

# Christian Ministries Teaching Evolution

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When I was eight years old, I remember asking my mother why the Bible says God made the world, but school says it came from the Big Bang, and my mother said, "Well, maybe God used the Big Bang." I appreciate my mother's efforts to provide an answer, but that is a common compromise Christians use when they *DON'T* have an answer. For many years, I believed in evolution because of this answer. I do not condemn my mother in any way for not having an answer, and today she knows the truth, but I fear that many parents are leading their children into this false doctrine when they do not know what to tell them, and regrettably, many Christian ministries support this "God used evolution" worldview.

Many of us respect, and look-up to, well-known preachers and evangelists. We grew up listening to them via our parents or grandparents, and generally assume they are the experts on the Bible and Christianity in general. We have their books and DVDs in our homes, and have benefited from some of their teachings, but [we can't be respecters of persons](#) by not questioning what these people believe when it comes to the foundations of the Bible.

We know these men claim to believe in Jesus Christ, but the foundation of Christ's message is in the book of Genesis. Genesis contains the Creation, the Fall of man, the genealogy of the bloodline of Christ, and much more. Genesis is the foundation of our Christian beliefs, so it is something I take very seriously, and all Christians should be prepared to give an answer ([1Pet 3:15](#)) a proper rebuke ([Rom 16:17-18](#)) to Christian men teaching false doctrine.

## The Bible and Evolution Together?

The Bible and evolution cannot be reconciled together. Almost everything that is taught in the process of evolution is exactly opposite to the book of Genesis.

BIBLE	EVOLUTION
Earth before Sun	Sun before Earth
Oceans before Land	Land before Oceans
Light before Sun	Sun before Light
Fruit trees before Fish	Fish before Fruit Trees
Fish before Insects	Insects before Fish
Plants before Sun	Sun before Plants
Marine Mammals before Land Mammals	Land Mammals before Marine Mammals
Birds before Reptiles	Reptiles before Birds
Man brought Death	Death brought Man

**DAY 1**  
**Light**

*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.  
-Genesis 1:3*

**DAY 3**  
**Plants**

*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.  
-Genesis 1:11*

**DAY 4**  
**Sun**

*And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.  
-Genesis 1:16*

If the Bible taught millions of years for each day, as many Christian ministries support, how do plants live for millions of years without the sun? One day would not cause any problems, but they would not last one week without the light and heat of the sun. By itself, this example shows a clear logical contradiction when trying to compromise the Bible and evolution.

## List of Ministries Teaching Evolution

I don't deny that the following preachers have done some good for the Gospel of Christ, but these men have secret beliefs in evolution's billions of years, and teach it in their ministries. We need to be aware of what these men are teaching, so we can better educate our families and share the Gospel. When preachers have a belief in the teachings that come from the [religion of evolution](#), they compromise the authority of God's Word, and that can do a lot of spiritual damage.



**Hugh Ross**  
**Reasons to Believe**  
[www.reasons.org](http://www.reasons.org)

*"The international team of astronomers dated the birth of the star at 13.2 +/- 2.7 billion years ago... we can be confident in the 13.7-billion-year age they give for creation."*

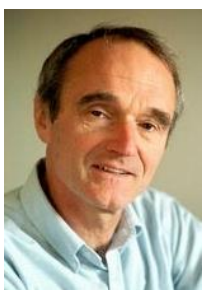
-Dr. Jeff Zweerink, *Birth Date of Old Star Confirms Universe's Age*, June 20, 2007, quoted from Reasons to Believe website on Nov 22, 2010: <http://www.reasons.org/birth-date-old-star-confirms-universes-age>; Hugh Ross openly admits this belief



**Don W. Stoner**  
**Don Stoner**  
**Ministries**  
[www.dstoner.org](http://www.dstoner.org)

*cloud is believed to have contained the remains of an ancient star (or stars) which exploded long ago. Eventually gravitational forces pulled this matter into our sun and planets. At first, before the sun ignited, this process took place in the darkness of interstellar space."* [he then links to NASA and Wikipedia articles that teach billions of years]

-Donald W. Stoner, *A Theory Concerning the Formation of Our Solar System*, Sept 14, 2009, adapted from chapter 7 of his book: *A New Look at an Old Earth*, quoted from Don Stoner's website: [http://www.dstoner.net/Math\\_Science/Solar.html](http://www.dstoner.net/Math_Science/Solar.html)



**Gerald Schroeder**  
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**Ministries**  
[www.geralschroeder.com](http://www.geralschroeder.com)

*"If in a few generations of selective breeding a farmer could produce a robust sheep from a skinny one, then, Darwin reasoned, in a few million or billion generations a sponge might evolve into an ape... That life developed from the simple to the complex is, in my opinion, true."*

