlier?**

Man sees and understands everything through these glasses.

- **But we have seen that what he does see, is a highly distorted perspective.**

This brings the Christian's worldview into conflict with the athiestic worldview. This situation is then wrongly portrayed as as a matter of "**faith** versus **reason**" or "**belief** versus **knowledge**" or the **Bible** versus **science**.

- Evolutionists rely on this stereotype which portrays Christians as religious fanatics who reject the evidence for science for purely religious reasons. As long as the debate is seen this way, the scientific defects in evolutionary theory, and the philosophical bias that sustains it, can be effectively hidden from the unwary.

It must be stated that no true Christian is against genuine science.

- The science of Christians like **Robert Boyle** (father of Chemistry), **Isaac Newton** (discovered the Law of Motion and universal gravitation etc); **Michael Faraday** (discoveries in electromagnetism and electrochemestry), and many others who laid the foundation of **true**

**science** that is **testable**, **observable** and **verifiable**. This is the science that, in our modern day, designs and builds cars, space rockets, microwave ovens, computers, mobile phones, jet engines etc.

This is unlike the claims of evolution which still remains an **unsubstantiated hypothesis**. This is because evolution can not be **tested**, **observed** or **verified** by the normal scientific method.

- Evolution is fundamentaly an **interpretation of the past** and its conclusions lack genuine support by verifiable evidence.

The evidence it does claim is made to fit the evolutionary hypothesis, and the rest of the data that fails to conform to this hypothesis is conveniently hidden or ignored.

- **This is one of the untold secrets of evolution they don't want you to see**.

It should not go unnoticed that Evolution cannot answer man's most fundamental questions, such as:

- **Who am I?**
- **Where did I really come from?**
- **What is my purpose in life?**
- **What is truth?**
- **Why do bad things happen in our world?**
- **What happens after I die?**

Evolution and Theistic evolution have absolutely no answer to these questions or, at best, can only surmise at an answer.

**It is far better to know the Eternal God who created all things and who told us how He did it.**

- **In Isaiah 40:28** we read "*Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the **everlasting God**, the **LORD**, the **Creator** of the ends of the earth, faints not, neither is weary?"*

**The 'Creator of the ends of the earth' means that everything is in God's hands as to its past, present and future.**

So the real answer to these questions is that every human owes his origin to the Creator. It is the Saviour who gives true purpose and meaning to your life.

- Without Him, you are lost. Bad things happen in our world because man is a sinner, and he lives to please himself rather than God.

Absolute truth is only found in God because He is the one with eternal standards of truth, righteousness, peace and purpose.

All of this is found in the Lord Jesus Christ, and, if you are not saved, He stands ready to **accept you** and bless you as you are.

- Interestingly, although **theistic evolution** does receive some attention from the news media, it actually represents a **fringe position** among leading evolutionary biologists.

Nearly 95% of biologists in the **National Academy of Sciences** describe themselves as **atheists** or **agnostics**, a far higher percentage than in any other scientific discipline.

- Similarly, according to **a Cornell survey** of leading scientists in the field of evolution, **87%** deny the existence of God, **88%** disbelieve in life after death, and **90%** reject the idea that evolution is directed toward "some ultimate purpose." (i.e. God).

**So, to conclude, evolution and theistic evolution are really one of the same thing.**

- **In fact, the theistic thinking Christian** has one foot in a secular, godless mindset and the other foot in a Christian mindset and then attempts to **reconcile** them both.

An impossibility, as we have seen.

- **Finally, an evolutionary mindset, theistic or not, has dreadful consequences:**
    - Evolution denies that man is a **sinner** and needs **saving** from his sin.
    - Evolution denies that man is **lost** and needs God's intervention.
    - Evolution denies that man will **face judgement** for his rebellion.
    - Evolution denies there is a **lost eternity** to face.
    - Evolution **rejects** the person of Christ, the gospel, the inspired Word of God and the plan of salvation.
    - Finally, the evolutionist total **rejects** and **objects** to the **gospel invitation of forgiveness** and of being part of God's **new creation** in eternity to come, where there will be **no sin**, **no death**, **no pain and no suffering** but **joy**, **peace**, **love** and **eternal fellowship with our Creator**.
    - **God will grant them that request!**

**I conclude:**

The Biblical truth of how God created all things over the **timescale of a literal Creation week** and the **godless evolutionary philosophy** of millions of years are so completely opposite that reconciliation is impossible, no matter how much of God's word the Christian Theistic evolutionist is willing to sacrifice to bring about that reconciliation.

**Despite this**, Theistic evolutionists still attempt to integrate these two worldviews.

However such attempts only reduce the message of the Bible to irrelevance, robbing the Holy Scriptures of its divine revelation and power to save.

**The conclusion is inevitable: There is no support for theistic evolution in the Bible.**

Thank you.

David Raby ( September 2025)