



What God Has NOT Joined Together (2)

Creation and
Theistic Evolution

Our 2026
Theme

Introduction

- Last week we resumed our theme for 2026, “What God has (and has not) joined together”.
- We are now discussing doctrines that men seek to join together that God has NOT.
- Last week, we began a discussion of creation and evolution. In that lesson we addressed some problems that evolution has to address
 - What existed before the beginning?
 - How did life originate?
 - Explain fine tuning and irreducible complexity
 - Where did our sense of morality come from?
- We then read through some of Genesis 1 establishing that God created the world in 6 literal days (more on this today).
- We then read many passages throughout showing that **Genesis 1** was treated as history.

Introduction

- We also introduced “theistic evolution” which is an attempt to join together macroevolution and creation by God.
- There are several theories associated with this belief including:
 - Deism – God created the world and let it go. Associated with this is a “fully gifted creation.”
 - Various “gap” theories in the creation account.
 - Some believe that **Genesis 1** is not literal (it is allegory, figurative or even myth).
- There are serious problems with this view. Today I want to examine why it is NOT compatible with creation.

Problems with the **Genesis 1** account

- “Day” in **Genesis 1**
- The Hebrew word for “day” here is “yom”. This word can have different meanings.
 - **Genesis 2:4** – seems to describe “creation week”
 - **Genesis 1:5** – God called the light DAY – (daylight)
A 24 hour period (a full rotation of the earth on its axis)
- NOTE: Context is needed to determine meaning

Problems with the **Genesis 1** account

- “Day” in **Genesis 1**
- **Exodus 20:11** – regarding the Sabbath for Israel, Moses reminded them that God rested on the 7th day. “In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth”
- There are other Hebrew words that indicate a prolonged period of time (e.g. olam – **Genesis 9:12, 16, Isaiah 63:9, Ecclesiastes 1:10** - ages), yet Moses used “yom”.
- Unless context indicates otherwise, the most USUAL meaning is a 24 hour day. Moses used this!

Problems with the **Genesis 1** account

- The problem with order.
- Comparing what God created each day with the “biological tree of life” and the “geologic timetable” there are glaring conflicts
- The earth (day 1 – **1:1**) was created before the sun (day 4 – **1:16**)
- Land plants (day 3 – **1:11**) before sea life and the sun (day 5 – **1:20**)
- Birds (day 5 – **1:20**) before reptiles and insects (day 6 – **1:24-25**)
- Evolution also says man (and woman) evolved from apes (and so forth), but **Genesis 2:7, 20-23** says different.

Problems with the **Genesis 1** account

- “After its kind”
- Mentioned 10x in **Genesis 1**.
- While there are changes WITHIN genus (family), there is a boundary that cannot be crossed. God made it CLEAR of that in the creation account. This accords with modern day scientific observation.
- We may witness a new species (e.g., a new species of dog), but both would still be classified in the genus – (canis). I.e., it will NOT become a cat or cow or bat, etc. Note: Alligator and crocodile (different genus)

Problems with the **Genesis 1** account

- **Genesis 1:3**, "*God said...*" found 10x in **ch. 1**. 8 are related to what came into existence after He spoke.
- **2 Peter 3:5** – by the word of God the heavens were of old.
- **Genesis 1:7**, *and it was so* – 6x in **Gen. 1**

Problems with the **Genesis 1** account

- Is God omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent?
Psalms 19:1ff, vs. 7 – “the law of the Lord...”
- **Romans 1:20** – we see Him in creation!
- IF God is able to use “gaps” and intervene when necessary, why could He not create the world the same way Genesis 1 describes it?
- There is ZERO evidence God intervened via “gaps”, etc. To say He did is as theoretical as macroevolution’s beginning.

