

God and Evolution – Did God Use Evolution?

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The Purpose of this Study!

A. My background (A Passion)

a. My goal is **not** to.....

i. *scientifically disprove evolution*

ii. *scientifically prove creation*

b. My goal is to...

i. Glorify God –

- **"The end of all doctrine is to lead to the knowledge of God and the worship of God."**

-**Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Assurance)**

ii. Honor Scripture –

1. **General revelation** (creation) is subservient to the **special revelation** (Scripture)

iii. To “destroy” or expose false beliefs about God’s workings in His creation.

iv. To convince you of three things....

1. ...That this topic is extremely important.

2. ...That God **absolutely** did not use evolution.

- a. Two quotes
 - i. “The Big Bang, which today we hold to be the origin of the world, does not contradict the intervention of the divine creator but, rather, requires it. ... Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation, because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve.”
 - ii. But if 'evolution' remains at the level of a scientific biological hypothesis, it would seem that there is little reason for conflict between the implications of Christian belief in the Creator and the scientific explorations of the way which-- at the level of biology--God has gone about his creating process."

3. That you do not need a Doctorate degree to answer the question, Did God use evolution?

The Basics of Evolution

If God used evolution....

1. Did he withdraw himself? – Deistic view
2. Did he only direct some portions and allow other portions to develop on their own? – Progressive Creation
3. Did God guide the process of evolution completely – Theistic Evolution