

What Do the Scriptures Say?

Are you confident that the scriptures and science work together and actually complement each other? Do you have an unsaved family member or friend who says, “Well, the Bible isn’t really clear on that,” or worse, claims that evolution(ism) has debunked the Bible? (Of course you do!) Are you reaching out to these people? Do you have the information - tools to do that? The Bible makes very clear statements as to how and when creation took place. Whether the false sciences matter to you personally or not (and they may not) everyone should at least a) know what the scriptures say, and b) have at least a foundational basis with which to reasonably discuss these issues with those who have been deceived by false science. There are numerous resources available to serve that purpose. The purpose of this monograph is to expound on the scriptures.

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Gen 1:6-8 And God made the firmament. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Gen 1:9-13 And God gathered together the waters separating the land from the water. And brought forth grass, herbs, and fruit trees. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

Gen 1:14-19 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

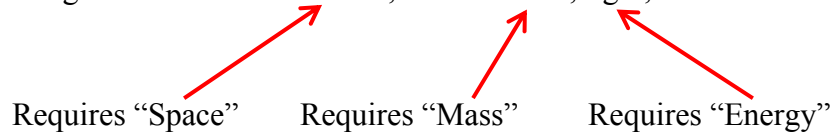
Gen 1:20-23 And God created every living creature that moveth in the waters, and every winged fowl. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Gen 1:24-31 And God said, Let the earth bring forth cattle, creeping thing, and beast of the earth. And God said, Let us make man in our image, And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

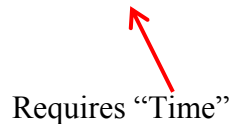
Conclusion: How long did creation take? Six Days

Day #1 (Elaborated)

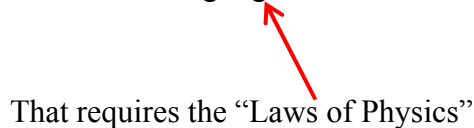
Gen 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heaven, and the earth, light, and dark.



And the evening and the morning were the first day.



AND – It is all working together.



On the very first day, Space, Mass, Energy, Time, and the Laws of Physics were created. These fundamental aspects of creation are mathematically tied together and cannot function independently. The (human) author of Genesis 1 could not have possibly known that. This, alone, is strong evidence of divine scriptural inspiration.

A few of these numerous equations are:

$$E = Mc^2 \quad M' = \frac{M}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad D' = D \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \quad T' = \frac{T}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

where:

E = Energy,

M = Mass,

c = the Speed of Light (the travel of Energy through Space and Time)

v = the Speed of an object (through Space and Time)

D = Distance (requires Space)

T = Time

Once again, these fundamental aspects of creation are mathematically tied together and cannot function independently.

IF – You were to make up a fable for people to believe that includes everything we need on the very first day, would you have known to include these aspects of your creation?

Universal Social Constants (Verse 14)

Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

- What determines the time for a year? The earth's rotation around the sun.
- What determines the time for a month? The moon's rotation around the earth.
- What determines the time for a day? The earth's rotation around its axis.

Defining the Week (Throughout the Bible)

And then lastly,

- What determines the time for a week?

Genesis 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Exodus 16:26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, ...

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 23:12 Six days you are to do your work,...

Exodus 31:15 For six days work may be done, whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Exodus 31:18 tells us that these commandments were *written with the finger of God*.

Exodus 34:21 You shall work six days, ...

Exodus 35:2 For six days work may be done,

Leviticus 23:3 For six days work may be done, ...

Deuteronomy 5:13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ...




...and numerous others.

The Hebrew Word for Day (Yom)

Doesn't the word "yom" have three different uses?

Yes. Just like our word "day." We use this word every day without any confusion. Most words have more than one meaning. We know their intended meaning based on the "context."

Example:

"In my Grandfather's day,  A particular "age" of time.
it used to take four days  Four cyclical (24 hour) days.
for him to drive to Florida during the day."  Daytime / the light hours.

This single sentence uses the word "day" with all three meanings and is not confusing to anyone.

