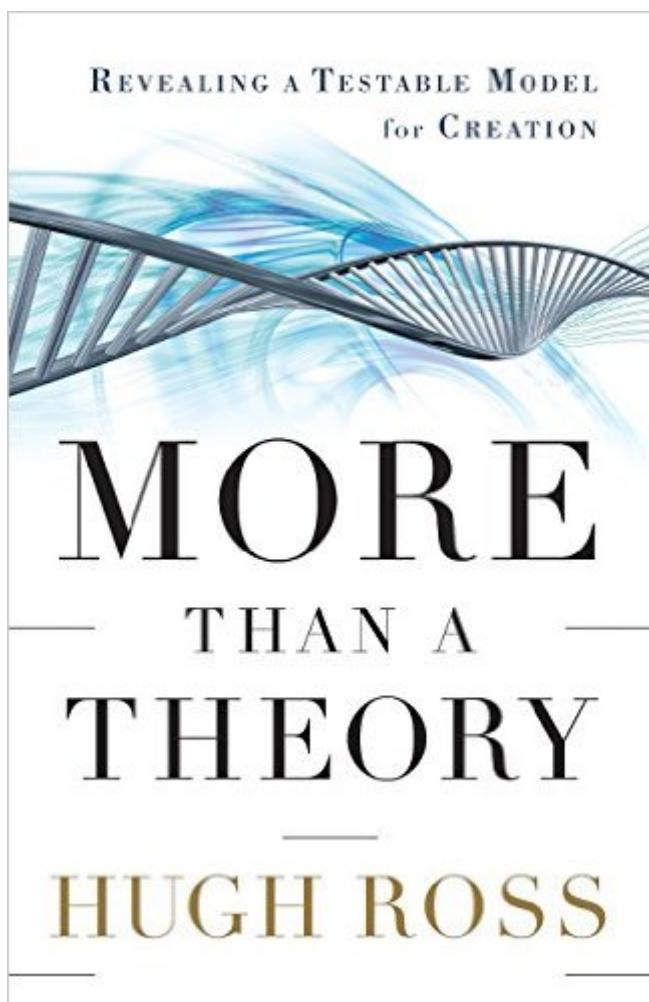


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# More Than A Theory: Revealing A Testable Model For Creation (Reasons To Believe)



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The founder and president of Reasons To Believe offers discerning readers a comprehensive, testable creation model to consider as an alternative to evolution. Now in paper.

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RTB is to be commended for putting forth a testable creation model. A model that makes specific predictions, solicits public critique, and stimulates respectful, scientific dialogue represents a huge step forward in the creation/evolution debate. At the very least, RTB's model has attracted some bright scientific minds, generated thoughtful discourse between the disparate camps, and put its public reputation on the line. However, I would like to offer a critique regarding one of the later chapters, in which RTB provides a statistical breakdown of the different camps' predictive accuracy.

Briefly, RTB earns 68 partially or completely fulfilled predictions while not accumulating a single partially or completely falsified prediction. The young earth and theistic evolution models generate a more mixed bag, with the strict naturalism model earning poor marks across the board. To those who may be skeptical of RTB's predictive model, a 68-0 score card likely arouses suspicion.

Immediately, whether intended or not, a more skeptical reader could justifiably feel as if the "deck is stacked". One could argue that even a legitimate scientific model should yield a few inconsistencies, unanswered questions, or unresolved dilemmas subject to future testing. So, how was RTB's predictive accuracy assessed? Did it enlist an independent panel of scientists and theologians, from across the spectrum, to score various aspects of its model? Were fair-minded young earth

creationists, atheistic evolutionists, and theistic evolutionists given a seat at the table to participate in the scorekeeping? Or, was the 68-0 score a product of the RTB scholar team, other old earth creationist scientists, and theologians predisposed to an old earth creationist interpretation?

The basic premise of this important book by Hugh Ross is that a more constructive approach to present evidence for the Creator is to provide a testable model for creation, rather than try to poke holes in the evolutionary theory. Through providing a testable model for creation which is backed up by scientific research, a more convincing case can be made for Intelligent Design that will not alienate those who don't believe in ID; it will foster more constructive dialogue and present a convincing case for the hypothesis of a Creator. Ross presents the Reason to Believe (henceforth RTB) testable model for creation. Ross defines science as the "pursuit of systematized knowledge and understanding about the way the universe, with its governing laws and all it contains, operates" (p. 18) Ch. 1 Ross helps the reader understand what the RTB creation model is all about and the principles it abides by Ch. 2 Ross gives an overview of the different viewpoints: Evolutionist, Young-Earth creationist, Intelligent Design movement, Old-Earth creationist, Theistic Evolutionist, Framework Theorists, Progressive Creationist, and Concordists. Ch. 3 Ross discusses different strategies and approaches for discussing creation Ch. 4-5 Detailed description of the Objective Testing Method and the resources and standards on which it is based. Ch. 6 The Biblical Structure of the Creation Model -- based on 4 key points (Dual revelation, Creation purposes, Creation chronology, and Detectability of the divine) Ch. 7 Putting the RTB's Model for the Cosmos to the Test Ch. 8 Putting RTB's Model for Galaxies, Stars, and Planets to the Test Ch. 9 Putting RTB's Model for Life's Beginning and Extraterrestrial homes to the test Ch.

**Creation by Natural Selection and Random Mutation:** Finally, we come to my least favorite Creationists, the kind of Creationist that I used to be! I had been duped, and I didn't even know it!! I can't help it, whenever the words "Creation" and "Creationist" are presented to me, Evolution by Natural Selection and Random Mutation tends to be the first thing that comes to mind nowadays! Why? It's because the Atheists and Darwinists take non-sentient, inanimate, non-living concepts like Evolution, Natural Selection, and Random Mutation, and then these Atheistic Darwinists anthropomorphise and deify Evolution, Natural Selection, and Random Mutations imbuing these lifeless concepts with teleology and powers of foresight, design, and creation! It was only a couple of years ago, when I as an atheist was doing the exact same thing. I, too, was taking Evolution, Natural Selection, and Random Mutations, turning them into gods, and imbuing them with

the power to create new life forms from scratch! As an Atheistic Darwinist, I WAS that kind of Creationist! But, I'm not any more. Clearly, I have changed, and my priorities have changed during the past year or so. Science books -- like "Biological Information: New Perspectives" and "Genetic Entropy", along with Dr. Werner Gitt's books "In the Beginning Was Information" and "Without Excuse" and William Dembski's book "Being As Communion: A Metaphysics of Information" -- successfully convinced me that Natural Selection and Random Mutations are NOT gods; and thus, these books cured me of that particular brand of Creationism.

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