

In many denominations, theological schools and universities the theory known as “theistic evolution” is being taught and promoted as a valid way to bridge the gap between the theory of organic evolution and the Biblical account of creation. Unfortunately, one side of the bridge rests on the fallen structure of organic evolution, which we know is false. The truth of the matter is, there is no right or true way to bridge together the creation account of Genesis and the false theory of organic evolution. The “middle of the road” stance of theistic evolution is looked on as meaningless and absurd by evolutionists. To faithful Bible believers it is contradictory to the truth, harmful to the souls of those believe it and a false doctrine.

What Is Theistic Evolution?

The word “theistic” comes from the Greek word *theos* meaning God. The word “evolution” refers to the theory of organic evolution, not micro evolution. Thus, when one claims to be a “theistic” evolutionist, he is claiming to believe in both God and organic evolution at the same time. Theistic evolution is the teaching that God brought matter into existence in the beginning and then supervised the process of plants, animals and man gradually evolving from lower forms of life over millions of years of time.

There are essentially three types of theistic evolution: (1) The Myth Theory which teaches the first eleven chapters of Genesis are a myth; (2) The Gap Theory which teaches there were many ages or a large gap of time between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2; and (3) The Day-Age Theory which denies the creation days of Genesis 1 are literally 24 hour days and asserts that they represent large periods or eons of time.

The Myth Theory

What is a myth? One definition of the word myth is, “An imaginary or fictitious person, thing, event, or story.” A specific explanation of the myth theory is that this view states that Genesis 1 and 2 contain two contradictory myths intended to show the importance of man in God’s eyes. However, Genesis 1 and 2 do not relate contradictory stories. They simply relate the same story from two different perspectives. There is no indication, either direct or implied in the first 11 chapters of Genesis, that these are not literal and historical accounts. Read **Genesis 1-11**. Is there anything

in the text that would lead anybody to believe that these things did not actually take place? The idea of them being a myth did not originate within the divine record.

Jesus and the inspired writers of the New Testament believed that they were actual historical accounts. Jesus endorsed the first chapters of Genesis when He said in **Mark 10:6**, “*But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.*” He commended the first chapters of the book of Genesis as reliable historical accounts. In **Matthew 19:4**, Jesus said, “*...Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.*” If man first existed (as theistic evolution teaches) as a little one cell being, he was not a creature of any gender. If that is true, then man and woman did not begin as Jesus said they did, because Jesus referred them to the Genesis account by saying, “*Have ye not read?*” Since Jesus endorsed the Genesis account of the miraculous creation of man and woman, we must accept it and reject theistic evolution.

The inspired apostle Paul endorsed the creation account of Genesis, when he wrote in **1 Timothy 2:13-14**, “*For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*” And in **2 Corinthians 11:3**, he wrote, “*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*”

The inspired apostle Peter endorsed the Genesis account of the flood when he wrote in **2 Peter 2:5** that God, “*...spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.*”

These are just the beginning of the overwhelming evidence that the New Testament writers endorsed the book of Genesis as literal and historical. There are more than one hundred references to **Genesis 1-11** in the New Testament! Thus, one cannot deny the first eleven chapters of Genesis as literal historical accounts, without denying the New Testament. If we cannot trust Jesus in the New Testament record, on what basis can we take any part of His Word as being true? The Myth Theory implies that Jesus is a false Christ and His apostles are false teachers. It overthrows faith in Christ, God and both the Old and New Testaments. This type of theistic evolution is more dangerous and misleading, more deceptive and hurtful to the faith of more people, than avowed atheistic evolution and atheism. Those who advocate this doctrine

are forced to reject Christ and the apostles while trying to hold on to what they call Christianity, which is nothing but liberalism and modernism.

The Gap Theory

This theory of theistic evolution is called the “gap theory” because it leaves a large gap of time between **Genesis 1:1** and **Genesis 1:2**. **Genesis 1:1** is described as a timeless verse, that is, it is not included in the six days of creation described in the remainder of **Genesis 1**. It, therefore, predates everything which happened beginning in **Vs. 2**. During this “gap” there supposedly lived successive generations of plants, animals and even pre-Adamic men. This perfect creation was then made **imperfect** through the sin of Satan. Satan rebelled and God cast him from heaven, with his followers. As a result of Satan’s war with God, a cataclysm followed and God destroyed the original creation, leaving the earth in a state of darkness. Then beginning in **Vs. 2**, God renovated or made the earth as we know it now.

