

# Excerpt from Evolution AND Creation

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Darwin's theory of evolution descended like a bombshell with publication of Origin of Species in 1859, with the sense of disaster perhaps most acute among adherents of biblical religion. For Darwin's theory, at first glance, seemed hopelessly at odds with the accounts of creation in Genesis. Moreover, many of the proponents of theories of evolution made no secret that they were atheists or agnostics. As time went on, however, and as supporting evidence began to mount, the theory was increasingly supported by scientists and non-scientists alike. Biblical exegetes, theologians, and churchmen also came to peace with the theory as they realized that it did not necessarily exclude a personal creator. Also, at approximately the same time as the theory of evolution was gaining ground, historical-critical studies of the Old Testament were showing that the Genesis accounts were not science or history - at least not history in the modern sense. It became clearer therefore, that the biblical accounts were not written for the purpose of giving scientific or historical information, but rather to reveal truths concerning salvation.