In this phrase, which use of the word "day" is correct?

- A. The evening and the morning were the first age of time.
- B. The evening and the morning were the first cyclical day.
- C. The evening and the morning were the first daylight.

Obviously "B" is the correct answer.

The word "Day" is used 1741 times in scripture. No other place in scripture does the word "Day" (yom) invoke argumentation of what is intended.

In contrast:

The word "Up" is used 2380 times.

The word "Up" has over 50 definitions.

The word "Up" can be used as a noun, verb, adjective, adverb, or preposition.

In what section of the Bible is there any argumentation about the word "Up"?

But Hebrew is such an old language it is difficult to interpret

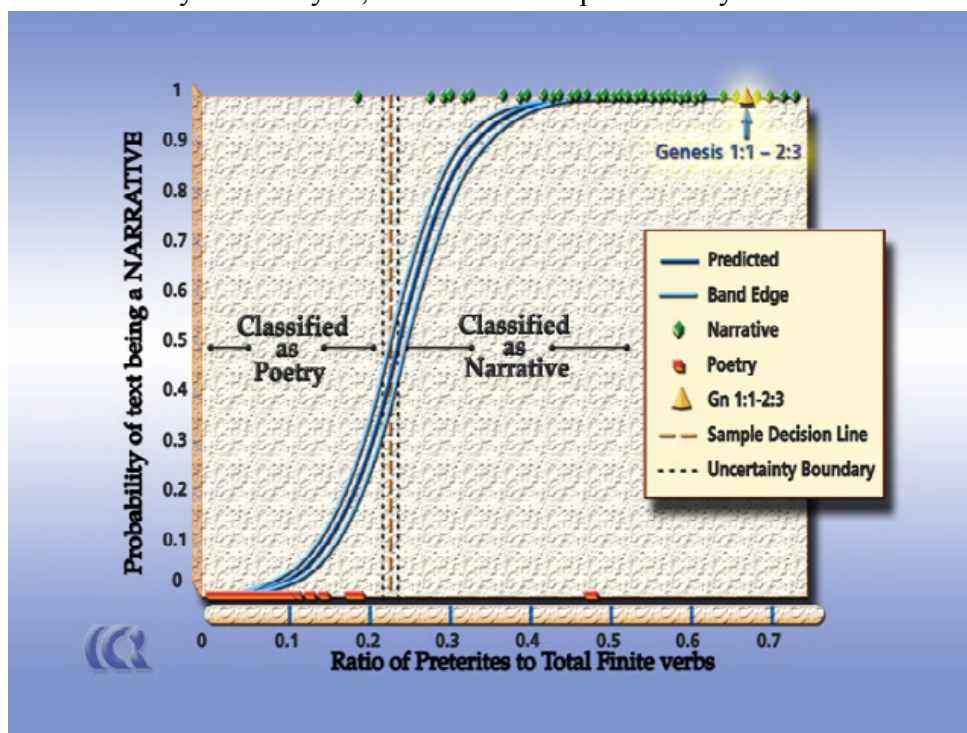
In some cases, Hebrew is difficult to interpret, but Jesus had no trouble understanding it:

Luke 13:11-16 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*. And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, **Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.** And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, **Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?**

By this response, Jesus acknowledged the six days as the origin of the Sabbath.

Is Genesis Chapter 1 “Poetic?”

The Bible certainly includes “poetic” verbiage in some places. We know that these areas are poetic by various means including rhyme, meter, and word choices. Genesis 1 - 2:3 has no rhyme or meter. By studying the word choices (analyzing the ratio of Preterite verbs to Finite verbs and comparing this ratio to other areas of scripture) can also indicate whether the passage is poetic or narrative. By this analysis, Genesis 1 is unquestionably “narrative.”



Analysis by Dr. Scott Boyd; Hebrew Scholar

Conclusion: The creation verbiage is “narrative;” not “poetic” and therefore literal.

How Long Ago Did This Happen?

