

# Defending the Biblical Account of Creation in Genesis

## Introduction & Summary

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* (Genesis 1:1)

It has been said, "If you believe Genesis 1:1, then believing the rest of the Bible shouldn't be that hard." No one believes that statement more than Satan who has galvanized tremendous forces to attempt to convince believers that the literal creation account of Genesis is not fully true but must either be supplemented or replaced by secular "science falsely so called" theories that are so prevalent in our world today. It is vitally important for disciples of Christ to be able to intelligently and articulately defend the literal creation account of Genesis. Without the unequivocal truth of the first verse of the Bible, even by its own standard, the rest of scripture cannot be relied upon. If God is the sovereign Creator of all this world, then God is the source of truth and standard of holiness that all men must be held to accountable unto. If God is the sole source of life in the natural creation, then it also is true that God is the sovereign sole source of life in the spiritual creation. Man cannot choose to have spiritual life himself, but if anyone has spiritual life, it is because the voice of God spake and made him a spiritually living soul, just as God spoke to Adam and made him a naturally living soul. Our belief in the rest of the Bible rests on our belief and commitment to the first verse of the Bible in Genesis 1:1 that God created the heaven and the earth.

Jesus Christ affirmed that the stones testify to the glory of Christ. On the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the King of the Jews and his disciples praised and blessed him, he said that if his disciples were silent, the stones would immediately cry out in praise and glory of Christ. Luke 19:40: *"And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these [disciples blessing and praising Christ, v.38] should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."* Therefore, we need not be afraid of the evaluation of stones and rocks disproving the Bible account because Christ said that the stones would manifest his glory and praise. True science that approaches the aging and dating of rocks with the correct assumptions of a full-grown earth and global Noah's flood will always testify to the glory of its Creator, Jesus Christ, not detract from it.

Here is a summary of the major points in this study that we will examine individually in greater detail of why the Biblical account of creation is not just true but in agreement with true science:

- God is the Creator of all things – the heavens, the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, plants, animals, man and woman, and all things in this world. All creation testifies to the glory of its Creator.
- God created all things within six literal twenty-four hour days. Scripture clearly says God created all things within "six days" as affirmed by the "evening and morning" were each day.
- God made his creation fully mature and "full grown". Plants, animals, and man/woman were all made fully mature with ability to reproduce at the command of God's voice. Stones in the garden of Eden were made fully mature, even though in today's time frame they would take millions of years to form. Therefore, the whole earth was made "full grown", just like the rest of creation, at the command of God's voice. Just as Jesus changed the chemical composition and fermentation of water to wine, just by the command of God's voice, the natural processes that might take a long time today are immediately created by the power of God's voice in creation. God made a full-grown earth, and thus the modern rock aging methods do not account for this creative power occurring all at one time instead of over thousands or millions of years in today's aging process.
- The world that God originally created was destroyed and perished in the global flood of Noah, and thus the way natural geological aging happens now cannot be directly compared to "the world that then was" that was destroyed and perished in Noah's flood.
- Based on the direct linkage of birth years in the genealogies in scripture, the earth cannot be older than 6,000 years old based on the genealogy records given to us in the word of God.
- Science falsely so called directly contradicts the scriptural truths of original sin and total depravity, with all these theories holding that death occurred prior to the sin of Adam in the garden of Eden. Other scriptural truths are compromised as well, such as God as the source of all life and creation,

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man is made in the image of God, only two genders created by God, and the Biblical standard of marriage of union between one man and one woman for one lifetime.