-Gerald Schroeder, *Evolution: Rationality vs. Randomness*, quoted from Gerald Schroeder's website on Nov 22, 2010: <http://www.geralschroeder.com/Evolution.aspx>



**James Dobson**  
**Focus on the Family**  
[www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com)

*and we needed some life insurance, so I invited in about 7 or 8 life insurance salesmen and I figured I'd listen to all of them and then I'd know life insurance and make a decision. I got so confused that I wound up just saying, 'You tell me what to buy.'"*

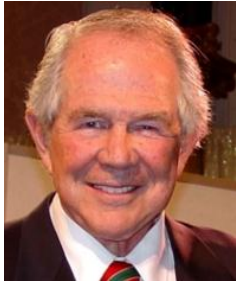
-Dr. James Dobson, Focus on the Family Debate between Hugh Ross and Duane Gish, Aug 12, 1992

Creation Revolution received an email response in 1994 from Focus on the Family concerning this issue: "His [James Dobson] private opinion as a layman with no training in the physical sciences, leans in the direction of a moment of creation that may have involved a 'big bang' type of episode."

-Carolyn Bush, Senior Assistant to Dr. James Dobson from Focus on the Family, in a reply to an e-mail inquiry from Creation Revolution, October, 1994, retrieved Jan 26, 2013, [<http://creationrevolution.com/2011/04/james-dobson-on-creation/>]

James Dobson has not come forward to state his position clearly, but has endorsed Hugh Ross of Reasons to Believe, which supports billions of years. Also, Mike Trout, announcer for Focus on the Family (headed up by Dobson), recommended a book after an interview between Dobson and Phillip Johnson in 2000: It Couldn't Just Happen (used to be on FotF's master book list), by Larry and Lawrence Richards, which teaches Noah's Flood could have been local, the days of creation could be millions of years, and the earth could be billions of years old.

(See Ken Ham, *Beware of anti-evolutionism?*, Answers in Genesis, Sept 15, 2000)



**Pat Robertson**  
Christian  
Broadcasting  
Network  
[www.cbn.com](http://www.cbn.com)

"The current theory which I accept points to a big bang theory as the beginning of creation, when about 15 billion years ago an extraordinarily dense mass exploded, and out of that came an expanding universe."

-Pat Robertson, *Bring It On*, published by Thomas Nelson Inc, 2003, p. 135, ISBN: 9780849917127

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=dO84XcWgOBk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dO84XcWgOBk)



**Benny Hinn**  
Benny Hinn  
Ministries  
[www.bennyhinn.org](http://www.bennyhinn.org)

-Benny Hinn, *Praise the Lord*, TBN Broadcast, Hinn supports the Gap Theory, May 3, 2010



**John Hagee**  
John Hagee  
Ministries  
[www.jhm.org](http://www.jhm.org)

John Hagee teaches the Gap Theory (billions of years, just like Benny Hinn) in his book: *Knowing the Secrets of God*. He questions, "How do we know a span of time existed between the first two verses of Genesis?" And he answers with, "the Gap Theory," which puts billions of years into Genesis.

(See John Hagee, *Knowing the Secrets of God: Understanding Your Place in His Plan*, published T. Nelson, 2002, p. 9-10, ISBN: 9780785265894)

Lee Strobel endorses Hugh Ross on his website, who teaches billions of years in the Bible.

As with many ministries, Lee Strobel doesn't tend to come forward and directly give his position, but he hosts multiple videos of Hugh Ross's teachings that the Biblical account of creation in Genesis matches with the Big Bang theory, as well as multiple-creation accounts (i.e. Day-Age Theory).

(See [www.leestrobel.com](http://www.leestrobel.com), The Biblical Account of Creation by Hugh Ross, retrieved Jan 29, 2013, [<http://www.leestrobel.com/videoserver/video.php?clip=CCNT1728>]

Strobel also references to Norman Geisler, who likewise points to the Big Bang model.

(See Lee Strobel, *The Case for Faith*, Zondervan, 2009, ISBN: 9780310565703)



**Lee Strobel**  
Investigating Faith  
[www.leestrobel.com](http://www.leestrobel.com)

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**Hank Hanegraaff**  
Christian Research  
Institute  
[www.equip.org](http://www.equip.org)

*"With the above biblical data in mind, [supporting the "day-age" billions of years]... most of the strongest arguments against the creationist viewpoint currently being made by contemporary science are eliminated when we let go of our insistence upon a 6,000-10,000 year old earth. From the standpoint of presenting an effective apologetic (defense) for the Christian faith, this point must be considered. Why put heavy emphasis on a doctrine that can stand in the way of some people's arriving at Christian faith when it is not even certain that the biblical data supports the obstacle in question?" [i.e. the Bible data is not certain the earth is young]*