Relevance

First we need to note that, for the purpose of this discussion, whether the earth was created 4000 BC, or 4004 BC, or even 6000 BC is not the relevant topic of discussion. We can let the archaeologists argue over the exact year. The much more important question is, “Did this special creation discussed in Genesis 1 occur ‘thousands of years ago’ or ‘billions of years ago?’” There is an enormous difference in these two ultra-different time-frames and, by looking at the scriptures and scientific evidence, it really should not be difficult to tell which one is correct. Furthermore, this difference is not only about the number of years, but also the theological relevancy!

- * The process of evolution, IF correct, requires hundreds of millions and even billions of years.
- * On the other hand, IF creation was only thousands of years ago, evolution is not only impossible, but utterly ridiculous.

Consequently, from a creation/evolution perspective, whether creation was 4000, 5000, or even 10,000 years ago does not matter. Arguing the irrelevant is known as a “strawman argument.” Any time period of “thousands” of years totally contradicts the alternative of hundreds of millions to billions of years.

Genealogies

There are certainly areas of the Old Testament where obtaining accurate years (or ages) is very difficult and requires numerous assumptions. The cynics love to tout these difficulties. However, these too, are merely strawman arguments. The Egyptian Empire is well documented. No one disputes its existence nor the approximate time period. The Egyptian Empire began somewhere around 3100 BC and ended about 30 BC. Let’s give the evolutionists the benefit of the doubt and assume that the Egyptian Empire began as far back as 3500 BC. As indicated above, for our purposes, a few hundred years is irrelevant to this discussion. The chart below provides the Biblical reference, the name of the father, and his age at the time of birth of the son listed. By adding these figures, we can arrive at the year of birth for each of these individuals. Just for reference, the chart also includes the year of death as well.

Reference	Father	Age	Son	Birth	Death
Gen 2:19	Adam			0	
Gen 5:3	Adam	130	Seth	130	
Gen 5:4	Adam	930			930
Gen 5:6	Seth	105	Enos	235	
Gen 5:7-8	Seth	912			1042
Gen 5:9	Enos	90	Canain	325	
Gen 5:10-11	Enos	905			1140

Gen 5:12	Canain	70	Mahalaleel	395	
Gen 5:13-14	Canain	910			1235
Gen 5:15	Mahalaleel	65	Jared	460	
Gen 5:16-17	Mahalaleel	895			1290
Gen 5:18	Jared	162	Enoch	622	
Gen 5:19-20	Jared	962			1422
Gen 5:21	Enoch	65	Methusalah	687	
Gen 5:22-23	Enoch	365			987
Gen 5:25	Methusalah	187	Lamech	874	
Gen 5:26-27	Methusalah	969			1656
Gen 5:28-29	Lamech	182	Noah	1056	
Gen 5:30-31	Lamech	777			1651
Gen 5:32	Noah	500	Shem,Ham,Japheth	1556	
Gen 9:29	Noah	950			2006
Gen 11:10	Shem	100	Arphaxad	1658	
Gen 11:11	Shem	500			2158
Gen 11:12	Arphaxad	35	Salah	1693	
Gen 11:13	Arphaxad	438			2096
Gen 11:14	Salah	30	Eber	1723	
Gen 11:15	Salah	433			2126
Gen 11:16	Eber	34	Peleg	1757	
Gen 11:17	Eber	464			2187
Gen 11:18	Peleg	30	Reu	1787	
Gen 11:19	Peleg	239			1996
Gen 11:20	Reu	32	Serug	1819	
Gen 11:21	Reu	239			2026
Gen 11:22	Serug	30	Nahor	1849	
Gen 11:23	Serug	230			2049
Gen 11:24	Nahor	29	Terah	1878	
Gen 11:25	Nahor	148			1997
Gen 11:26	Terah	70	Abram	2008	
Gen 11:32	Terah	205			2083
Gen 21:3,5	Abram	100	Isaac	2108	
Gen 25:26	Abraham	175			2183
Gen 25:26	Isaac	60	Jacob	2168	
Gen 35:28	Isaac	180			2288
Gen 30	Jacob	91	Joseph	2259	
Gen 37:2,28	Joseph	17	Sent to Egypt	2276	
Gen 47:9,28	Jacob	130	Sent to Egypt	2298	
Ex 12:40	Jews in Egypt	430			2298 to 2728

Noah was 600 at the beginning of the flood (Gen 7:6)
Japheth was eldest (Gen 10:21)

2 years after the flood

Gen 11:26, 12:1,4; Acts 7:4
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Oldest date attributed to Egyptian Empire is 3500 BC.

