

# In the Beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth,... But, when was the Beginning And Why is that Important?

## Our Children are Leaving the Church!

Over the past five to six generations, attendance at religious services has declined substantially, until, as illustrated on the right, only 18 per cent of millennials attend church on a regular basis, and it's believed that the generation following the millennials is in single digits.

Six recent surveys show that 60 per cent of our youth are leaving the church and that this decline is directly related to the teaching of evolution. Major reasons given are:

- Christianity is shallow and too exclusive
- The church appears to be **anti-science**
- **Learning about evolution in college**
- Lack of specific or **scientific evidence** for a creator
- College is a **hostile environment** towards Chris-

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- The teaching of **moral relativism**

If we analyze these reasons, we can see that they are related to a presumed conflict between science and the Bible. That presumed difference is usually in the area of Biblical creation vs evolution.

Growing moral relativism is also related to this conflict. When we believe in Biblical creation, we believe that we

Generation	% Attending
Greatest Generation (born before 1928)	56%
Silent (born 1928 – 1945)	44%
Boomer (born 1946 – 1964)	32%
Gen X (born 1965-1980)	27%
Millennial (born after 1980)	18%

are created in the image of God, and therefore human life has value. Being our creator also gives God the right to be our absolute moral authority.



## The Battle Over Creation is Really About the Authority of God's Word!

America' Research Group interviewed millennials who attended church as children but no longer attend.

They indicated a lack of belief in the Bible and it centered around creation.

They were asked:

- 1) If you don't believe, when did you first

begin to have doubts?

- Middle School 39.77%
- High School 43.68%
- College 10.57%

2) Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?

- Earth not 10K Years 29.7%

- Creation Account 11.9%
- Bible does not make sense 10.7%

The result of evolutionary teaching is a lack of belief in God's Word regarding creation. If belief in God as creator is destroyed, why believe the rest of the Bible?

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### Special points of interest:

- ☉ What is the big deal about the age of the earth?
- ☉ How does the age of the earth impact the Gospel?
- ☉ Is it a salvation issue?
- ☉ Is it important that Adam and Eve are real historical beings?
- ☉ Why is the global flood important?
- ☉ Doesn't science prove the Bible is wrong about creation?

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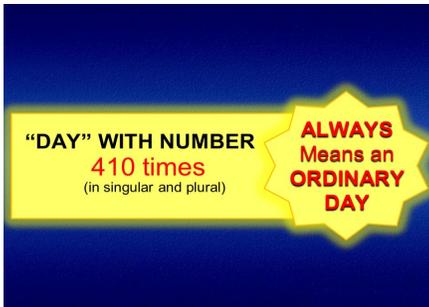
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# What is the Meaning of the Word "Day"?

The Hebrew word for "day" is "yom." The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon defines Yom as "day as defined by evening and morning: Genesis 1:5."

In the Old Testament, outside of Genesis 1, "Day" with a number always means an ordinary solar day.

"Day" with "evening and "morning"



always means an ordinary solar day. Why do we try to re-interpret it as long ages in Genesis 1?



Excerpts from Genesis 1:

5 ... And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the **first** day

8 ... there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the **second** day.

13 And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the **third** day.

19 And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the **fourth** day

23 And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the **fifth** day.

31 And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the **sixth** day.

In Exodus 20:11, God distinctly indicates it means a natural day when He writes the 10 commandments in stone.

For in **six days** the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the **seventh day**. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

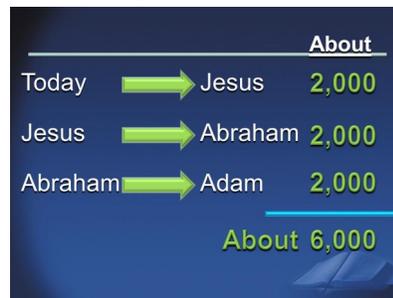
The meaning of "Day" in Genesis 1 is obviously an ordinary solar day!

# What Does the Bible Say About the Age of the Earth?

The Bible plainly states that creation occurred in six ordinary solar days. But when? The clues are in the genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11. These Genealogies are unique in that they specify the age of the father at the birth of his son (or descendant).

