

## Three Views on Origins

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Young-Earth Creation</b></p> <p>The biblical account of creation is understood in its most natural sense. Rejects mainstream scientific theories of planetary, geological, and biological evolution from kind to kind (molecule- to-man) but accepts evolution within kinds (micro-evolution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><a href="http://icr.org">icr.org</a>, <a href="http://creation.com">creation.com</a>, <a href="http://answersingenesis.org">answersingenesis.org</a></i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Progressive (or Day-Age) Creation</b></p> <p>The biblical account of creation is harmonized with much of mainstream science. Accepts mainstream theories of planetary and geological evolution. Rejects biological evolution from kind to kind (molecule-to-man) but accepts evolution within kinds (micro-evolution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><a href="http://reasons.org">reasons.org</a></i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theistic Evolution or Evolutionary Creation</b></p> <p>The biblical account of creation is for theological understanding, and is not historically or scientifically valid. Accepts mainstream theories of planetary, geological, and biological evolution from kind to kind (molecule-to-man)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><a href="http://biologos.org">biologos.org</a></i></p>
<b>Age of the Universe</b>		
<p>Less than 12,000 years based on Bible genealogies having few or no names missing, the seven days of creation having no time gaps between, no time gap between Gen 1:1-2 and the six days of creation, and the seven days are all 24-hour days. All dating estimates indicating an ancient universe are false, being built on unproven assumptions (such as inflation in big bang cosmology).</p>	<p>13.7 billion years from cosmic background radiation map with the assumption of inflation and that the geometry of the universe is flat, versus open or closed. Based on Bible genealogies having names missing, and the six days of creation representing long periods (not 24-hour days). Astronomical and geological dating estimates indicating an ancient universe are conclusive. All dating estimates indicating a young universe are false.</p>	<p>13.7 billion years from cosmic background radiation map with the assumption of inflation and that the geometry of the universe is flat, versus open or closed. The Bible account of creation is given for theological purposes versus scientific purposes; thus the biblical account is irrelevant regarding age estimates. Astronomical and geological dating estimates indicating an ancient universe are conclusive. All dating estimates indicating a young universe are false.</p>
<b>Age of the Earth</b>		
<p>Less than 12,000 years based on Bible genealogies having only a few or no names missing, the seven days of creation having no time gaps between, no time gap between Gen 1:1-2 and the six days of creation, and the six days are all 24-hour days. All scientific dating estimates indicating an ancient earth are</p>	<p>4.5 billion years from the sun's dating using helioseismic methods that strongly agree with the radiometric dates found for the oldest meteorites. Based on Bible genealogies having names missing and the six days of creation representing long periods (not 24-hour days). All scientific</p>	<p>4.5 billion years from the sun's dating using helioseismic methods that strongly agree with the radiometric dates found for the oldest meteorites. Based on the Bible accounts of creation being myth that cannot be reconciled with scientific truth. Bible genealogies are not a reliable</p>

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grossly in error.	dating estimates indicating a young earth are grossly in error.	historical record and are irrelevant to the age of human-kind, much less to the age the earth itself
<b>Development of Variation</b>		
Natural selection and mutations account for variation and speciation within a kind. God created enough variety of information in the original creatures to account for all the species and variations observed within a kind but not enough to change from kind to kind. No new genetic information is added through adaptation and natural selection. Similar DNA in different kinds suggests a common designer.	Natural selection and mutations account for variation and speciation within a kind. God created enough variety of information in the original creatures to account for all the species and variations observed within a kind but not enough to change from kind to kind. No new genetic information is added through adaptation and natural selection. Similar DNA in different kinds suggests a common designer.	Natural selection and mutations account for all variation among living things which descended from a common single cell billions of years ago. New genetic information is added through adaptation and natural selection. Similar DNA in different kinds suggests common descent.
<b>Origin of Humans</b>		
Created directly by God less than 12,000 years ago. Radiometric dating methods indicating human artifacts from many tens of thousands of years ago are unreliable, being based on many unverifiable assumptions	Created directly by God 50,000 to 100,000 years ago. The sudden appearance of archeological artifacts associated with humanity (cultural big bang) is estimated at 45,000 to 70,000 years ago	Evolved gradually from lower life forms 150,000 to 200,000 years ago. The sudden appearance of archeological artifacts associated with humanity (cultural big bang) is estimated at 45,000 to 70,000 years ago
<b>Adam and Eve</b>		
All humanity descended from Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were the first man and woman created. They were directly created by God in His image without any evolutionary process. Far too much is unknown about genomics, and far too many untested assumptions must be made, to conclude Adam and Eve couldn't be the first man and woman. Testing with Mouflon sheep and Przewalski's horses have	All humanity descended from Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were the first man and woman created. They were directly created by God in His image without any evolutionary process. Far too much is unknown about genomics, and far too many untested assumptions must be made, to conclude Adam and Eve couldn't be the first man and woman. Testing with Mouflon	Cannot be the historical ancestors of the entire human race due to math models that infer backwards from modern DNA testing, indicating that mankind descended from at least 1200 to 10,000 individuals, not two. The image of God in humanity originated through evolution or through direct intervention by God.

