Evolution has been the focus of many heated arguments since Darwin's publication of The Origin of Species. Rather than make another claim about this foundational paradigm of modern biology, though, this paper considers the attitudes and assumptions involved in our ongoing cultural debates. Too often, the possibility of honoring differences in opinion is disregarded because of a desire (a desperation?) to be certain that one’s own beliefs are correct. By examining a running conversation about evolution between Ross and Phoebe in an episode of the 1990s sitcom Friends, however, I suggest this attitude requires correction before our debates will become more productive. In this television drama, Ross is so intent on convincing Phoebe that her disbelief of evolution is wrong, he fails to see that she doesn’t necessarily think he is wrong, but only wants him to acknowledge that she could be right. That how one speaks is as important as what one says is further illustrated, in fact, by comments left by viewers of a YouTube montage of this episode’s conversations about evolution. The comments echo the episode: they became a mere tug of war about who is right and who is wrong, with few more complex possibilities considered. In sum, this paper emphasizes the value of learning more about both science and religion, and committing to listening carefully and seeking to tolerate others even when they express polarizing, simplistic, or shortsighted positions.