

# Theistic Evolution

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While all Christians acknowledge the fallacy of the “Big Bang Theory” and agree that there is one supreme God who created the entire universe, some Christians have compromised the truth and as a result have embraced the doctrine known as “theistic evolution.” While this doctrine does agree that God is the Creator of the world, it sets forth that several of the days of creation were not literal days, but rather thousands or millions of years. This doctrine allows Christians to believe in God, but also to ascribe to the popular theory of evolution. It is completely false, however, and Christians must understand how to tear it apart.

First of all, why do some Christians believe in theistic evolution? Their main “authority” for this theory is derived from Genesis 1:15-19. We are told in verse 16, “And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also.” What we find here is that on the fourth *day* of creation, God created the sun, moon and stars. Because a day is measured by these two “great lights,” they conclude that days one through three were not literal days. While this initially sounds like a legitimate concern, let us consider several points that show the fallacy of this theory.

When you examine the language of the entire chapter, it becomes clear that ALL six days of creation were literal days. Notice that on the first day, in verses 3-5, “God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God say the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” While the sun and moon were not created until the fourth day, there was clearly light and darkness on days one through three. Furthermore, it plainly states that “the evening and the morning were the first day.” And then in verse eight, regarding the second day, “And the evening and the morning were the second day,” and again in verse 14, “And the evening and the morning were the third day.” Do you see it? There were literal days prior to day four, despite the fact that the sun and moon were not yet created.

Consider also that plant life was created on the third day. Those who ascribe to theistic evolution would have to say that plant life (which requires sunlight) somehow managed to remain intact for millions of years before the sun and moon were created. It would have been impossible for plant life to be sustained for so long without UV rays. This again proves that the first three days of creation HAD to be literal days.

Now let us consider a few points from other passages in the Bible. In Exodus 20:9-11, for example, we find the six *days* of creation being used to illustrate the command to keep the Sabbath day. Follow along, beginning in verse nine, “Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: by the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work... For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.” The people of Israel were to work six literal days, right? These days were certainly not symbolic, representing thousands or millions of years. Just as God created the world in six *literal* days, so were the people of Israel required to work for six *literal* days. It is obvious that theistic evolution is false!

Before we close the lesson, let us consider one final point from Matthew 19:4 where Jesus, while discussing the subject of marriage, says, “Have ye not read, that He which made them at the *beginning* made them male and female.” When was man created? The sixth day, right? According to theistic evolution, that would have been after the literal day was created on day four...but could this be considered the beginning, as Jesus says here if days one through three were actually millions of years long? Certainly not! This again proves that the six days of creation were literal.

As seen above, the doctrine of theistic evolution is completely and utterly false. We have shown not only from Genesis 1, but also from other passages in the Bible, that the six days of creation were literal days. Let us not compromise the truth!