-Christian Research Institute, lead by Hank Hanegraaff, *The Creation Story: How Old is the Earth?*, CRI

Statement DA060, retrieved Nov 23, 2010, <http://www.equip.org/articles/the-creation-story-how-old-is-the-earth->

Chuck Colson endorses people like Bruce Gordon, that teach billions of years in the book of Genesis:

*"Since the discovery that the universe had a beginning... you have things coalescing to a beginning point when you look out into space. The universe is expanding... it's been shown that it coalesces to a point, and that's the essence of what we call Big Bang theory... My own personal views in that regard: I am an old-earth progressive creationist." [i.e. he believe Genesis teaches billions of years]*

-Dr. Bruce Gordon, Member of the Discovery Institute and Professor at The King's College in New York, quoted in Chuck Colson Center radio interview, *Worldview Conflict in Education: Origins and the Basis of Science Education*, Dr. Robert Acuff, Aug 9, 2010, <http://www.breakpoint.org/the-center/columns/wilberforce-forum/15642-worldview-conflicts-in-education-origins-and-the-basis-of-science-education>



**Chuck Colson**  
Break Point Ministries  
[www.breakpoint.com](http://www.breakpoint.com)



**Norman Geisler**  
Norman Geisler Ministries  
[www.normangeisler.net](http://www.normangeisler.net)

Geisler supports the Day-Age Theory (i.e. one day = millions of years):

*"Most scientific evidence sets the age of the world at billions of years... Early rocks have been dated in terms of radioactivity and set at billions of years old. Simply given the rate that salt runs into the sea and the amount of salt there would suggest multimillions of years."*

-Dr. Norman L. Geisler, *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, Baker Books, 1999, p. 272, ISBN: 9780801021510





**Billy Graham**  
**BG Evangelistic**  
**Association**  
**[www.billygraham.org](http://www.billygraham.org)**

"They [[dinosaurs](#)] aren't mentioned in the Bible, however, since they were extinct by the time it was written."

-Billy Graham, *Billy Graham's My Answer*, retrieved from [billygraham.org](http://billygraham.org), Nov 26, 2010, <http://www.billygraham.org/articlepage.asp?articleid=4153>; See [Dinosaurs and the Bible](#) here at [creationliberty.com](http://creationliberty.com) for more details)

"I believe that God created man, and whether it came by an evolutionary process and at a certain point He took this person or being and made him a living soul or not, does not change the fact that God did create man... whichever way God did it makes no difference as to what man is and man's

relationship to God."

-Billy Graham, *Personal Thoughts of a Public Man*, Chariot Victor Publishing, 1999, p. 72-74; See also Mark Whorton & Hill Roberts, *Holman QuickSource Guide to Understanding Creation*, B&H Publishing, 2008, p. 82, ISBN: 9780805494860

"The best place to start is not with Genesis 1 and the six days of creation, arguing about how long those days may have been. That immediately gets people into an issue that divides believers." [i.e. he does not want to discuss what's the truth of God's Word, and compromises his Bible to millions of years to please the masses]

-Jim Dailey, *Dismantling Darwinism*, Decision Magazine, Aug 1, 2003, retrieved from [billygraham.org](http://billygraham.org), Nov 26, 2010, <http://www.billygraham.org/articlepage.asp?articleid=342>

I have had some people bring up complaint on this, asking, "Why would you say Billy Graham does not want to discuss the truth of the Bible?" Billy Graham used to be a wonderful preacher (my grandmother used to listen to him all the time), but he has fallen in terms of his doctrine on many levels. Not only does he teach millions of years in his ministry, but he also believes, as Robert Schuller, that everyone in the world, Christian and pagan alike, has Salvation and will automatically get to heaven without faith in Jesus Christ.

(Read "Does hell exist according to the Bible?" here at [creationliberty.com](http://creationliberty.com) for more details)

## Why Does the Age of the Earth Matter?

1) Old earth denounces the authority of God's Word. Genesis is the foundation of the Bible, and the actions that take place in Genesis not only serve as an example to mankind, but also initiate the events that lead to Christ's death and resurrection.

Can the average person read the Bible and understand it? Or do we need a cult leader to tell us what it says? For example:

*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*  
*-Pslam 119:130*

We don't need a PhD to understand God's Word. The average person should be able to read the Bible and understand what it says.

*For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day...*  
*-Exodus 20:11*

God wrote Exodus 20:11 on rock Himself, and it's very simple to understand. If you handed the Bible to a thousand people from an isolated country, that had never heard of the Bible, creation, nor evolution, asked them to read the first chapter of Genesis, and tell you what it says: All 1,000 people would come back and say, "It says He made it in six days." So the question is not, "What does it say?" -- the question is, "Do you believe what it says?"

