

# Evolution and Creationism

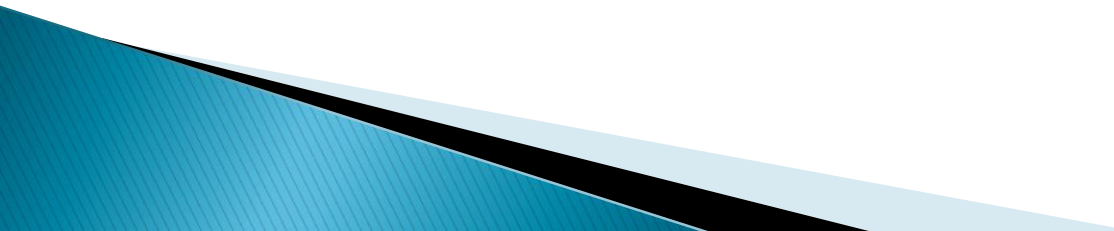
## Are they compatible?

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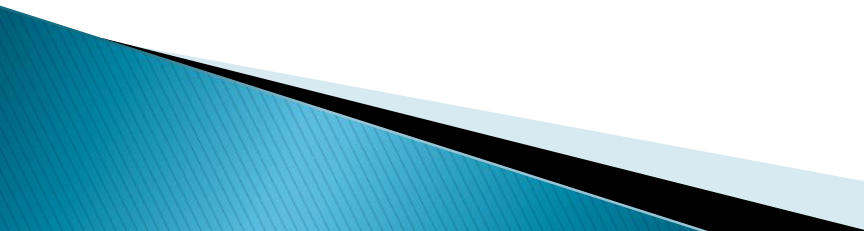


# 2007 Pew Forum Survey...Those who agree that evolution is the best explanation for the origin of human life on earth

- ▶ 81% Hindu
- ▶ 80% Jewish
- ▶ 77% Unaffiliated
- ▶ 72% Catholic
- ▶ 58% Orthodox
- ▶ 54% Mainline Protestant
- ▶ 51% Muslim
- ▶ 45% Hist. Black Protest.
- ▶ 38% Evang. Protestant
- ▶ 24% Mormon
- ▶ 22% Jehovah's Witness
- ▶ 8% Total U.S. population

- ▶ **Theistic evolution or evolutionary creation** is a concept that asserts that classical religious teachings about God are compatible with the modern scientific understanding about biological evolution. In short, theistic evolutionists believe that there is a God, that God is the creator of the material universe and (by consequence) all life within, and that biological evolution is simply a natural process within that creation. Evolution, according to this view, is simply a tool that God employed to develop human life.
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# Creationism

- ▶ 1. the doctrine that matter and all things were created, substantially as they now exist, by an omnipotent Creator, and not gradually evolved or developed.
  - ▶ 2. the doctrine that the true story of the creation of the universe is as it is recounted in the Bible, especially in the first chapter of Genesis.
  - ▶ 3. the doctrine that God immediately creates out of nothing a new human soul for each individual born
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# National Association of Biological Teachers (NATB 1995)

- ▶ The diversity of life on earth is the outcome of evolution: an unsupervised, impersonal, unpredictable, and natural process of temporal descent with genetic modification that is affected by natural selection, chance, historical contingencies and changing environments. Or in the words of the famous evolutionist George Gaylord Simpson
- ▶ *“Man is the result of a purposeless and natural process that did not have him in mind.”*

- ▶ All founded on Naturalism...
- ▶ If... "Nature is all there is" and naturalism is the creator. (Remember...nothing can self create itself) If nature is all there is and naturalism is the creator then nature created itself....it can't!!!

## ▶ Evolution

- ▶ Unsupervised
- ▶ Impersonal
- ▶ Unpredictable
- ▶ Mindless
- ▶ Product of Chance
- ▶ Meaningless


## ▶ Creationism

- ▶ Supervised
- ▶ Personal
- ▶ Predictable
- ▶ Divine mind God
- ▶ Intelligent Design
- ▶ Purposeful

**Microevolution**... Small changes within a species or population over time. We all agree with this!

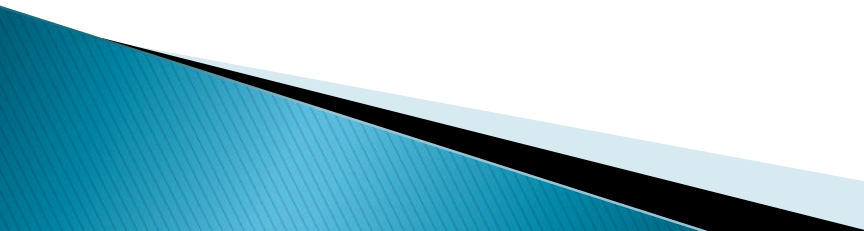
**Macroevolution**... happening on a large scale, e.g. at or above the level of species, over geologic time resulting in the formation of new taxonomic groups.

Macroevolution involves major evolutionary changes at or above the level of species. It is contrasted with microevolution which is mainly concerned with the small-scale patterns of evolution within a species or population.





# Origin of the Cosmos

- ▶ Option 1...The cosmos is an illusion; it doesn't exist.
  - ▶ Option 2...The cosmos is self-existent and eternal
  - ▶ Option 3...The cosmos is self-created
  - ▶ Option 4...The cosmos is created by something that is self-existent.
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We should also note the way Jesus treated as historical fact the accounts in the Old Testament, which religious and atheistic skeptics think are unbelievable mythology. These historical accounts include Adam and Eve as the first married couple (Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:3-9), Abel as the first prophet who was killed (Luke 11:50-51), Noah and the Flood (Matthew 24:38-39), Moses and the serpent in the wilderness (John 3:14), Moses and the manna from heaven to feed the Israelites in the wilderness (John 6:32-33, 49),

the experiences of Lot and his wife ([Luke 17:28-32](#)), the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah ([Matthew 10:15](#)), the miracles of Elijah ([Luke 4:25-27](#)), and Jonah and the big fish ([Matthew 12:40-41](#)). As New Testament scholar John Wenham has compellingly argued, Jesus did not allegorize these accounts but took them as straightforward history, describing events that actually happened just as the Old Testament describes.<sup>2</sup> Jesus used these accounts to teach His disciples that the events of His death, Resurrection, and Second Coming would likewise certainly happen in time-space reality

# AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



The shepherd that missed out.