- The world portrays many theories as “science falsely so called” that do not meet the basic definition of science, as these theories are not observable, repeatable, and verifiable.
- Darwin’s theory of evolution is not science at all, as it is not and cannot be observable, repeatable or verifiable. It is a theory that denies the scriptural truths of creation and encourages racism. There is no such thing as a “change of kinds” over time, but there can certainly be “adaptation” within the same kind, which is actually the exact thing that Darwin observed in his studies with the finches.
- Carbon-14 and radiometric dating of rocks have been proven to be unreliable, as new rocks formed in the last hundred years were tested to be millions of years old. Given the unreliable nature of these dating methods and the incorrect assumptions they are based upon, these dating methods cannot be used to refute the Biblical creation account. Furthermore, any geologic testing methods must account for these two factors (which they do not): 1) God made a full grown mature earth, 2) the geologic record was drastically changed and altered and most likely accelerated in Noah’s global flood.
- The Bible has always been hundreds of years ahead of the commonly accepted science of the day. There are multitudes of examples where the Bible clearly stated truths of creation, natural laws, science, and medicine that were rejected for many years, but now these truths that were clearly defined in the Bible thousands of years ago declared these truths long before they were known and accepted in the general science community. Therefore, we can trust the Bible is correct in all things regarding creation and science, even if the commonly accepted science of today has not caught up with the Bible yet.
- **Conclusion** – The world and Satan have used “science falsely so called” to try to undermine the truth of the Biblical account of creation in Genesis to shake our faith, but all of these attacks on God’s creation fall short to undermine the integrity and truth of God’s word. We should be confident to stand on the truth of God’s word that God created all things, the universe, the animals, and man in God’s image within six literal twenty-four hour days, that death only came after Adam’s sin, and there is nothing in “true science” even today that undermines or refutes the truth of the Biblical account of creation in Genesis.

Answers in Genesis, its founder, Ken Ham, and their team of creation scientists and apologists have provided great resources for the Biblical account of creation. All of the content on [AnswersInGenesis.org](https://answersingenesis.org) would be helpful for the disciple of Christ studying these topics. One particular resource that would be very helpful is available online is *The New Answers Book 1*. This book provides a great summary of many hot topics that are used to supposedly refute the Biblical account of creation and gives a defense of each item from a scriptural perspective. This book has 28 chapters available online with full length articles on each.

- The online version of *The New Answers Book 1* can be accessed through this link below, with links to each chapter: (you can scroll down just a little bit on the page to find individual chapter links)
  - <https://answersingenesis.org/answers/books/new-answers-book-1/>
- For links to common questions and answers in regard to creation, you can find those at this link:
  - <https://answersingenesis.org/answers/>
- Disclaimer: While Ken Ham and the Answers in Genesis team have done phenomenal work in the defense of creation science, their doctrinal beliefs that are prevalent in their writings of calling upon men to exercise their free will to believe to be saved to heaven is not in accordance with scriptural teaching. Therefore, while I heartily recommend the content of Answers in Genesis to defend Biblical creation, please approach the inevitable calls for the reader to believe to be saved to heaven with a grain of salt since those are not in accordance with scriptural soteriology.

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### God, The Creator of All Things

All things in this world in heaven and earth, without exception, were created by God.

- God is the creator of all things without exception
  - Col. 1:16-17 – 16) *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*
  - John 1:1-3 – 1) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) The same was in the beginning with God. 3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
  - Neh. 9:6 – *Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.*
  - Acts 17:24 – *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;*
  - Jer. 10:16, 51:19 – God is the “*former of all things*” (the one who formed all things)
  - See also Rev. 4:11, Rev. 10:6
- God created the “heaven and earth”
  - Gen. 1:1 – *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*
    - The Hebrew language does not have a word for universe; therefore “heaven and earth” is used to convey the idea of the God’s creation of the entire universe
  - Isaiah 40:12 – *Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?*
  - Isaiah 48:13 – *Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.*
  - Ps. 8:3 – *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*
  - Ps. 102:25 – *Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.*
  - Ps. 33:6-9 – 6) *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 7) He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. 8) Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9) For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*
  - Psalm 146:6 – *[The Lord his God] Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:*
  - See also 2 Kg. 19:15, 2 Chron. 2:12, Psalms 115:15, 121:2, 124:8, 134:3; Isaiah 37:16, among many other verses
- God laid the foundations of the earth
  - Job 38:4-6 – 4) *Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5) Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6) Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;*
  - Isaiah 40:28 – *Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*
  - See Zech. 12:1, Isaiah 48:13, and Ps. 102:25 above

