

Evolutionism vs. Creationism (March 14)

In my opinion, Evolutionism and Creationism can be one and the same. It all simply depends on how you choose to interpret the Bible. Some decide to interpret the Bible very literally and try to extract history from the words written. Others use the words not as purely a historical work, but- much more importantly- as a piece of literature that provides guidance and wisdom. It's all about one's interpretation. For example, my parents are devout Christians who understand the Bible as a very "literal" piece of literature. I, on the other hand, believe the Bible to be a more "abstract" piece that requires us to interpret and apply in our lives today. What we fundamentally believe is identical, but our interpretations are clearly quite different. For example, when talking about the beginning of the universe, the Bible illustrates God creating the universe in 7 days. My parents firmly believe that God created the universe in exactly 7 days. But, I always wondered, "How can you know what 7 days were to God? What if 1 day to God was 5 million years to mankind?" In my opinion, these details should be left up to interpretation because these facts often "scare" many scientists and engineers away from religion. Therefore, allowing for open interpretation of many of the Bible's facts, a combination of Evolutionism and Creationism could clearly exist.

I have also noticed a general trend with religion that has become a bit disturbing. Christianity and religion in general have become very "old and archaic" ideas to the point that society actually scoffs at "religious nuts" all the time. Religion should not be viewed as purely negative. While I do admit that religion can be used for negative that does not make religion itself negative. When used for good, some of the greatest transformations can occur. I have seen criminals and drug addicts at my church overcome their addictions and refocus their lives on their families and careers. As much evil as religion can cause - as we have seen throughout history - it can also bring about some of the greatest change I've ever seen on an individual and personal basis. Nonetheless, I feel that society as a whole only focuses on the "religious extremists," who give all religious people a bad reputation.

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