Genesis 1:1-2 says, “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*” Is there anything in between these verses which indicates that huge amounts of time took place with all the other things mentioned happening in between? Those who defend the Gap Theory argue that the Hebrew translated “*was*” in the KJV should be translated as “*became*.” Some argue that the earth *was not* created “waste and void” in the beginning, when the text says that it *was*. In fact, all reliable translations translate the Hebrew as “*was*” in this passage. You have to find an inaccurate translation to support the translation of the Hebrew as “*became*” in Verse 2. Hebrew grammar and grammarians overwhelmingly support the word “*was*” here as an accurate translation of the Hebrew. Only those trying to open a “gap” between **Genesis 1:1** and **Genesis 1:2** want the word “*became*.”

Jesus effectively closed the “gap” between **Genesis 1:1** and **Genesis 1:2** when He said in **Matt. 19:4**, “*...he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.*” This is the same “beginning” as **Genesis 1:1**. Jesus included the six days of creation as the “beginning.” Same time, same place, same creation. Either Jesus was telling the truth or not. If he was not telling the truth, as the gap theory implies, then this theory denies His Word and His deity. Some would

argue, that the gap theory has nothing to do with salvation or man's redemption. But, it does because it implies that Jesus did not tell the truth and cannot be trusted as our Savior. It discredits not only the account of Genesis, but the credibility and deity of Jesus and all things associated with Him.

Exodus 20:11 also states, "*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*" Did God make the heaven and the earth and all that in them is in six days or did He, as the Gap Theory asserts, make heaven and earth at the beginning, and then after long spans of time (millions of years) make the sea and all the rest of the things on the earth? Either this statement in **Exodus 20:11** is true or false. If God did not make the heaven and earth and all the rest of creation in six days, then this passage is false. And if it is false, then what part of the Bible is true? The fact is the Gap Theory is a false theory, and the Bible account of creation is true. God created the heaven and earth, the sea and all things therein in six days.

The Day-age Theory

This theory of theistic evolution is called the "day-age theory" because it asserts that the days of Genesis 1 are long ages, eons or periods of time. One of the reasons for this is because of the vast amounts of time organic evolution needs to supposedly bring about the various changes.

The Hebrew word translated "day" in **Genesis 1** is **YOM**. Although this word can have various meanings in the Hebrew language, it has a definite and fixed meaning in **Genesis 1** which refers to a 24 hour period of time. This is borne out not only by the use of the word, but also by the context. When the word **YOM** is modified by a number (first day, second day, etc.) it always refers to a 24 hour day. The use of a number with the word **YOM** makes it mean a 24 hour period. This occurs 357 times outside of Genesis 1. Each time it is used to describe a 24 hour period. Seven heads of the Semitic departments of seven major universities stated that **YOM** when modified by a numerical adjective, can only be taken to mean a period of 24 hours.

Notice also that each of the six days described in **Genesis 1** are divided into evening and morning (Vs 5,8,13,19,23,31). What do the mornings and evenings refer to if the days refer to vast periods of time?

Inaccurate definitions have to be given to morning and evening in order to fit the Day-Age Theory. Further, if the word "day" means long periods of time or years, then what does the word "years" in **Genesis 1:14** mean? What else would God have to do to emphasize that these days were 24 hour periods of time?

Exodus 20:11 says, "*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*" How long was the "sabbath day" which God blessed and hallowed and gave to Israel to keep? Did it go on for long ages of time, or was it a 24 hour day that came at the end of six 24 hour days — every week? We know it had to be a 24 hour day in order for Israel to keep the sabbath, which was a command of the Lord (Exodus 20:8). Further in this context, in **Exodus 20:9-10**, the record says, "*Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God...*" Were these "six days" long periods of time and the "seventh day" a 24 hour period? But, on what basis, could the argument be made that the "six days" of creation in **Vs 11** are long periods of time? The Day-Age Theory is nothing more than an attempt to compromise the creation account of the Bible with the false theory of organic evolution and the vast amounts of time it needs.

Conclusion

The efforts of some to accommodate, in the Biblical account of creation, the geologic time tables, which are at best a fabrication of science and the ancient earth theory, are a failure. But, theistic evolution is worse than that, it also discredits God, Christ, and the Bible and destroys the faith of the uninformed souls who believe it. Theistic evolution is based on a false interpretation of science and a false interpretation of the Bible. It is the worst of both possible situations and should be rejected, refused and refuted by all Christians.

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