Genesis 5 specifies the time from Adam to Noah and Genesis 11 specifies the time from Noah to Abraham. For example, Adam was 130 at Seth's birth; Seth was 105 at the birth of Enosh. If we add these ages together, we get 1656 years from creation

to the flood. (Noah was 600 at the time of the flood.) Using the same technique in Genesis 11, we get about 390 years from Noah to Abraham. (The exact year of Abraham's birth is



not given.)

Granted, there may be some things which are unknown here, such as exact birth dates, etc., but there is certainly no room for long ages. The age of the earth must be expressed in terms of thousands, not millions of years!

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# What About the Other Long Age Theories?

Man has tried many different "theories" to compromise God's Word with evolution. Making each day into a long age is called the "Day-Age Theory". Others are the GAP Theory, the Framework Theory, Progressive Creation, and Evolutionary Creationism. They are all part of a group called Theistic Evolution, meaning God "used evolution" to create over long ages."

The GAP Theory suggests that there is a "gap" between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.

The Framework Theory tries to make Genesis 1 into "poetry" or a "mystical genre" rather than the historical document that it unmistakably is.

Progressive creation and evolutionary creationism theorize that God "intervened"

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periodically in the evolutionary process to "direct" creation.

Other theories try to distract by saying we don't know how long God's Spirit hovered over the "face of the deep" or how long Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden before they sinned.

**All have the effect of putting "death before sin" and making the cross unnecessary** (see above article on the effect on the Gospel).

# How does Adding Long Ages Affect the Gospel?

What is sin? Why is there evil in the world? Why do we need a Savior?

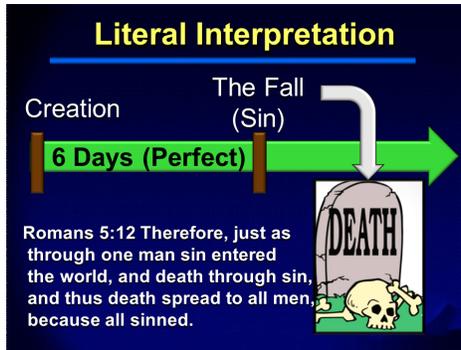
In order to answer these questions, we must understand the history in Genesis, especially Genesis 1-3.

Evolution, by nature, requires survival of the fittest. It is a religion of "death." It also requires long ages! Evolution in 6000 years would be laughable!

The Bible says death is a result of Adam's sin and that "all creation groans" as a result of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, but evolution would have us believe that death is only related to time!

If death is related to time and not sin, why do we need a Savior? Why did Jesus go to the cross?

This also patently rules out various forms of theistic evolution or pro-



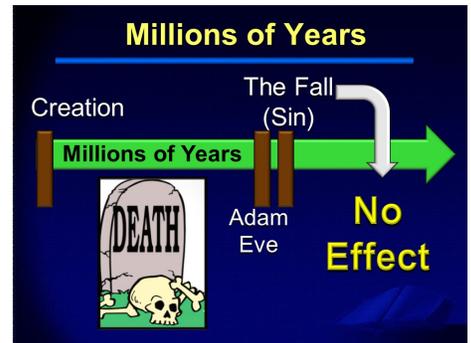
gressive creation.

Could God have used evolution? Of course God can do anything within His character, but obviously He did not use evolution. He states that He created all things from nothing by the power of His Word!!

When we add long ages to the Bible, we also impugn God's character. In Genesis 1:31, God calls his creation

very good. Would He call death and disease "very good?" Does that make Him a liar?

Jesus also says in Mark 10:6 that "from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." If there were millions of years of evolution, were Adam and Eve created at the beginning? Did Jesus lie?



