

Does the Bible Permit the Theory of Evolution?

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The Theory of Evolution proposes that that over millions of years, relatively complex life forms (including man) evolved from simpler forms of life. While this is an intriguing scientific theory, *the Bible does not permit this possibility*. Rather, the Bible teaches that the LORD created all forms of life as distinct, fully-developed life-forms during a literal six-day creation week.

The language of Genesis chapter 1 speaks of six literal days of creation. Six times, the Bible describes the days of the creation week as being composed of an “evening and morning.” The LORD used very literal language in order to rule out the possibility that he was referring to longer periods of time (i.e. millions or billions of years).

In Genesis chapter 1, the Bible says that all forms of life were created to reproduce “after his kind.” Grass produces grass; whales produce whales, beasts of the earth produce beasts of earth. Multiple times, the Lord repeated that each form of life reproduces “after his kind.” This phrase refutes the possibility of evolution because it refutes the possibility that one life form evolved into “another kind” of life. Rather, each form of life reproduces “after his kind.”

In Genesis 1:26-28, the Bible teaches that the LORD created man separately from animals. We have an origin that is distinct and separate from the origin of plants, sea life and animals. Man was created at a distinct point in time (v.26-27). And man was created separately from animals (vs. 24-25) and separately from sea life and birds (fifth day of creation). And the Bible is clear that only man was created “in the image of God.” (1:26). The literal language of Genesis 1 excludes the possibility that man evolved from other forms of life.

The Bible is clear that death entered the world as a result of sin (Rom. 5:12). Therefore, if the theory of evolution is true, nothing could have died for millions (or billions) of years, i.e. nothing could have died until man evolved “far enough to sin.” This isn’t possible because the earth isn’t large enough to accommodate all of the animals that would have been produced over the millions or billions of years that evolutionist claim were required for man to evolve.

The Bible timeline only permits the earth to be 5,000 – 6,000 –years-old. Even if we interpret the Bible timeline rather loosely, the Earth cannot be more than 10,000-years-old. Because millions of years would be required for man to evolve from simpler forms of life, scientists who endorse the theory of evolution argue that the earth must be millions (or billions) of years old. The Bible timeline simply does not permit this possibility. (And the so-called “Gap theory” is refuted by Rom. 5:12). Also note that the Flood explains geological observations that argue for a very old Earth.