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- God is the creator of all mankind
  - Gen. 2:7 – *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*
  - Zech. 12:1 – *The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.*
  - Job 31:15 – *Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?*
- All of creation praises God and declares the work of its Creator
  - Ps. 19:1-4 – *1) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2) Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3) There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4) Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world*
  - Job 12:7-10 – *7) But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: 8) Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. 9) Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? 10) In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.*
  - Ps. 96:11-13 – *11) Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. 12) Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice 13) Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.*
  - Isaiah 55:12 – *For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*
  - Isaiah 44:23 – *Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.*
    - See also Isaiah 49:13 and 1 Chr. 16:31-33
  - Luke 19:40 – *And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.*
  - Ps. 69:34 – *Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.*
- God also continues to sustain the world to continue to operate by his power
  - Heb. 1:3 – *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:*
  - Ps. 119:90-91 – *90) Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. 91) They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.*
  - Col. 1:17 – *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*
  - God has made a covenant to sustain the earth, until his second coming
    - Gen. 8:22 – *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*
      - Seasons of the year (seedtime and harvest; summer and winter)
      - Temperature changes (cold and heat)
        - This is why there is no such thing as global warming

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- Covenant of night and day – Earth’s daily rotational cycle (day and night)
  - Jer. 33:20,25 – 20) *Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season...* 25) *Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;*
  - Ps. 104:19 – *He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.*
    - Appointed moon for seasons (Gen. 1:14)
    - Sun knows his going down (Ps. 19:6)
- Don’t Creationists Deny the Laws of Nature?
  - <https://answersingenesis.org/creation-science/dont-creationists-deny-the-laws-of-nature/>
- The evidences of a Creator are evidently seen in all creation around us
  - Rom. 1:19-20 – 19) *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20) 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:*
  - All creation testifies to the glory of its Creator, and the testimony of creation is seen and heard through the whole earth. No person is without excuse because the testimony of creation is manifested in all nations, languages, and throughout all the earth
    - Ps. 19:1-4 – 1) *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2) Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3) There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4) Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world*
    - See the rest of section above noting “All of creation praises God and declares the work of its Creator”
- However, natural man (apart from the Spirit of God) rebels against this teaching because it shows God is sovereign as the Creator and therefore worthy to be worshipped and submitted to as Sovereign. Natural man rejects God’s authority because we naturally desire to serve the creature more than the Creator, to worship ourselves more than worship God.
  - Rom. 1:21-25 – 21) *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*
  - Therefore, man has to be “willfully ignorant” of God’s hand and imprint upon all his creation because all of creation testifies to the glory of God
    - 2 Pet. 3:4-5 – 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. 5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:*
  - The natural man rejects God in his “heart”, but cannot fully reject God in their mind because any logical mind can see the creation evidently testifies of intelligent design and its Creator

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- Ps. 14:1 (and 53:1) – *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*
- In contrast, for the children of God, it is “through faith” that we understand that the world was made by the hand of God through faith
  - Heb. 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.*
  - While the wicked reject the authority of God in creation, God’s children praise God for his power and glory in creation.
    - Rev. 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.*

### Six, Twenty-Four Days

Much of the devil’s attack upon the Genesis creation account has been targeted against the clear scriptural language that God created all the heavens and earth and all creation within six literal twenty-four hour days.

- The language of scripture in Genesis 1 is very simple and clear. Every day was specifically described as the “evening and the morning” were the first (v.5), second (v.8), third (v.13), fourth (v.19), fifth (v.23), and sixth day (v.31). The Jewish day began in the evening at sunset and continued through the next day. Any Jewish reader of Genesis 1 that was the original audience would clearly understand that a twenty-four hour day was being described, beginning in the evening and continuing through to the next morning. God then rested on the seventh day (2:1-3), which is clearly describing a literal twenty-four hour day since that was the precedent for Israel to rest on the literal seventh Sabbath day of the week.
  - The sun is how we determine our current 24 hour day with the rotation of the earth in relation to the sun, but the sun was not created until the 4<sup>th</sup> day (1:14-19). God decreed Day and Night on day 1 (1:5) but that was before the sun was created. Day 1 was also declared to be “the evening and the morning” were the first day, although the sun was not created yet. This means that the language of the “evening and the morning” being the first day was intended to convey to the Jewish readers that this was the same 24 hour period they were used to as one day, even before the sun was created.
- The simple language of scripture affirms a six day creation elsewhere in scripture as well
  - Exod. 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.*
  - Exod. 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.*
- Jesus affirmed his belief in the literal creation account in Genesis 1 where God made male and female on the sixth day
  - Mark 10:6 – *But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.*
  - See also Mark 13:19 and Luke 11:50-51
- Jesus affirmed his belief in the writings of Moses and in the literal observance of the seventh day sabbath, as established in the law and in creation
  - Luke 13:14 – *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.*
  - John 5:46-47 – *46) For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. 47) But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*