This places Genesis 1:1 at $2300 + 3500 = 5800$ BC at the very earliest!

At this point, the cynics pull another strawman argument and suggest that this genealogy is incomplete. They insist that this genealogy could be missing numerous people making the earth

much older. That truly is a strawman argument. IF we agreed that half the people are missing, that still only adds another 2300 years. Furthermore, these cynics did not actually read what the scripture says.

Let's look at an example: Genesis 5:6 states, "And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos." The (strawman) argument is that, with the word "begat," Enos could have been Seth's grandson, or even great-grandson. It really does not matter if Enos was Seth's great great great great grandson. Seth was 105 years old at the time of Enos' birth. This wording is consistent throughout these genealogies. So, there could very well be "gaps" in the personal genealogy, but there are no gaps in the time chronology.

It is also true that the birth dates of Shem, Ham, and Japheth are approximate because they were not triplets. However this (potential) discrepancy is cleared up in Genesis 11:10 when it states that Arphaxad was born two years after the flood.

Conclusion: Let's face it; according to the scriptures, the creation was thousands of years ago; not millions, billions, or gazillions.

Consistency of the Scriptures

Is this “just” a Genesis 1 issue? No. The age of the earth is consistent throughout scripture. All of the following passages indicate that man has been here on earth *since the beginning (or foundation) of the world (or creation.)*

Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Mark 10:6 **But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.**

Mark 13:19 **For those days will be a *time of tribulation* such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation...**

Luke 11:50 **That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation.**

Acts 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Ephesians 3:9 ...which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ

Hebrews 4:3 ...although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

If the earth is billions of years old (as supposed by the old earth scenario), then man did not show up on the scene until billions of years *after the beginning of the world*. This would be a clear scriptural contradiction. As you can see, these passages use the words “world” and “creation” somewhat interchangeably. Granted these two words are different, but the various contexts indicate that they were at the same time. Similarly, in this document, the terms “age of the earth” and “creation” are used somewhat interchangeably as well.

It should also be noted that the Mark and Luke passages above are the words of Jesus.

2 Peter 3:3-4 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

IF man had not been on earth for billions of years then things would not have continued as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Furthermore – Adam is specifically mentioned 7 times in the New Testament. These references are “as fact;” not “as fable.”

Scriptural Contradictions(?)

Genesis 1:29-30 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

From this passage, “every beast of the earth, and every fowl of the air, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth” was a vegetarian. Many of the creatures of the fossil record were clearly carnivorous creatures; not vegetarians. If they lived millions of years before man (as supposed by the old earth scenario) then this is a clear contradiction to scripture. Their carnivorous attributes must have developed after man; not before.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

The word “framed” καταρτιζω means “complete thoroughly”

“Millions of years” implies evolutionary advances. But, according to Hebrews 11:3, the *things* we see today were not made from other *things*.

Much of what evolutionists see as “long periods of time” pertain to the massive worldwide flood deposits. These deposits are indicative of a worldwide judgement; not a local flood.

Genesis 6-9 indicates that this was a worldwide flood due to judgement; not a local nasty storm.

“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.”

Matthew 24:37-39 is in the context of the “abomination of desolation” and confirms the same worldwide nature of that flood. “**But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**”

2 Peter 3:6-7 confirms that this flood was due to judgement. “Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

2 Peter 2:4-5 “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly...”

Understanding geology from a worldwide flood perspective is crucial in understanding scripture and geology! These passages relate Noah’s Flood to God’s judgement of mankind. To believe that the earth is billions of years old is to believe that these passages contradict themselves. Furthermore, IF that would be the case, these passages indicate that God’s judgement was only local, as in a “partial judgement” of “some” individuals, but not all.

