

13 Common Objections From Theistic Evolutionists Addressed in *A Catholic Assessment of Evolution Theory*

1. “The issue of origins is a matter of science, not faith and morals.”
2. “The evolution controversy can be ignored because the war of worldviews is not a serious threat.”
3. “Evolution theory is scientifically supported.”
4. “Evolution theory is not a threat to the faith since theistic evolution is a viable option.”
5. “If we teach that evolution theory is incorrect and evidence then surfaces in support of evolution theory, it will harm the faith of many believers.”
6. “Evolution theory is a non-issue because belief in evolution does not contradict an infallible declaration by the Church. I’ll worry about evolution when the Church condemns it.”
7. “Evolution theory is only an ‘issue’ for Protestants.”
8. “The Church does not view Scripture as a science textbook, so we should not read any scientific claims about origins into *Genesis*.”
9. “Given the dwindling resources and the reduced number of practicing Catholics, the Church is best served by focusing on moral evils such as abortion instead of attacking evolution theory.”
10. “Since well-known Catholic scholars have refuted atheism and moral relativism, there is no need to oppose evolution theory directly, as this will only subject the Church to ridicule, reminders of Galileo, and accusations that the Church is opposed to science.”
11. “My faith is unaffected by evolution theory and I believe that evolution plays only a small and limited role in the battle for souls; by and large, people don’t believe because they choose not to believe.”
12. “Since our kingdom is not of this world and since Christianity will triumph in the end, we need not be overly concerned about the secular control of schools and government, the teaching of evolution, or even the loss of religious freedoms.”
13. “Our focus should be solely on living the faith and Catholics need not venture into controversial issues such as evolution; if previous generations of Catholics had fully lived the faith, there may not have been an evolution theory, or at least it would be a moot point today.”