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Can the Bible's six day account of Creation be harmonized with Evolution's billions of years? Maybe it can be if there was a gap of time within the Creation account? Or, maybe there were really two different Creations, one millions of years ago while the other was only 6,000 years ago?

These puzzling questions concerning Theistic Evolutionist attempts to harmonize the Bible with Evolution were brought to Dr. Jobe Martin, former dentist, professor and Evolutionist. Having clearly seen God's eternal power and divine nature from what has been made ([Rom. 1:20](#)), Dr. Martin came to faith in Jesus Christ and a trust in the biblical account of the six days of Creation. He and his wife Jenna Dee have since formed [Biblical Discipleship Ministries](#) based in Rockwall, Texas to teach on campuses, classrooms and churches that we can trust the Bible's account of the Creation and Jesus as Savior.



Dr. Jobe Martin

Those who hold to Theistic Evolution say the universe evolved, but God was in control of it. Are there problems with this view?

Well, first of all, who is going to decide what is true? If we say we are Christians, are we going to believe what the Bible says?

Now, if you are a Theistic Evolutionist, that means you believe what Evolution says about things. What's the problem there? Well, then you would have to say the Big Bang happened, and then next we have the first generation stars and then second generation stars. Then millions of years later we've got planet Earth. But, God said that He put planet Earth here first. So, what was first, planet Earth or the stars?

God says that He made birds on the fifth day and reptiles on the sixth day. Evolution says, "No, reptiles came first and then the birds."

The Bible says by Adam's sin came death ([Rom. 5:12-21](#); [1 Cor. 15:21](#); [Heb. 2:14](#)). A Theistic Evolutionist would say there's been all kinds of death coming all the way up to Adam. And so, that would mean that the sacrifice that Jesus had to make on the cross because Adam sinned would have no significance at all.

Evolution says billions of years. All you can get from the Bible is about 6,000 years.

There are all these things that are just the reverse of what they need to be if you can say I can have Evolution and also I can have the Bible.

What is the Gap Theory?

The Gap Theory states there is a big gap in the Genesis account that isn't accounted for there, missing billions and billions of years.

With the Gap Theory we've got a problem. Theistic Evolutionists say there is a gap between [Genesis 1:1](#) and [Genesis 1:2](#) — in the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth, and then gap, and then the Earth is remade. Well, what do we have? That means we still have a pre-Adamic race of people. That means people are living and dying before the Bible says here comes death ([Rom. 5:12-14](#)).

They change the words of [Genesis 1:2](#), "*And the earth was without form, and void.*" They say instead it *became* that way. They change the normal translation of the verb. And so, they are saying that this Earth covered with water is like a flood judgment. Well, the Bible never talks about two flood judgments. It only talks about one flood judgment — the flood judgment of the days of Noah. They're putting something in there because of the influence of Evolutionary thinking of the billions of years. They've decided they have to get that in there somehow and just put billions of years right there between [Genesis 1:1](#) and [Genesis 1:2](#). They don't have to do that.

Special Creation always carries with it the illusion of time. If I go and I create a tree and I bring you out and say, "Look, I just created this tree," you would say, "No, this tree is 30 years old." It always carries the image of time.

When God made Adam on Day 6, was he a little baby? No, he was a full grown man, just like that. Let's say that Michael the Archangel was walking around in the garden and comes up to Adam, "Hello, my name is Michael." (I am making this up of course.) Adam replies,

"My name is Adam." Michael asks, "Well, Adam how old are you?" Adam answers, "Ten seconds. God just made me." He puts Adam to sleep, takes out a rib, and makes Eve. Adam wakes up, sees Eve, and he says, "Eve, you are beautiful! How old are you?" She replies, "Fifteen seconds old, Adam. God just made me just as I am." So, we have to believe that God created fully mature systems. They look old, but they are not old in that sense.

Look at Jesus' miracles. What did the Creator do? The Lord Jesus in His first miracle turned water into wine. Well, what was significant about that? John 2 records that after He turns the water into wine, the servants take it to the governor of the feast and he asks, "Where did this come from?" They reply, "Well, it was just water a few seconds ago, and now here we have wine." Well, the wine tasted like aged wine. Now, I don't know how Jesus made it, but the fact is He took water and turned it into something. And, how many water pots did Jesus use? Six. How many days in the Creation week? Six. So what is He showing here?

In the same way Jesus feeds the 5,000. He didn't say, "We are making bread, guys, let's get the ovens out here." Notice also that dried fish Jesus is pulling out of that basket.

When the soldiers are going to come to get Jesus at the end of His life, Peter grabs a sword and aims to chop the fellow's head off. I think the fellow ducked as Peter only got his ear. Jesus picks up the ear and puts it back on — no scabs, no stitches, no healing, no time. So, if we are going to believe the Genesis account as it's written, we have to believe we have a God that doesn't need time. He is above time. He created time. He can do things that look like they need time, but they don't need time.

Are there two different Creation accounts recorded in the Bible?

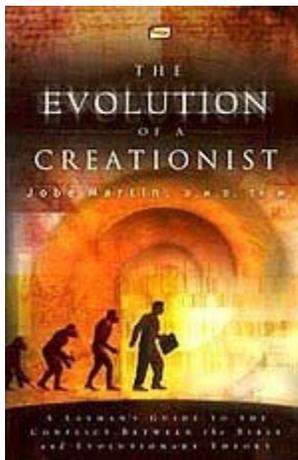
No, there is one Creation account. Genesis 1 is the big picture. Genesis 2 pretty much focuses in on Day 6 in the Garden.

One of the arguments Theistic Evolutionists will use for a Creation and a Re-Creation is that God changes His name. Genesis 1 consistently uses "Elohim." God did this, said this, made this. Then, in [Genesis 2:4](#), now He changes His name and uses "Yahweh Elohim," meaning "Lord God." And so they say, "Ah, there has to be two biblical authors and therefore two Creation accounts."

Well, why would God change His name after being so consistent? The answer — different purposes. Okay, in Genesis 1, God creates the universe with the climax the creation of man. In Genesis 2, God takes man into marriage. Okay, "Yahweh Elohim, the Lord God, the covenant keeping God" — He changes His name to that in Genesis 2. The covenant keeping God is going to take man into his covenant keeping relationship. And so, there is a different purpose in the use of the different names.

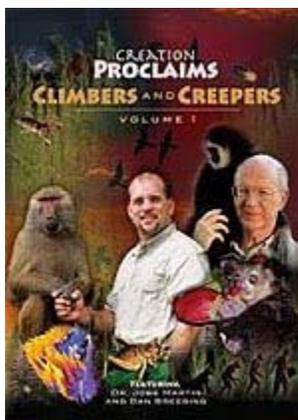
But, no, there are not two different Creation accounts. There is merely an amplification of Day 6 concerning what goes on in the Garden in Genesis 2.

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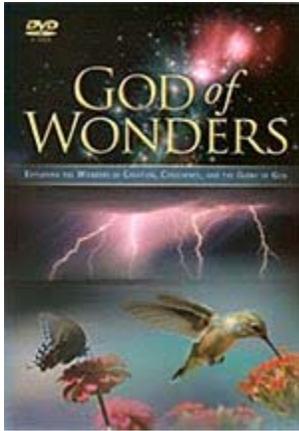
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This fascinating book describes Dr. Jobe Martin's personal journey from an evolution-trained scientist to a Bible-believing creationist. Dr. Martin examines many of the claims and theories of prominent evolutionists, comparing their often incredible, inconsistent, pseudo-scientific explanations of origins to the clear and simple description of the Creation as depicted in the Bible.



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