Lastly, IF this flood was only a local flood, why didn’t Noah and his family walk to a different land? They had nearly a hundred years to do so. And, as the evolutionists suggest, IF this was merely a local flood, then God has broken His covenant of Genesis 9:11 on numerous occasions and He cannot be trusted for anything.

“And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.”

Interpreting flood deposits as millions of years requires serious contradictions of scripture.

The old earth ideology comes from false science. The scriptures warn us about this:

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

All true science supports the scriptures.

The focus of this monograph is to clearly illustrate the scriptural basis for the 6 day recent creation. This monograph would double in length if it included all of the scriptural references to creation as well. For example:

2 Kings 19:15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

This is just a very few. There are numerous more, and they are referring back to the Genesis verses listed above.

Sin Before Death

Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

Some people claim that this verse may only be referring to the death of “man.” As a “stand-alone” verse, that might be true. But it does not stand alone.

1 Corinthians 15:21 “For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.”

Similarly, this verse, alone, seems to be referring strictly to man. After all, the resurrection is strictly for man.

However, this claim is completely out of context with the balance of the chapter.

1 Corinthians 15:39 “All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.”

1 Corinthians 15:40-1 “There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.”

1 Corinthians 15:42 “So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.”

1 Corinthians 15:45 “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.”

Looking at the entire chapter, it is clear that 1 Corinthians 15 is discussing the death of man due to judgment (corruption) and ties it all together in the same context as the death of other aspects of God’s creation, including animals and even “celestial bodies” in verse 40-41.

Similarly, Romans 8 is all about the consequences of sin, including death. For example:

Romans 8:10 “And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.”

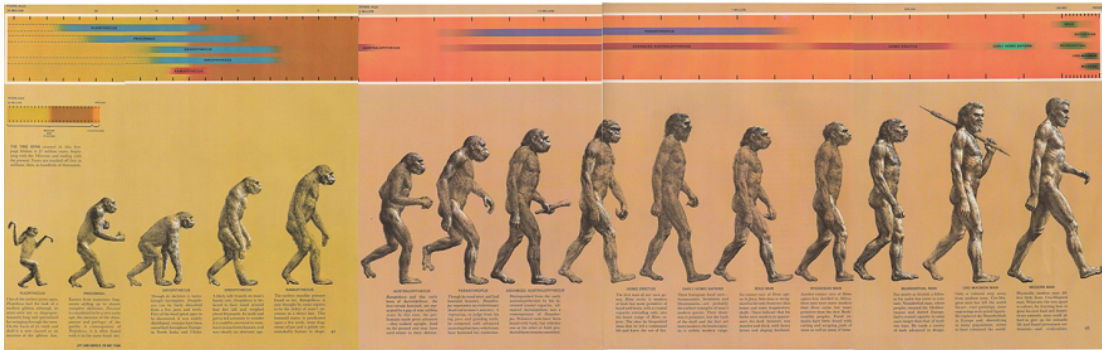
Romans 8:21 “Because the creature {*creation*} itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

Romans 8:22 “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”

Romans chapter 8 is referring to the entire creation. Not just “man.” The “creature” is also delivered from the bondage of corruption.

So let’s revisit Romans 5 and look at it from an evolutionary perspective:

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,



Was it this one?

