

Evolution and the Bible: Contrast

- 1. Bible:** divine fiat creation, Gn.1:3. 2 Co.4:6. Evolution teaches slow, materialistic process.
- 2. Bible:** full grown creation of plants and animals, Gn.1:11-12, 20-25. Evolution: small, incomplete first life forms.
- 3. Bible:** plants and animals produced after their kind (Gn.1:11-12, 24-25). Evolution: not so...
- 4. Bible:** man created in image of God;, Gn.1:27; fall, Gn.3. Evolution: man began as small mass of protoplasm, evolved upward.
- 5. Bible:** Christ created all things, Jn.1:1-3. Did He work through an evolutionary process?

If General Theory of Evolution is True

1. No need for God.
2. No need of Savior.
3. No basis of moral values.
4. No reliability in Bible; Christianity is false.
5. No sin, accountability, judgment, eternity.

Views of Genesis 1 (1/5)

1. **Gap theory:** Gn.1:1 – billions of years –
 - a. No standard version translates *became* (2)
 - b. Scriptures make NO mention of it??
2. **Multiple-gap theory:** creation days of Gn.1 are really pauses between geologic ages
 - a. Who would have supposed...?
 - b. Did God deceive readers?
 - c. Ex.20:11, did Moses misrepresent Gn.1?
3. **Modified gap theory:** Gn.1:1 is undated.
4. **Day-age theory:** Each day is aeons or ages.
 - a. General rule of Bible study...
 - b. Day in Gn.1 does not suggest millions of yrs.

Views of Genesis 1 (2/5)

1. Gap theory: Gn.1:1 – billions of years –
2. Multiple-gap theory: creation days of Gn.1 are really pauses between geologic ages
3. Modified gap theory. Gn.1:1 is undated.
4. **Day-age theory**, cont'd. Each day is aeon or ages.
 - a. “If . . . ‘day’ in these chapters does not mean a period of 24 hours, the interpretation of Scripture is hopeless” – M. Dods.
 - b. “The interpretation of *yom* as aeon, a favorite resource of harmonists of science and revelation, is opposed to the plain sense of the passage and has no warrant in Hebrew usage” – Skinner.

Views of Genesis 1 (3/5)

1. Gap theory: Gn.1:1 – billions of years –
2. Multiple-gap theory: creation days of Gn.1 are really pauses between geologic ages
3. Modified gap theory. Gn.1:1 is undated.
4. **Day-age theory**, cont'd. Each day is aeon or ages.
 - c. “**First** day,’ ‘**second** day,’ etc. indicate ordinary days. Nu.7:12, 18, etc.; 29.
 - d. Days of creation are same as ordinary Hebrew work **week**, Ex.20:11.
 - e. Moses distinguishes **days** and **years**, Gn.1:14.
 - f. Each day is divided into **evening** and **morning**.
If millions of years, plants burn up / die.

Views of Genesis 1 (4/5)

1. Gap theory: Gn.1:1 – billions of years –
2. Multiple-gap theory: creation days of Gn.1 are really pauses between geologic ages
3. Modified gap theory. Gn.1:1 is undated.
4. Day-age theory. Each day is aeons or ages.
5. **Progressive Creation:** big bang progresses until road block; God intervenes (progressive evolution)
 - a. Denies creation of inanimate world
 - b. Denies 'kind' of Gn.1-2
 - c. Denies Genesis through Revelation

Views of Genesis 1 (5/5)

1. Gap theory: Gn.1:1 – billions of years –
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4. Day-age theory. Each day is aeons or ages.
5. Progressive Creation: big bang progresses until road block; God intervenes (progressive evolution)
6. **Proclamation Day theory**: takes one day to proclaim it, long times to accomplish it.

Evolution has failed to . . . (1/2)

1. Explain the existence of a material universe
2. Explain origin of mechanical & chemical energy
3. Prove that the one cell protozoa is the origin of many celled animals
4. Prove the transmutation of species
5. Prove one species has fundamentally changed throughout the centuries
6. Prove natural selection and survival of the fittest have evolved species, or that acquired characteristics are hereditary

Evolution has failed to . . . (2/2)

7. Prove that one cell can produce cells different from itself in function
8. Bridge the gap between cold-blooded reptiles and warm-blooded mammals
9. Produce one distinct missing link between the ape and man (or any two distinct species)
10. Explain the existence of some form of mentality in all forms of life
11. Explain the existence of intelligence, rational power, and spiritual inclinations