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Much of the supposed confusion around the literal Genesis creation account within six, twenty-four hour days has been perpetuated by “science falsely so called” (1 Tim. 6:20) that supposedly dates the age of certain rocks as millions or billions of years old. We will deal with the incorrect assumptions of these methods that lead to incorrect conclusions later on, but now for summary sake – it is clear that everything God made in creation was made fully mature, and it is reasonable to conclude that God made a full grown and fully mature earth and rocks as well.

- Precedent: In John 2:1-11, Jesus made water into wine by simply the power of his voice. Jesus’ command overruled and made the required natural fermentation process for wine unnecessary. The taste of wine gets better the longer that it ages. The wine that Jesus created instantly by the power of his voice was better than the other wine that aged and fermented naturally (v.10). Also, the physical properties of the wine (that if examined would show chemical evidence of fermentation, even though that process never actually took place) that Jesus created was the exact same (and those traits were possibly even more enhanced, since it tasted better than the other wine which would normally indicate a longer aging process) as the wine that actually did go through the physical fermentation process. God made the natural process that we see in nature now to create wine to occur at one moment with just the power of his voice.
- In like manner, the earth was created as a perfectly mature functioning system (same for all the elements that comprise it, the sun, the moon, the stars, and even the animals and humans were all made fully mature). Therefore, it should not surprise us that when examined the earth would show the properties as if it had went through the aging process that under today’s chemical processes would normally be required to reach this level of maturity (just as a grown man – i.e. Adam – when examined, would show all the evidence of the natural aging process that would be required to reach that maturity level even though that actual process was fulfilled immediately by God’s power). However, instead of going through the actual aging process (just as the example of the wine), the voice of God created a fully mature earth and ecosystem that when examined would show all the physical evidence as if it had went through the actual natural process that we see today.
- Genesis 1 – six day creation
  - Light created on 1<sup>st</sup> day – v. 3-5
  - Heaven created on 2<sup>nd</sup> day – v. 6-8
  - Earth and plants created on 3<sup>rd</sup> day – v. 2,9-13
    - Trees and herbs were made fully mature, already yielding fruit after their kind, (v.12)
  - Sun, moon, and stars created on 4<sup>th</sup> day – v. 14-19
    - Sun not created till the 4<sup>th</sup> day, so no plants could have survived before then (if each day meant 1,000’s or millions of years)
  - Birds and marine creatures created on the 5<sup>th</sup> day – v.20-23
  - Land animals created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day – v.24-26
    - All of the animals already had the capability to reproduce when created – v.22,24
    - God made Adam a full grown man. If he was examined, Adam would show the exact same mature characteristics that would normally require an 20-30 year aging process even though he was formed immediately by the power and voice of God.
    - The same is true for all the animals; they were fully mature, with the ability to reproduce immediately. If they were examined biologically, they would conclude this animal had been alive for a few years to reach this maturity level, even though the animals were made fully mature by the voice and power of God.
  - Man and woman created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day – Gen. 1:27-31, 2:7-25
    - Man and woman already had the capability to reproduce children, a process that in normal time would take at least 13-15 years – Gen. 1:28

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- Adam had the mental capacity to receive commandments and be held accountable for them – Gen. 2:16-17
  - It is not fair to give someone a commandment you know they do not have the ability to understand and then hold them accountable and punish them when they fail to satisfy the commandment, if they never had the mental capacity to understand
- Adam had the mental capacity to name all the animals in just a few hours of one day (Gen. 2:19). This would take many years to learn today, but God made Adam fully mature with this understanding all at one time.
- The stones in the garden of Eden were made solely by God's command when in the normal course of time it would have taken thousands of years for them to form
  - Gen. 2:12 – 11) *The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; 12) And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.*
    - Gold – it is commonly believed that it takes millions of years for gold to form, but God made gold fully mature immediately in the garden at his command
    - There is some debate over exactly what bdellium and onyx stone are, but the principle remains the same – rare elements that typically take long periods to form were immediately created by the Lord in the garden of Eden

