

# The Apostles' Creed: The First Article

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*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

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## God Made Me and All Creatures

**Genesis 1:1** says: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* Our Bible narrative for this study is the creation story of **Genesis chapters 1 and 2**. And the world thinks it is just that—a story, a creation myth, like so many other cultures have. So, the world has come up with their own creation myth, the theory of evolution. The world's theory of evolution is so attractive, many Christians have adopted varying theories of "Theistic Evolution", which try to allow for the theory of evolution and still give God some credit. Here are the problems with that:

### Evolution

The theory of evolution presupposes there is no God. If that is the case and everything and everyone is here by accident, there is no hope for humanity. Throughout history we have proven that we cannot make a society that is good. Plato had a notion of a Republic that was just. But that's all it was, a notion. It is not feasibly possible. And when this life is over, that's it. This is a very defeatist view of life. We are here by accident, life is what you make it, and there is no purpose.

### Theistic Evolution

When trying to blend creation and evolution, one is forced to admit that the creation story is myth, not truth. It says that this part of the Bible is not reasonable, so we will not accept it as written. The problem is, where do you stop? What about the flood, the crossing of the Red Sea, manna from heaven, the fall of Jericho, an army of 300 defeating one of 100,000 with torches and horns? Or, more to the point, what about the virgin birth and Incarnation, the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, or the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ? This way of compromise is a house of cards that risks losing salvation.

### Creation

The Bible says that God created everything in six days out of nothing, by just His Word. We accept it by faith because that's what the Word of God says. The Bible also says that the Son of God became a man and was born of a virgin. He lived a holy life and died on the cross for our sins. He was raised the third day to life eternal, so we can live forever with Him. He has given us His Holy Spirit to guide us through this life. He gives us His body and blood at Holy Communion to continually give us forgiveness, life, and salvation. He is coming back to judge the world and establish His kingdom forever. We believe all this because that's what the Bible says. No apologies necessary.