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If evolution is false, then numerous sciences have embraced false testimony. Whenever these sciences conform with evolutionary views, they misrepresent reality. How much more then a theology which departs from what the Bible says and embraces evolution!

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In no other historical book do we find so many and such valuable statements of purpose for man as in the Bible. For example:

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Evolutionists brush all this aside, e.g. Richard Dawkins says, "Nearly all peoples have developed their own creation myth, and the Genesis story is just the one that happened to have been adopted by one particular tribe of Middle Eastern herders. It has no more special status than the

belief of a particular West African tribe that the world was created from the excrement[4] of ants."

If evolution is false, then numerous sciences have embraced false testimony. Whenever these sciences conform with evolutionary views, they misrepresent reality. How much more then a theology which departs from what the Bible says and embraces evolution!

Without an instantaneous, complete and recent creation we are in danger of... Missing the Purpose we are even here today!

In no other historical book do we find so many and such valuable statements of purpose for man as in the Bible. For example:

1. Man is God's purpose in creation [Genesis 1:27-28](#) And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. Man is the purpose of God's plan of redemption [Isaiah 53:5](#) But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

3. Man is the purpose of the mission of God's Son [1 John 4:9](#) By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

4. We are the purpose of God's inheritance. [Titus 3:7](#) that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

5. Heaven is our destination [1 Peter 1:4](#) to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

However, the very thought of purposefulness is anathema to evolutionists. "Evolutionary adaptations never follow a purposeful program[5], they thus can not be regarded as teleonomical."5 Thus a belief system such as theistic evolution that marries purposefulness with non-purposefulness is a contradiction in terms.

CONCLUSION

The doctrines of creation and evolution are so strongly divergent that reconciliation is totally impossible. The theistic evolutionists attempt to integrate the two doctrines; however such syncretism reduces the message of the Bible to insignificance. The conclusion is inevitable: There is no support for theistic evolution in the Bible.

God made all of the Universe:

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Acts 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them," (NKJV)

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him.¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:10 And: You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (NKJV)

Revelation 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

We believe God created the world instantly, completely and recently!

[1] This article has been adapted from chapter 8, "The Consequences of Theistic Evolution", from Dr. Werner Gitt's book, *Did God use Evolution?*,

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[3] Hoimar von Ditfurth, *Wir sind nicht nur von dieser Welt*, Munchen, 1984, pp. 21-22.

[4] Richard Dawkins, *The Blind Watchmaker*, Penguin Books, London, 1986, p. 316.

[5] H. Penzlin, Das Teleologie-Problem in der Biologie, *Biologische Rundschau*, 25 (1987), S.7-26, p. 19