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<b>The Seven Days of Genesis</b>		
Seven 24-hour consecutive days describing the exact order of the special creation of various creatures that were to reproduce after their kind. The biblical account of creation cannot be reconciled with the molecule-to-man theory of evolution	Seven long consecutive epochs describing the exact order of the special creation of various creatures which were to reproduce after their kind. The biblical account of creation cannot be reconciled with the molecule-to-man theory of evolution	Myth or accommodating allegory useful for theological, not scientific, consideration. The molecule-to-man theory of evolution explains the exact order of how species developed from a common single-cell ancestor under the direction and supervision of God. A literal interpretation of the Genesis creation account is contradictory with well-established mainstream science
<b>Dinosaurs</b>		
Created instantaneously on the fifth 24-hour creation day and coexisted with humans before going extinct perhaps after the flood	Created instantaneously by God. They existed and went extinct millions of years before humans were created by God	Gradually evolved from lower life forms and went extinct millions of years before humans gradually evolved—all under God's supervision
<b>The Flood of Noah's Day</b>		
Worldwide flood that greatly affected geological formations around the world	Local flood in which there is little to no evidence of affecting geological formations around the world	Local flood that in which there is little to no evidence of affecting geological formations around the world
<b>Hominids</b>		
There were no hominids. All so called hominids were either great apes or humans. There is great similarity between so-called hominids and modern man. Significant	There are 10 to 12 species of bi-pedal primates. They were unique creatures specially created by God. They lived 6.5 million to 100,000 years ago, largely before	There are 10 to 12 species of bi-pedal primates. Humans evolved from these creatures or a common ancestor. The only DNA gathered from the most recent

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<p>morphological differences are due to natural selection, age and/or or disease. Any DNA intermingling of humans and Neanderthals shows that these creatures were humans</p>	<p>humans were created. They were neither great apes nor humans. There are significant differences between these creatures and humans. Any DNA intermingling of humans and Neanderthals (who may have lived a short period after humans were created) is limited and should be viewed as the sin of bestiality</p>	<p>hominids (Neanderthals) indicate Neanderthal is a side branch out of which humans could not have evolved. These creatures evolved by natural descent and lived 6.5 million to 100,000 years ago.</p>
<p><b>Death of Animals</b></p>		
<p>There was no death of animals before humans. Death of animals is the result of Adam’s sin and not part of the “good creation”</p>	<p>There are millions of years of disease and death of animals before humans were directly created and used by God at the end of history to end death and usher in a new creation</p>	<p>There are millions of years of disease and death of animals before humans which is the intrinsic cost of the fruitfulness of nature</p>
<p><b>Science and the Bible</b></p>		
<p>All truth is God’s truth, whether from the Bible or nature. Both revelations of God speak the truth to us and we can to learn from both. They will not contradict each other. However firmly-asserted scientific theories regarding origins have been repeatedly refuted with later evidence. The historically-predominate, straight-forward interpretation of Genesis should not be so quickly abandoned for the ever-changing views of fallible scientists. Furthermore, there is an abundance of scientific data that much better fits the young-earth model than the old earth models. If Genesis cannot be trusted, what other parts of the Bible are suspect? This scriptural compromise discredits Christianity and ultimately will turn many away from Christ.</p>	<p>All truth is God’s truth, whether from the Bible or nature. Both revelations of God speak the truth to us and we are to learn from both. They will not contradict each other. Clear scientific evidence will not show the Bible to be wrong, but could show our interpretation of the Bible to be wrong. To hold dogmatically to an interpretation of the Bible that is at odds with irrefutable scientific evidence (which such as young-earth creationists do) discredits Christianity and will turn many away from Christ. Harmonizing the Bible and reliable science will greatly relieve the tension for many who view Christianity as anti-science and anti-intellectual.</p>	<p>All truth is God’s truth, whether from the Bible or nature. Science answers the questions of <i>how</i> things work and came to be. Religion answers the questions of <i>why</i> things are the way they are and gives understanding of value, meaning, and purpose. Both science and the Bible speak the truth to us in their own unique domains of revelation. But they answer different sets of questions. To hold dogmatically to a literal interpretation of Genesis that is contradictory to mainstream science is intellectual suicide. This fundamentalist mindset discredits Christianity and will turn many away from Christ.</p>

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