

WHAT EFFECTS DOES EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY HAVE UPON THE MODERN AGENDA?

1. **Introduction & Review**
2. **The religion of naturalism under the guise of “science” has deceived Christian scholars.**
 - a. Early compromises during the Genesis-Geology debate (1820-1845):
 - b. Recent evangelical compromises

<p>BIBLEFRAMEWORK</p> <p>Intelligent Design movement thinks that naturalism began with Darwin</p> <p>“I myself would adopt [young-earth creation] in a heartbeat except that nature seems to present such strong evidence against it. . . . In our current mental environment, informed as it is by modern astrophysics and geology, the scientific community as a whole regards young-earth creationism as untenable.”</p> <p><i>William A. Dembski, <i>The End of Christianity: Finding a Good God in an Evil World</i> (Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing, 2009), 55.</i></p> <p>“Most scientific evidence sets the age of the world at billions of years.”</p> <p><i>Norman L. Geisler, <i>Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics</i> (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1999), p. 272</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">41</p>	<p>BIBLEFRAMEWORK</p> <p>Problems with Old Earth Creationism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hermeneutics of special revelation must yield to naturalistic/uniformitarian interpretations of general revelation. 2. Genealogies compromised—death & suffering before the fall; flood has to be local; Jesus and apostles erred in affirming Genesis; physical resurrection can't be explained by a gradual natural process. 3. Engage in “straw man” fallacies about “young earth” creationists—we use “flat earth” hermeneutics, claim “old earth” people aren't saved, claim “yom” never used figuratively, etc. <p style="text-align: right;">42</p>
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3. The controversial origin of modern creationism

4. Modern consequences of historical conjectures

- a. Medical research sees the human body laden with an evolutionary legacy of “junk” parts (e.g., vestigial organs, “junk” DNA, etc) → ignores intricate design (Ps 139:14)
- b. Psychological dilemmas & the identity crisis
Purposelessness so I have to create my own meaning and identity
- c. Nature more valuable than Man [radical environmentalists]

d. Destruction of the spiritual core of worship

BIBLEFRAMEWORK

Consequences for personal relationship to the Lord

Personal Creator	Nature is all there is
Eternality	Deep Time
Omnipresence	Impersonal Universe
Omnipotence	All powerful Nature
Sovereignty	Fatalism & Hyper-regulatory state
Love	Sentimental deity & total dependency upon other people's love

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5. Resources

- a. Creation Research Society
- b. Answers in Genesis
- c. Creation Ministries International