**EVOLUTION**

**In support of the Theory of Evolution**

Evolution has been so strongly entrenched in education and science today that many Christians have decided to deem evolution as, "God's method of creation.” In support of the theory of evolution, Christians have pointed to Psalm 90:4, which says, “A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.”

The Genesis record of the six days of creation has been reinterpreted in terms of the evolutionary ages of historical geology. These geological ages themselves have been accommodated in Genesis either by placing them in an assumed "gap" between [Genesis 1:1](https://www.icr.org/bible/Genesis/1/1) and 1:2 or by changing the "days" of creation into the "ages" of evolution.

This view is called theistic evolutionism and is taught in a majority of mainline Protestant seminaries and is the official position of the Catholic church. With this approach, spiritual creation stories are usually interpreted as allegorical.

**In support of Creationism**

Creationists claim that theories of this kind raise more problems than they solve. They believe that it is more productive to take the Bible literally and then compare it to the actual facts of science rather than holding it up against unproven theories and conjecture. If the Bible contains scientific fallacies, it could not have been given by inspiration.

This worldview believes that evolution contradicts the Bible’s record of creation in Genesis, Exodus, and in the New Testament. In the first chapter of Genesis, it communicates that God’s creation goes from erev (disorder/now translated ‘evening’) to boker (order/now translated ‘morning’) each day for six days. Genesis 2:2 says, “And on the seventh day God ended his work….” In Exodus 20:11, God writes with His own hand the fourth commandment and then says, “for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth……”. In Hebrews 4:4 it says, “…God did rest the seventh day from all His works.”

Creationists see evolution as inconsistent with God's methods. The standard concept of evolution involves the development of innumerable misfits and extinctions, useless and even harmful organisms. If this is God's "method of creation,” it is strange that He would use such a cruel, haphazard, inefficient and wasteful processes. The God of the Bible is a God of order and of grace, not a God of confusion and cruelty. Before sin entered the world, there was no death – this in itself contradicts evolution, which requires millions of years of death before man evolves.

The evolutionary philosophy is the intellectual basis of all anti-theistic systems. It served Hitler as the rationale for Nazism and Marx as the supposed, scientific basis for communism. It is the basis of the various modern methods of psychology and sociology that treat man merely as a higher animal. It has provided the pseudo-scientific rationale for racism and military aggression. Its whole effect on mankind has been harmful and degrading. Jesus said: "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit" ([Matthew 7:18](https://www.icr.org/bible/Matthew/7/18)). The evil fruit of the evolutionary philosophy is evidence enough of its evil roots.

Thus, creationists say that evolution is Biblically unsound, theologically contradictory, and sociologically harmful.