## **The World That Then Was – The Heavens & Earth Before Noah's Flood**

Another significant factor that must be taken into consideration when evaluating the accuracy of carbon-14 and other dating methods is the assumption of those methods that the rate of aging remains the same for that rock throughout its entire lifetime. I believe any reasonable person would acknowledge that essentially nothing, especially not rocks, have a constant environment all throughout their lifetime and would have a constant even aging process throughout their whole existence. Therefore, drastic changes in environment and weather conditions will clearly have a drastic change on the elemental change in that particular rock. One of the most important factors to consider in the accuracy of modern rock dating methods is the truth of a worldwide global flood in Noah's day that would catastrophically alter the aging process of any rock during that time.

Before we begin the discussion on the impact of Noah's flood on the geological record, it is important to note that: 1) the flood of Noah was a real, literal event, and 2) the flood was a global flood, not a local flood.

- Jesus confirmed his belief in the literal account of the flood of Noah:
  - Matt. 24:37-39 – 37) *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38) 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, 39) And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* (See also Luke 17:26-27).
- Also, the Genesis 6-8 account makes it clear that the whole earth was covered with water for over a year (rather than a local flood idea that is often used to discount the catastrophic impact of the global flood).
  - Gen. 7:19-20 – 19) *And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. 20) Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.*

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These verses in 2 Peter 3:4-7 highlight the drastic change in the whole world that occurred in Noah's flood. There is a clear distinction between "the world that then was" and now the heavens and earth that "are now". Therefore, the world changed so drastically after Noah's flood that scripture affirms it was literally a different world than the world we live in now. The heavens and earth that were originally created by God were catastrophically changed in Noah's flood.

- 2 Peter 3:4-7 KJV – 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.* 5) *For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:* 6) *Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:* 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."*

Notice the clear distinction between "the world that then was" before the flood and then the heavens and earth "which are now" after the flood.

- 1) Original creation – the world that then was
  - The originally created heavens and earth were a vastly different world than we currently live in
    - *"the world that then was...perished"* (2 Pet. 3:6)
    - The characteristics of the originally created earth are gone – the first earth literally *"perished"* (2 Pet. 3:6) and was *"destroyed"* (Gen. 9:11)
  - Original universe had waters above the firmament (Gen. 1:7)
    - And the firmament was heaven (Gen. 1:8), where the sun, moon, and stars are (Gen. 1:14-17)
    - Waters were identified as *"under the heaven"* (Gen. 1:9), so to make that distinction there must have been water "above the heaven"
    - The waters above the firmament served as a third vapor shield around the earth to filter out carbon-14 rays before the flood.
      - The removal of this protective water above the firmament explains a significant reason why people lived for 900+ years before the flood but outside of a few exceptions did not generally live past 120 years after the flood when that vapor shield was removed (as well as all the other benefits of that original creation was removed as well, as that original created world that then was perished in the flood)
  - This original heavens and earth was destroyed in the flood
    - Fountains of the deep
      - *"all the fountains of the deep [were] broken up"* (Gen. 7:11)
      - This was the beginning of the instability of tectonic plates that ended up separating the earth from one continent to multiple continents in the days of Peleg ("for in his days was the earth divided", Gen. 10:25)
    - Windows of heaven
      - *"the windows of heaven were opened"* (Gen. 7:11)
      - The "windows of heaven" are distinguished from the "rain from heaven" (Gen. 8:2) because they were different, it didn't just rain down from the clouds
    - The *"earth was destroyed"* (Gen. 9:11)
      - If there was water above the heavens that protected the earth from many things causing almost all the generations before Noah to live 900+ years, then if that water was emptied out at the flood, that means the heavens were changed too

