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In the Bible, the Earth was made before the sun, while evolution insists that the sun existed before the Earth. Genesis tells us that sea creatures, which would include

whales, were made a day before land animals. Evolution says that whales evolved from preexisting land animals. For that matter, the Bible says that land plants were made before life in the ocean, while evolution claims that life – including plants – started in the ocean. Genesis tells us that fruit trees were the first living things created. Evolution claims that fruit trees evolved fairly recently in geological history. The Bible teaches that birds were created before land animals. Evolution says that birds evolved from earlier land animals.

We could go on with still more contradictions between Genesis and evolution. It should be clear that they are not telling the same story. And there is one more, and most important, contradiction between the two stories. While the Bible teaches that death is a result of our sin, evolution says that death is natural and was part of the evolutionary process. Evolution offers us no eternal hope. The Bible teaches that Jesus' death on the cross does offer us hope through salvation and eternal life.

Prayer: Lord, keep me in Your Word so I may never be misled into false belief. Amen.

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