Other problems with theistic evolution

- Consider the damage this doctrine can do to one's view of scripture. It is a LOW view of creation!
IF **Gen. 1** is not literal:
- What about MDR – **Matthew 19:4-6**
- What about submission of wives and women in church leadership? **1 Corinthians 11:8-9,**
1 Timothy 2:12-15

Other problems with theistic evolution

- IF **Genesis 1-3** is not literal:
- *How was Adam (& Eve) the first human?*
- Theistic evolution makes Adam a descendent of others. Some argue God selected a man at some point and that is where accountability began.
- Consider **Luke 3:23-28** the genealogy of Jesus.
 - Why are Abraham, Jacob, David and others historically real, but Adam (and Enoch) are not?
 - Adam is described as having NO ancestor. The "son of God" **Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7, 20-22**
 - **Acts 17:26** – God made from "one man" (Adam?) every nation. Was it Adam or also some from other "ancestors"?

Other problems with theistic evolution

- IF **Genesis 1-3** is not literal:
- *How are we created in the image of God if we evolved from apes?*
- *When did sin begin to be recognized by God?*
- Many theistic evolutionists believe there was evil and suffering in the world before Adam (whoever he was).
Survival of the fittest can be violent & self-serving
- **2 Corinthians 11:3** – as the serpent deceived Eve (**Genesis 3:4, 13**)
- Our redemption goes back to a promise in **Genesis 3:15**
- **Hebrews 12:24** – the blood of Christ contrasted with (better than) the blood of Abel

Other problems with theistic evolution

- IF **Genesis 1-3** is not literal:
- *When did death begin? Why is there death?*
- **Genesis 2:16-17, 5:3** – death was the penalty for sin (e.g., **Romans 6:23**)
- **1 Corinthians 15:22-23** – as in Adam all die... (**Romans 5:12-18**)
- *Theistic evolution makes death our creator* (along with God). Evolution depends on thousands or millions of generations.

Other problems with theistic evolution

- IF **Genesis 1-3** is not literal:
- *Are pain and suffering the product of sin?*
- Evolution includes pain and suffering (and violence) as part of the process.
- **Genesis 3:14-19** – describes pains and suffering because of their sins.
- *When did man receive an eternal soul?*

Other problems with theistic evolution

- IF **Genesis 1-3** is not literal:
- ***What is the origin of evil and Satan?***
- As a “young earth” creationist, this is a question that even we cannot fully answer. But we know that Satan first appears on the scene in **Genesis 3**.

Other problems with theistic evolution

- Theistic evolution does violence to our faith, especially about creation.
- **Hebrews 11:3** – by faith we believe...
- The naturalistic, scientific community is NOT a friend of the Christian faith!
- It is a world view of beginnings designed to deny God and His word.
- *WHY try to reconcile your faith with those who clearly reject God?* **2 Corinthians 5:7**

Other problems with theistic evolution

- Theistic evolution distinguishes between faith in Christ and faith in our Creator.
- **John 1:1-3** – all things were made through Him.
- **Colossians 1:16-17** – Jesus was before all things and all things consist in Him (**Ephesians 3:9, Heb. 1:2**)
- The SAME Jesus who is our Creator, also spoke of Adam & Eve, Abel, Noah, etc. as historical and the foundation of His coming to redeem us. Our salvation is tied to this history - **1 Corinthians 15:20-22, Romans 5:12-15**