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- The waters rose above all the mountains (Gen. 7:19)
  - The whole earth that was previously there was totally covered and engulfed, and when the waters receded a “new” (second) earth was left different from the original created earth
- 2) Current state – the heavens and earth which are now
  - “*heavens and the earth which are now*” (2 Pet. 3:7)
    - “*which are now*” clearly distinguishes it from the world before the flood
    - This shows we live in an entirely different world than was here from Adam to Noah
  - We will have a consistent pattern now in this world – seasons, days, years, weather and temperature changes will occur all the way until this world ends. (Gen. 8:22)
    - “*While the earth remaineth*” (Gen. 8:22) – this clearly indicates there will be a time when the earth that now is will no longer remain
    - And it’s going to repeat so consistently that men will begin to believe that Jesus will never return – 2 Pet. 3:4
  - However, the consistency of earth patterns that we observe now cannot be directly compared to the world before the flood because the world that God originally created perished in the flood.
  - This current heavens and earth which are now will also end when Jesus comes back the second time in fire
  - There was a large amount of sediment deposited all at one time during the flood that would normally take a much longer period to form in regular conditions similar to how things decay and form today
    - An example of this is when layers of sediment and strata are examined deep in the earth, we find petrified trees that extend through multiple layers of strata. If these layers formed over thousands of years, how could one tree extend over multiple layers of strata? It couldn’t. The answer to that question is that many layers of sediment were dumped around that tree all at one time in the catastrophic worldwide flood of Noah’s day. One more example that true science will always confirm the Biblical account.
- Helpful resources regarding Noah’s flood
  - Article: Was there really a Noah’s Ark and Flood?
    - <https://answersingenesis.org/the-flood/global/was-there-really-a-noahs-ark-flood/>
  - Book: The Genesis Flood, by Dr. Henry Morris
    - <https://www.amazon.com/Genesis-Flood-50th-Anniversary/dp/159638395X>

## Proofs of a Young Earth

While the Bible genealogies can get quite tedious sometimes, actually the genealogies are one of the strongest proofs in scripture that we have of a young earth. Based on the direct links of each generation of what age each firstborn male was born, we know that there were exactly 2,238 years from Adam’s creation to Jacob entering Egypt. With Jacob’s family moving to Egypt presumed to be around 1667 BC, we can backtrace the creation of Adam to 3905 BC from the unbroken biblical links of genealogies. Therefore, the earth was created about 6,000 years ago.

- You can view the verse references of all the genealogy ages from Adam to Jacob on pages 5-6 of the PDF at this link:
  - <https://clearspringspbcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Biblical-Timeline-of-the-Old-and-New-Testament-by-Elder-David-Wise.pdf>

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The decay of the magnetic field of the earth proves the earth cannot be more than 10,000 years old.

- “Other factors can affect the production rate of 14C in the atmosphere. The earth has a magnetic field around it which helps protect us from harmful radiation from outer space. This magnetic field is decaying (getting weaker). The stronger the field is around the earth, the fewer the number of cosmic rays that are able to reach the atmosphere. This would result in a smaller production of 14C in the atmosphere in earth’s past. The cause for the long term variation of the C-14 level is not known. The variation is certainly partially the result of a change in the cosmic ray production rate of radiocarbon. The cosmic-ray flux, and hence the production rate of C-14, is a function not only of the solar activity but also of the magnetic dipole moment of the Earth. Though complex, this history of the earth’s magnetic field agrees with Barnes’ basic hypothesis, that the field has always freely decayed.... The field has always been losing energy despite its variations, so it cannot be more than 10,000 years old.”
  - <https://answersingenesis.org/geology/carbon-14/doesnt-carbon-14-dating-disprove-the-bible/>

If the earth was billions of years old, the moon would have been touching the earth 1.5 billion years ago.

- The moon is moving away from the earth at an average distance of 1.5 inches per year. At that consistent rate of recession away from earth that means that 1.5 billion years ago, the moon would have actually been touching the earth, if the world really was that old. The Biblical age of the earth being about 6,000 years old would mean the moon has moved less than 1,000 feet since it was created, which makes sense. The earth cannot be billions of years old based on the recession of the moon away from the earth.
  - <https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/moon/inching-away-old-earth/>

Genetic entropy – which is the accumulation of mutations in each successive generation that degrades our genes – proves that human genes could not have been replicating for millions or billions of years.

