



CREATION MATTERS

A NEWSLETTER PROVIDING CHRISTIANS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND THE MUSEUM AT CREATION MINISTRIES OF THE OZARKS

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“TOUCHING” EVOLUTION

And the Lord God commanded the man saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” [Hebrew: “dying you will die”] (Genesis 2:16,17).

Eve’s tragic misunderstanding or misinformation is seen in her response to Satan’s temptation:

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat of it, **NOR SHALL YOU TOUCH IT**, lest you die’ ” (Genesis 3:2,3).

Eve apparently thought that just **touching** the forbidden fruit would result in her death, even though God had not mentioned touching. So after being deceived by the tempter to touch the fruit with no negative physical results she went ahead and ate the fruit with Adam. The result was disastrous as we know so well. Spiritual separation from God and the entrance of physical death into the world changed everything.

I want to draw the following application from this historical event. Some Christians feel the need to TOUCH evolution in ways that compromise with the plain statements of the Word of God. In my booklet *The Pastors’ Dilemma* is a list of reasons (or excuses) why this is done. Here is that list that was applied to pastors but is equally applicable to all Christians:

1. They do not want to appear foolish to the secular world by believing something the secular world rejects.
2. They want to maintain the approval and respect of their ministerial, academic and professional peers who do not believe in a literal 6-day creation just thousands of years ago.
3. They don’t want to upset congregational members who believe in an old earth and millions of years of history—in some cases because of still believing outdated science.
4. They have not studied the subject of origins seriously, and feel unqualified and intimidated to tackle it

from the biblical and scientific viewpoint.

5. They have come to genuinely believe in millions of years of earth’s history.

6. They do not really support the authority and verbal inspiration of the Bible as God’s special specific revelation when it comes to origins, even though they may say that they do.

My point is this: By (“touching”) compromising with evolutionary teaching in some way, such as the deception of theistic evolution (that God used evolution as His method of creating everything over millions of years), and thinking that teaching this is just a harmless way of understanding origins, we have opened the door to the extremely serious consequence of leading people to believe that God didn’t mean exactly what He said in the Bible. And this can potentially even be a salvation issue.

Romans 3:4 says, “**Let God be true, but every man a liar.**” We must not compromise with Exodus 20:11. “**For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth....**” God bless you all. RB

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