## What About Scientific Evidence?

More and more scientific evidence is being uncovered which unambiguously agrees with the Biblical age of the earth. Some examples are:

- Soft tissue, red blood cells & Carbon-14 in dinosaur fossils.
- Genetic evidence that we all descend from one man and one woman about 6000 years ago.
- Complexity of our DNA & Evidence of Genetic Entropy

- Geologic evidence of a recent world wide flood which created our fossil record.
- The analysis of the Mt. St. Helen's eruption in which formations like the Grand Canyon occurred in days and months.
- The presence of comets in our solar system.
- Many others!

For an "in depth" discussion of the scientific evidence, see the videos

from the Age of the Earth Conference on our website, [www.denversocietyofcreation.org](http://www.denversocietyofcreation.org).

Evidence is always interpreted by one's worldview. For example, evolutionists claim that the fossil record is a record of how organisms evolved. Creationists see it as a record of how organisms died in the worldwide flood of Noah. Did you know that most people who believe in long ages do not believe in a worldwide flood? That's because it explains how the fossil record was created in ONE YEAR!

## The Atheists Get It!!!

William Lane Craig is a Christian apologist. However, he believes in long ages. He debated Frank Zindler, an atheist, who knew that he believed in long ages. Here is a quote from Frank Zindler during the debate.

"The most devastating thing, though, that biology did to Christianity was the discovery of biological evolution. Now that we know that Adam and Eve never were real people, the central myth of Christianity is destroyed. If

there never was an Adam and Eve, there never was an original sin. If there never was an original sin, there is no need of a savior. And I submit that puts Jesus, historical or otherwise, into the ranks of the unemployed. I think that evolution is absolutely the death nell of Christianity." Evolution requires long ages! Not only are long ages required for evolution, but they call into question the historicity of Adam and Eve!

**"IF THERE NEVER WAS AN ORIGINAL SIN, THERE IS NO NEED OF A SAVIOR."**

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### Our Mission:

The Denver Society of Creation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a clear understanding of the Doctrine of Creation, recognizing that it is the foundation for all other Christian doctrine. We present the Biblical account of Creation (creation in 6-24 hour days about 6000 years ago and a global flood) as true and we demonstrate that the theory of evolution is an attack on all Christian teachings which causes many to reject the Christian faith.

"But if you cannot understand how this could have been done in six days, then grant the Holy Spirit the honour of being more learned than you are. For you are to deal with Scripture in such a way that you bear in mind that God Himself says what is written. But since God is speaking it is not fitting for you to want only to turn His Word in the direction you want to go."

Plass, EM., *What Luther says: a practical home anthology for the active Christian*, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, p. 93, 1959.

## What About Radiometric Dating? Doesn't it "Prove" an Old Earth?

Radiometric dating is always given as the "proof" that the earth is old, and if you don't believe it, you are considered to be "anti-intellectual" or "anti-science." (It is sometimes referred to as carbon dating, but carbon dating really cannot date the age of the earth because it's half-life is too short for the secular age of the earth.)

But, there's something that's NOT being disclosed about Radiometric Dating — the assumptions!

Radiometric dating is based on an unstable element (parent) decaying into a stable element (daughter). There are many assumptions, three of the most important being:

- 1) The amount of the "daughter element" present at the time of the rock formation is known.
- 2) The rate of decay is constant.
- 3) Radioactive decay occurs within a

closed system.

These assumptions are NOT valid, nor are they disclosed in our children's textbooks.

Secondly, only volcanic rocks are datable with radiometric dating. When estimated radiometric dates are compared to actual known dates of volcanic rock formation, the results are almost always proven to be substantially off.

So, we are asked to believe in estimated dates when we don't know the actual dates, even though when we do know the actual rock formation dates, radiometric dating is proven to be inaccurate. For example, Mt.

St. Helens erupted in 1980; however, volcanic rock formed during that eruption tested at millions of years old.

Dr. Vernon Cupps, a nuclear physicist, in his recent book, "Rethinking Radiometric Dating" says "In conclusion, radioisotope dating presents no rational basis for believing that science has contradicted the Bible and its clear account of creation. On the other hand, the data point to a young earth and universe."



Carbon dating. It sounds a lot more fun than it is.

Another excellent reference on this topic is "Rocks Aren't Clocks" by Dr. John Reed.