- Due to the genetic degradation and decay in genes in each generation, humans cannot be older than about 6,000 years because if genetics were decaying at the same rate they are now for millions of years, we would have been dead and genetics fully corrupted for humans to not be functional thousands of years ago. Scientists now agree that “genetic entropy” is causing mutations in gene replication, degrading our genes with each replication, not improving with mutations or improving (or evolving) each generation to get better, but our genes are getting considerably worse.
- A study by Dr. Gerald Crabtree showed an overall loss of intelligence in the human population over the past 100 years, which led him to the conclusion that humans reached our intellectual height only a few thousand years ago, “We, as a species, are surprisingly intellectually fragile and perhaps reached a peak 2,000 to 6,000 years ago,” Crabtree writes. “If [natural] selection is only slightly relaxed, one would still conclude that nearly all of us are compromised compared to our ancient ancestors of 3,000 to 6,000 years ago.” It’s evident for the Bible reader that human intelligence reached its peak 6,000 years ago because that’s when we were created.
  - <https://answersingenesis.org/blogs/calvin-smith/2025/08/18/reality-genetic-entropy/>
  - Book: *Genetic Entropy*, by Dr. John C. Sanford
    - “Dr. Sanford’s work largely invalidates classic neo-Darwinian theory. The mutation/selection process by itself is not capable of creating the new biological information that is required for creating new life forms. Dr. Sanford shows that not only is mutation/selection incapable of creating our genomes – it can’t even preserve our genomes. As biochemist Dr. Michael Behe of Lehigh University writes in his review of *Genetic Entropy*, “...not only does Darwinism not have answers for how information got into the genome, it doesn’t even have answers for how it could remain there.” Dr. Sanford has coined the term “genetic entropy” to describe this fatal flaw of neo-Darwinian theory”

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Even Carbon-14 dating – that is extolled as one of the main supposed proofs of why the earth cannot only be 6,000 years old – proves the earth has to be less than 50,000 years old since it is only accurate within the last 50,000 years. Thus, the existence of Carbon-14 itself in minerals proves that the earth cannot be millions or billions of years old.

- See Carbon-14 Dating section below and full article links noted in that section.

### Science Falsely So Called

Paul warned Timothy – and thus God warns all his people as well – to not let “science falsely so called” deceive God’s children into erring from the faith.

- 1 Tim 6:20-21 – *20) O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21) Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.*

One of the most catastrophic consequences of trying to blend the false science of the world with the truth of scripture is that core biblical doctrines are inevitably compromised. Remember, “true science” will always align with and confirm the word of God. Let us consider what scriptural truths are directly compromised by science falsely so called that undermine the literal Genesis account of creation:

- Death because of Sin
  - Any theory that dates the earth as being millions or billions of years old, will of necessity affirm that death took place before the sin of Adam in Genesis 3. This is directly contrary to a fundamental teaching of total depravity and original sin that explain not just why humans die, but why everything on earth dies, why there are thorns and thistles that come forth from the ground, why women have such pain in child-bearing, and why Satan tempts God’s children. The source of all of these truths come from the fall of Adam in Genesis 3.
  - God declared everything as “very good” at the conclusion of his creation on day 6, and it certainly was not very good if death had been occurring for millions of years already. Furthermore, God would never have rested on the seventh day, being satisfied creation was finished if death had been corrupting this creation the whole time.
    - 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.*
  - Death came from the sin of Adam, and there was no death before his sin
    - Gen. 2:17 – *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*
    - Rom. 5:12-19 – *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: 14) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15) But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16) And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19) For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