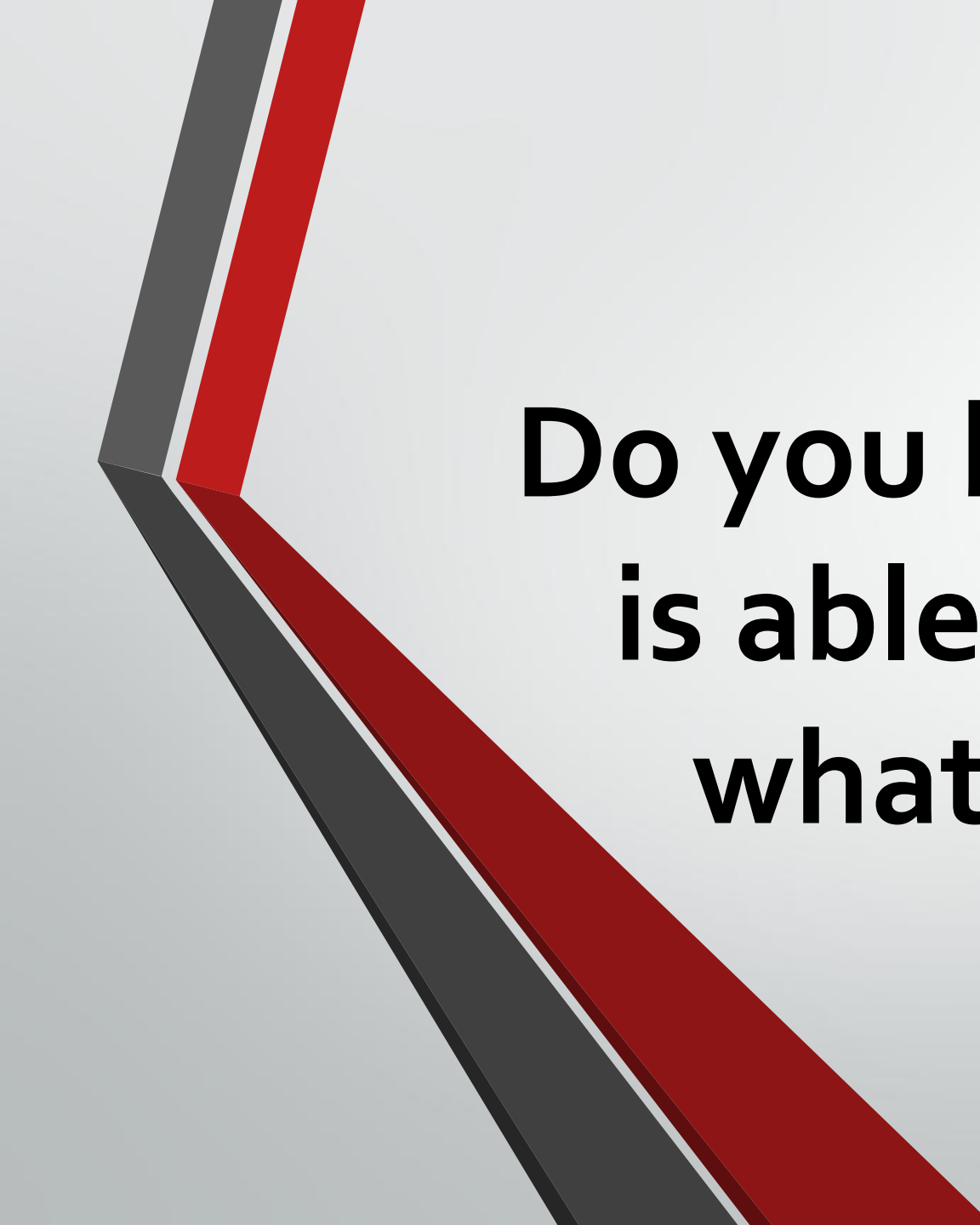
What is the point?

- Theistic evolution is laden with problems from the Biblical account of creation.
- God did NOT join them together!
- Consider **Job 42:3**, as he faced the LORD who had challenged him with multitudes of questions.
- A preacher once said, "There are questions I cannot answer..."
- BUT there are also answers I cannot question!"

What is the point?

- I will readily admit that I do not understand everything about how God created this world and universe. But by faith I accept that He did and He told us HOW through the pen of Moses in **Genesis 1**.
- There is good evidence for a “young earth” and a universal flood (which gives plausible answers to many questions).
- I see no benefit in trying to redefine what is plainly recorded in His word!

And neither should you!!!!!!



**Do you believe that God
is able to accomplish
what He has said?**