

## It's a Young Earth After All

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The willing ignorance of the modern world was foretold in Scripture –

2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2Pe 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior:

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 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.

2Pe 3:5 For **this they willingly are ignorant of** (it escapes their notice intentionally / they deliberately ignore), that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

2Pe 3:7 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.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (suppress) the truth in unrighteousness;

Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them (God has made it evident or plain to them).

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him (His invisible attributes) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead (divine nature); so that they are without excuse:

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations (their thoughts turned to worthless things and became futile), and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

**1Ti 6:20** O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust (guard what has been entrusted to you), avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called (opposing arguments and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge”):

1Ti 6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith (gone astray and abandoned the faith). Grace *be* with thee. Amen.

### God created in 6 literal days:

Exo 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:

The Hebrew word, YOM, can have various meanings as can the English word day. However:

- YOM always means a literal day when used with a number
- YOM always means a literal day when used with, “evening,” “morning,” or “night.”
- There are other words God could have used to clearly convey long periods of time
- There is no clearer way to convey 6 literal days than the way it is written
- All Hebrew scholars believe that the author intended to convey, 6 literal days

Why is this so important?

1. **Gen 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. – If millions of years of evolution and death had occurred, burying billions of dead things (resulting in millions of fossils) had already occurred, then “everything He had made” was not “very good.”
2. The Bible clearly teaches that death and the curse originated because of Adam’s sin. If death occurred before Adam and Eve sinned, then death and the curse are not the result of Adam’s sin, and New Testament theology is a lie.
3. **Mar 10:6** “**But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**” Jesus believed in a literal 6-day creation and taught on that basis. If God did not supernaturally create in six literal days, then Jesus was deceived or a liar (either way, He would not be God).
4. The authority and truthfulness of scripture are on the line. If God did not do what this passage clearly says He did, then what can you believe?

Science – A systematic study discovering general truths and operating principles (i.e.: laws of nature).

Scientific Method – The pursuit of knowledge by observation and experimentation – defining a problem, developing a hypothesis, and testing the hypothesis

Evolution is **NOT** Science

Creation and Evolution **both** fall outside of the realm of science because they are both worldviews of how life and the universe came into existence in the past. No amount of experimentation and observation can prove what happened in the past. The worldview you choose to believe is based on faith, **not** proof. Evolution is just as much a religious faith as belief in creation.

**Heb 11:1** Now faith is the substance (or assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (conviction or certainty) of things not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report (gained approval).

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed (or prepared) by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear (are visible).

### **Assumptions of Creation:**

1. The Bible is the word of God and is accurate and trustworthy in all it says.
2. God created the heavens and earth, the sea and all that is in them (including all life) out of nothing in 6 literal days by supernatural means. Since then He has maintained them according to the laws of nature, which He ordained.
3. The material creation (heavens and earth, etc.) are about 6,000 years old
4. God can supernaturally intervene when He chooses.
5. Death and the curse were the result of Adam’s sin. The world was perfect, and there was no death before sin.
6. God created “kinds” of plants and animals and everything reproduces within its kind.
7. God created these “kinds” with a great deal of genetic variety and all species have come from the original kinds by the loss of genetic information.
8. Natural (and artificial) selection enables life to adapt to changing habitats and is the mechanism by which species were formed from the original kinds.

9. God destroyed the world with a global flood, through which Noah, his family, and the animals were saved in the ark.
10. Man and dinosaurs lived at the same time. There were dinosaurs on the ark.

**Assumptions of Evolution:**

1. The Bible is just a religious book written by men and is not trustworthy.
2. There is no God.
3. Naturalism – Everything that exists came about by natural means.
4. Time and chance are what make everything possible. “Given enough time, the impossible becomes possible and the possible becomes probable”
5. The earth and the universe are billions of years old.
6. Life has evolved over millions of years by chance mutations and natural selection. Death and struggle, the survival of the fittest, have been the engine that drives evolution since the beginning of life, long before humans existed.
7. Higher orders of life evolved from lower orders of life. Single cell organisms became more complex (e.g.: worms), then fish, then reptiles. Dinosaurs and mammals came from reptiles. Birds came from dinosaurs. Humans and monkeys (apes, chimps, etc.) evolved from a common mammalian ancestor.
8. Dinosaurs became extinct 60 million years before humans evolved.

Since the creation and evolution worldviews have different assumptions, we can scientifically evaluate the evidence to see which worldview better explains the facts.

Subject	Predictions of Evolution	Predictions of Creation	The Facts
Fossils	Gradual transitions from one form to another	No transitional forms (created kinds are stable)	No transitional forms – The missing links are still missing
Dinosaurs	Became extinct 60 million years ago.	Dinosaurs were on the ark and died out recently	Dragon legends & Job Pictographs that look like dinosaurs Flexible blood vessels and DNA found in T-Rex fossils in 2005
Coal	Coal beds formed gradually over millions of years	Coal beds formed rapidly during flood	Polystrate trees and rocks Carbon 14
Geology	Uniformitarianism – rate of change in past was the same as today so rock layers took millions of yrs	Recent creation and Catastrophism – Rapid change through the flood and other catastrophes Billions of dead things buried in rock layers all over the earth.	Mount Saint Helens Polystrate Fossils Billions of dead things buried in rock layers all over the earth. Sea shell fossils on top of the highest mountains.
Carbon 14 - With a half life of 5,730 years, C14 should not be detectable in anything over 200,000 years old	Coal is considered millions of years old, and diamonds billions of years old so there should not be any detectable Carbon 14	Since the world is only about 6,000 years old, Carbon 14 could potentially be found in any organic carbon.	Carbon 14 has been detected in coal, fossils, and even in diamonds.

**Evidences for a Young Earth include:**

1. Carbon 14 has been detected in coal, diamonds, and all fossils indicating they are less than 200,000 years old

2. Rate of Helium diffusion out of radioactive Zircon crystals indicate they are only about 6,000 years old.
3. Helium is formed by radioactive (alpha) decay of many elements, but the amount of Helium in the atmosphere is small (too small for billions of years of decay)
4. Decay of the earth's magnetic field – the earth's magnetic field has been decaying exponentially with a probable half-life of about 1,400 years. At that rate, 10,000 years ago it would have had a magnetic field as strong as a magnetic star!
5. Influx of materials into the ocean – Through erosion and river inflow, chemicals are constantly being transported into the ocean. Based on the current concentration of various minerals in the ocean and their rates of influx, the maximum time for this to accumulate can be calculated:

Chemical Element	Years to Accumulate in Ocean from River Inflow
Sodium	260,000,000
Magnesium	45,000,000
Silicon	8,000
Potassium	11,000,000
Copper	50,000
Gold	560,000
Silver	2,100,000
Mercury	42,000
Lead	2,000
Tin	100,000
Nickel	18,000
Uranium	500,000

**Evolution does NOT have better answers,  
It has a better propaganda machine!**

**Eph 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.