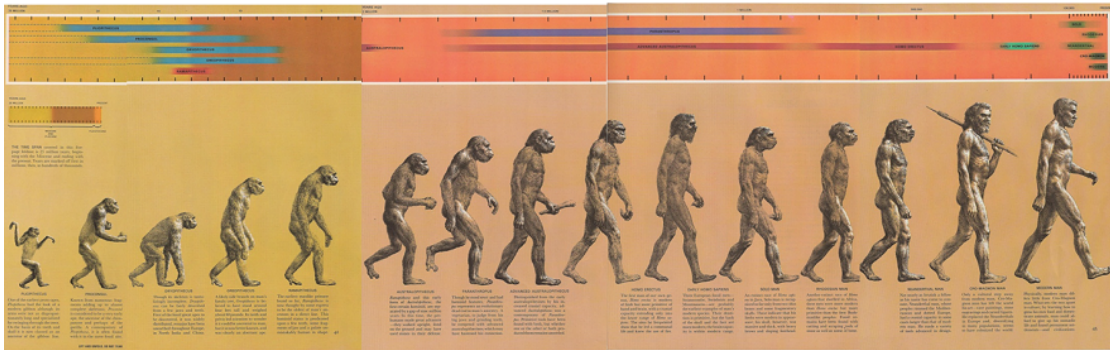
Was it this one?

Which man sinned first?

Maybe it was that one?

Which man sinned first? Tough decision isn't it?
Let's take this one step further.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one,



Was it this one?

Was it this one?

Which man died?

**OH! – That's right.
They are ALL dead!**

Maybe it was that one?

And these “ape-men” evolved and died away right along with numerous other evolutionary creatures. Obviously death before sin is a serious contradiction to scripture from an evolutionary perspective.

Reconciling Contradictions

Contradictions in Order Between the Biblical View and the Secular View	
Biblical Order of Appearance	Evolutionary Order of Appearance
1. Matter created by God in the beginning	1. Matter existed in the beginning
2. Earth before the sun and stars	2. Sun and stars before the earth
3. Oceans before the land	3. Land before the oceans
4. Light before the sun	4. Sun, earth's first light
5. Atmosphere between two water layers	5. Atmosphere above a water layer
6. Land plants, first life forms created	6. Marine organisms, first forms of life
7. Fruit trees before fish	7. Fish before fruit trees
8. Fish before insects	8. Insects before fish
9. Land vegetation before sun	9. Sun before land plants
10. Marine mammals before land mammals	10. Land mammals before marine mammals
11. Birds before land reptiles	11. Reptiles before birds
12. Man, the cause of death	12. Death, necessary antecedent of man

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Either:

The Biblical Order is True OR The Evolutionary Order is True

It is not possible for the Biblical order to be true AND the evolutionary order to be true.

True Science and God's True Word Must Always Agree.

Otherwise,

By definition, one of the two must be false.

Many people are afraid to acknowledge the recent creation when witnessing because they feel their testimony may not be accepted. That is a fatal argument because that would be true of any of the unbeliever's basis for their unbelief. Furthermore, acknowledging an old earth can be a fatal tactic because it clearly contradicts scripture. Any witnessing tactic that contradicts scripture will be fatal if/when the unbeliever recognizes that contradiction.

Why Does This Matter?

First of all, from the passages above, you will see that Jesus referred to multiple aspects of creation. So does it really make sense to say, “I believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ who is God and came to this earth to pay for my sins by dying on the cross, and defeated death by rising from the dead, BUT, that “creation stuff,” well, He must have been misinformed.”

Obviously – Our view of creation matters!

Furthermore, Romans 1:20 tells us that God’s creation is so obvious that there is no excuse to not recognize it! “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

But don’t stop reading there. Romans 1 continues and tells us what will happen if we deny His “eternal power and Godhead.” (His creation is one example of His “eternal power.”)

- We cease in glorifying Him verse 21
- We become unthankful verse 21
- We become vain verse 21
- We become fools verse 21
- We “profess” to be wise but are actually fools verse 22
- We begin to worship “things” verse 23
- God turns us over to our own lusts verse 24
- And we dishonor our own bodies verse 24
- We turn the truth of God into a lie verse 25
- And worship the creation (mother nature) more than the Creator verse 25
- God turns us over to “vile affections” verse 26
- Women turn their “natural use into that which is against nature” verse 26
- And men burn with lust one toward another verse 27
- God turns us over to our reprobate mind verse 28
- Filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, verses 29-31
covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit,
malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud,
boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without
understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful
- And have pleasure in them, knowing that we deserve death! verse 32

