



**THE IMPORTANCE OF A CHRISTIAN
WORLDVIEW
Genesis 1**

Gallup Poll (2017)

**38% - believe in the biblical account of creation
(this has been in decline for 35 years)**

19% - believe in secular evolution

**38% - believe that God created all things using
natural processes such as evolution (fastest
growing group)**

Worldview – a person’s beliefs and values by which they make sense of the world.

Christian Worldview - “God / Bible / Creation”

Secular Humanist Worldview – “Man and nature / Human reason / Evolution”

The attempt to “harmonize” these worldviews has become increasingly prominent in the church

DAYS OF CREATION

Literal days?

- “Yom” – day, used over 2,300 X’s
- “Yom” + first, second, etc. (400 X’s) = literal day
- “Yom” + “morning and evening” (38 X’s) = literal day
- “Yom” + “morning” or “evening” (23 X’s) = literal day

DAYS OF CREATION (cont.)

(vs. 5) - *“and there was evening and there was morning, one day.”*

(vs. 8) - *“and there was evening and morning, a second day”*

(vs. 13) – *“there was evening and morning a third day.”*

(vs. 14) – *“There was evening and morning, a fourth day”*

(vs. 23) – *“there was evening and morning a fifth day”*

(vs. 31)– *“and there was evening and there was morning a sixth day”*

DAYS OF CREATION (cont.)

Other attempts to accommodate evolution:

- **Not literal days**
- **Allegory, or myth**
- **Theories which insert millions of years into the text**



DAYS OF CREATION (cont.)

Dangers of accommodating evolution in relation to the days of creation:

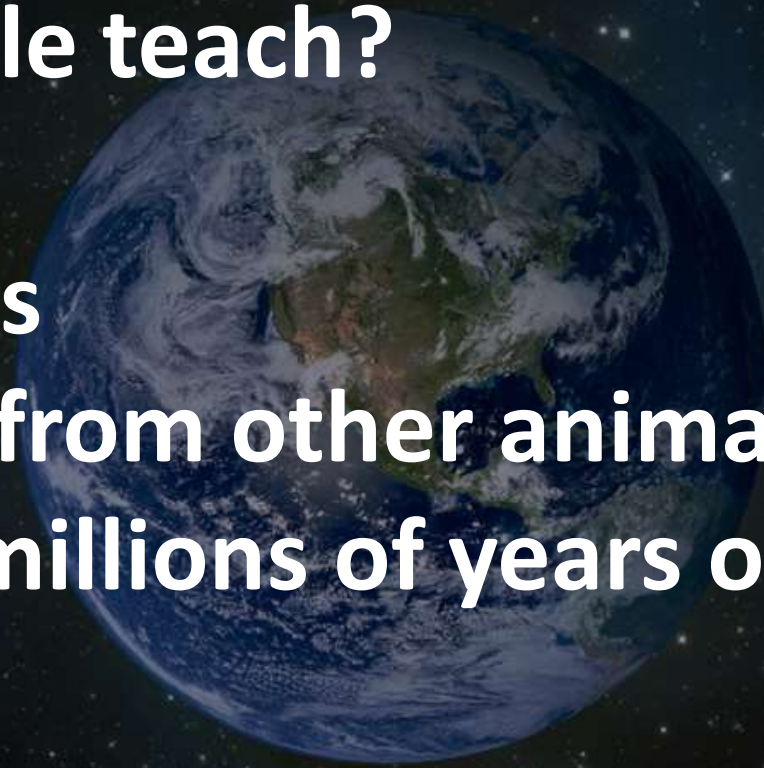
- **Calls into question the integrity of God, the Bible, and Jesus**



ADAM AND EVE

What does the Bible teach?

- **Historical figures**
- **Not descended from other animals**
- **Not a result of millions of years of evolution**



ADAM AND EVE (cont.)

Interpreting scientific information based in worldview:

- **Dinosaur tissue**
- **Chimp / human DNA**
- **Mitochondrial “Eve”**



ADAM AND EVE (cont.)

The dangers of accommodating an evolutionary worldview:

- **Authority of God, the Bible, and Jesus**
- **Value of human life**
- **The sanctity of marriage**
- **The definition of the family**
- **THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION**

CONCLUSION

81-88% of young people are leaving the church after going to college

Focus on the Family (2017):

- **They are leaving mainline churches not necessarily their faith (the rise of the “none’s)**
- **Strong Bible-teaching churches are growing**
- **Of those leaving only 11% had strong faith as a child
89% did not have a strong faith growing up**



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