2) Old earth denounces the authority of Jesus Christ. He cited Genesis 25 times.  
(e.g. [Matthew 19:4](#), [John 5:46](#), etc)

Can someone believe in millions of years of evolution, and still be Saved by Jesus Christ? I would like to think so, but Jesus Christ has said otherwise:

*For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*  
-John 5:46-47

I am not saying one cannot believe in evolution and be Saved, but Jesus Christ wants us to use the common sense He gave us to think about how it is possible to denounce the truth of creation in six days, and still believe on Jesus Christ. I have had correspondence with a number of "old earth Christians," and each time I get into conversation with them, somewhere along the line, they denounce God's Word as written by men instead of inspired by the Lord. We cannot serve two masters ([Mat 6:24](#)), and get very nervous for people who claim to believe in evolution's old earth and still be a Christian.

3) Nearly every other book of the Bible refers back to the mature, fully-functional creation in Genesis. Genesis is cited 200 times in the New Testament alone. If Genesis is not literally true to God's Word as it is written, how can we trust any of the other books of the Bible to be literal in any sense?

4) The evolution religion relies on an old earth. If they do not have billions of years to hide their theory in, it looks really stupid. They have to protect their sacred geologic column, and that is the main reason for the protection of billions of years of evolution so they can hang on to their theory.

(See Geological Evidence of a Global Flood here at [creationliberty.com](http://creationliberty.com) for more details)

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
*Romans 6:23*

*For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*  
-1 Corinthians 15:21

When God looked at everything and said it was very good ([Gen 1:31](#)), that would mean that God is looking at billions of years of dead creatures and saying it was very good. This means the "god" that would use evolution created death, but the Bible says death came by man's sin. If God created death, and death is a natural part of life, then what was the need for Christ to die on the cross?

There are many evolutionists that know full-well that their theory eliminates the need for Jesus Christ and many moral elements of the Bible. I also used to believe evolution was true and thought along those same lines. Even famous evolutionary anthropologist, Sir Arthur Keith, knew that evolution was incompatible with Christ:  
*"The conclusion I have come to is this: the law of Christ is incompatible with the law of evolution... Nay, the two laws are at war with each other; the law of Christ can never prevail until the law of evolution is destroyed."*  
-Sir Arthur Keith, *Evolution and Ethics*, G.P. Putnam's Sons Publishing, 1947, p. 15

## Why Christian Ministries Support Evolution

As quoted above, Billy Graham said: *"Whichever way God did it makes no difference as to what man is and man's relationship to God."*

Yes it does, Billy. It makes all the difference in the world how and why God did it. This is an extremely important issue. David Hull, a well-known evolutionist, stated it best when he said:

*"Whatever God implied by evolutionary theory... may be like, He is not the Protestant God of waste not, want not. He is also not a loving God who cares about his productions... The God of the Galapagos [Islands] is careless, wasteful, indifferent, almost diabolical. He is certainly not the sort of God to whom anyone would be inclined to pray."*

-David L. Hull, Evolutionist Professor of Philosophy of Northwestern University, "God of the Galapagos," review of *Darwin on Trial*, by Phillip Johnson (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Gateway, 1991, 195 pp.), *Nature*, Vol. 352, Aug 8, 1991, p. 485-486

I am surprised that Christians would defend such a retarded and evil god in their ministries. That's not the God of the Bible. I can see two main reasons why Christians hold on to evolution:

#1 -- I would say that most of these men honestly think they are teaching the truth. They simply don't know any better, and I am working hard to make sure they can get the truth from our ministry. However, even if they do not learn the truth about science, they should not be compromising God's Word to satisfy the masses.

#2 -- There are some I have seen who are purposefully trying to take as much of a neutral stance as they can to keep their numbers up. They know if they took a strict Biblical stance that it would eliminate a great deal of popularity and income from their ministry. They are doing what is convenient, instead of what is right. It is unfortunate, but there are many self-proclaimed Christians out there who think protecting their organization is more important than teaching the truth.

If any of the men I listed in this article would come forward and state their position clearly, and they do not support billions of years, I will be happy and excited to remove them from this list. Until then, I would recommend that if you like listening to these men preach, continue to do so, but be cautious of what you are hearing. Just do what the Bereans did:

*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*  
*-Acts 17:11*

We all have to learn as a child to eat the meat and spit out the bones. Take in what is correct, and throw out what is incorrect. Stand firm on the Biblical foundation, and not on the assumptions of a phony religion like evolution.