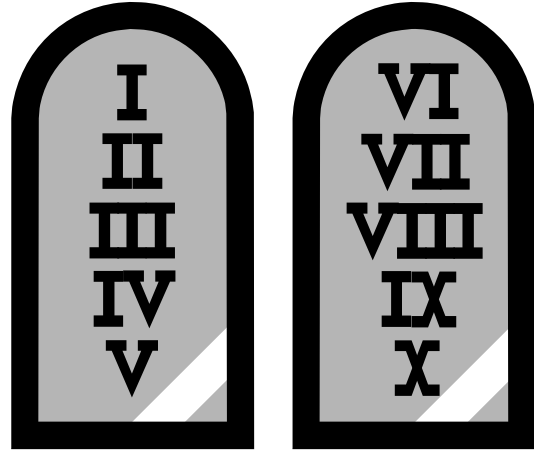
Ultimately, looking at this list of “consequences” above, you would have to agree that if a perpetrator made you the “victim” of an evil act, you would instantly and easily recognize that you have been “wronged.” And who told you that you had been wronged? You did not need to be told. Your “innate” moral set of values, knowing right from wrong, is strong evidence for a Creator. Obviously these “rules” were made by Someone else – for your protection.

Who Makes the Rules?

This is a simple question. There are only two possibilities:

If God Created us—

- HE and only He makes the rules.
- There are absolutely “absolutes.”
(Rights and wrongs.)
- The concept of “authority” is authorized, mandated, and directed under His domain.
- Sickness and death are a consequence of sin.
- Sin has eternal consequences.
- The Bible is fully reliable.
- Salvation is provided by Christ.



On the other hand,

If We Evolved—

- WE and only WE make the rules.
- There are no “absolutes.”
- The word “authority” has no meaning outside of voluntary submission.
(“Voluntary submission is in serious conflict with “Survival of the Fittest.”)”)
- You have no purpose in life - other than your own self-satisfaction.
- The Bible is not credible.
- **The concept of “salvation” is irrelevant.**



When we deny one passage, we set a dangerous precedent for determining Who makes the rules.

Salvation

Everyone is designed by God in different ways and for different purposes. For those with a solid unshakable faith, this issue can be somewhat of a ‘side issue.’ However, in those cases, it would be prudent to at least fully understand and believe that the Bible is 100% true and that there are answers to these disturbing questions propagated by ‘false science.’ As illustrated in numerous passages above, Jesus fully accepted the Biblical account of creation and warns us about not accepting the book of Genesis as God’s word. Luke 16:31 And he said unto him, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded,**

Whether a person believes in a young earth or an old earth is not a “salvation” issue. That is true. Truth be known, when we get to heaven, we will all discover how much of scripture that we misunderstood. However, “denying” and “misunderstanding” are quite different. When we intentionally deny scripture, we have made ourselves the ultimate authority. Then we determine which passages of scripture to accept or reject. This has four undesirable consequences:

- 1) Since “self” is considered to be the ultimate authority, whether recognized or not, it would be fully natural to pick and choose other passages of scriptures to accept, deny, or reinterpret to fit our own paradigm. We may be doing this without even recognizing it.
- 2) Denying the Biblical account of creation is to deny the most astounding miracle of all times! This, by definition, cripples our view of God’s omniscience and omnipotence because we never see it in the enormous massive magnitude that it is.
- 3) By missing this astounding miracle, we miss the fact that, not only does God love us, but He is also obviously omniscient and omnipotent enough to easily take care of any and all problems that we may ever face throughout our entire life.
- 4) By trusting that the “young earth - old earth issue” is not a salvation issue, we set ourselves up for denying enough other passages of scripture that we may be worshipping a god of our own creation. **If** that is the case, **then** that **is** a salvation issue.

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Luke 12:8 **Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.**

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

When we look at these three passages from our own perspective, it is easy to say “Yeah, yeah, I believe and confessed, etc.” when what we may really mean is that “we believe and confessed according to our own paradigm” which could be a god of our own making.