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- There was not even any death among animals before the sin of Adam
  - There were no carnivores before Adam's sin (Gen. 1:29-30)
  - No command to eat meat till after the flood (Gen. 9:3)
- God is the source of all life, both natural and spiritual
  - God is the source of giving life in natural creation
    - Gen. 2:7 – *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*
    - John 1:4 – *In [Christ] was life; and the life was the light of men.*
    - Acts 17:28 – *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*
  - Thus, God can be the only source of life in spiritual creation. Man cannot just choose to follow God or ascend to a higher plane on their own to be a child of God. The only way one can have spiritual life is by the voice of God breathing life into the soul of his children, the same way the voice of God breathed life and light into the natural creation and man.
    - Eph. 2:10 – *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*
    - 2 Cor. 5:17 – *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
    - Eph. 4:24 – *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*
- Man is made in the image of God, and only two genders ordained by God
  - Gen. 1:27 – *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*
    - The reason why man's life is inherently more valuable than an animal's life is because man and woman are made in the image of God. That is why the taking of man's life is held to the standard of life for life and blood for blood in the Bible, and the taking of an animal's life is not. If anyone believes that another man is just a more highly evolved animal, then they are more likely to not respect the image-bearer inherent value of another person's life.
    - God settled the modern-day confusion over transgenderism in creation. From the beginning, there are only two genders, male and female, also evidenced by only two distinct chromosome combinations, XX and XY.
      - Mark 10:6 – *But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.*
- The Biblical standard of marriage – one man and one woman for one lifetime
  - Gen. 2:23-24 – *23) And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

This world has portrayed many of the popular theories that contradict scripture as “scientific”, but they cannot be considered “true science” in any sense of the word because any person cannot replicate and test this science and reach the same conclusions. Man's ideas of creation claim to be based on “science” but actually are not; they are also based on “faith”, just with tremendously more unreliable information.

- Science can be tested by anyone; true science must be:
  - 1) observable
  - 2) repeatable
  - 3) verifiable (anyone can repeat your process and reach the same result and conclusion)
- Neither the theories (not science, but merely theories) of “The Big Bang” nor “Evolution” nor any other non-biblical creation theories are observable or repeatable; therefore, they are not based on

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science, but just hypothesis and then we must determine their validity based on faith in the facts they present.

- This is what scripture warns about: *“science falsely so called”* (1 Tim. 6:20) and we know because of this false science many have been deceived and *“some professing have erred concerning the faith”* (1 Tim. 6:21)
- Therefore, the true question becomes, what do I put my faith in? – do I put my faith in the science falsely so called? or do I put my faith in the truth of the Bible and the truth of God?
  - I think the clear answer should be to put your faith in God and in the Bible, not in theories that contradict themselves, each other, and even defy basic common sense.

### Darwin’s Theory of Evolution

The “theory” that is arguably the most widely accepted “science falsely so called” today is Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution. Darwinian evolution is the pinnacle of the deception of the world portraying something as science, that cannot meet even the basic definition of science. Everyone would have to agree that Darwinian evolution is not observable, cannot be repeatable, and certainly is not verifiable, which are the three pillars of the scientific method noted above. No one has seen a change of kinds claimed by Darwinian evolution (not observable) and since it supposedly happened over thousands or millions of years, it is certainly not repeatable. Therefore, Darwinian evolution is not any resemblance of true science, but is just a theory of one man, Charles Darwin, that when even examined even at the surface level should be readily rejected by anyone, especially rejected by Christians who believe in the Bible. Actually, of the 7 supposed stages of human evolution, there is no fossil or bone verification of each of those stages. They are just theories – not science –made up by Darwin.

There has been no significant change in viruses or bacteria over all our time studying them despite their ultra rapid replication. There has been no significant change in insects or animals preserved in amber supposedly over millions of years. Why do those animals and insects in amber look the same today and are easily recognizable, if all animals have been supposed evolving over millions of years?

The principal reason Darwinian evolution cannot be true is that it directly contradicts the Biblical account of creation in Genesis. Man did not evolve from other kinds (from apes) into an upright walking human over millions of years. No, the Bible makes it clear that man was made by God in his image on the sixth day.

Man is made in the image of God and animals are not – there is a clear distinction made between man and animals at the creation by God.

- God created man in his own image
  - Gen. 1:27 – *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*
- The idea that animals evolved over millions of years to become humans is in direct opposition to the Biblical account that man was created distinctly different from the animals, created as image bearers of God, with a rational mind, a will, an eternal soul, etc.

Darwinian evolution holds that over millions of years there is a “change of kinds”, that one kind can evolve into another kind given enough time through natural selection. However, this change of kinds that is a core tenant of evolution cannot be observable or repeatable and thus is not any measure of science but just Darwin’s personal theory.

- The different “kinds” of animals – and humans as a higher kind made in God’s image – were ordained by God in creation.
  - There is not and cannot be any crossover from one “kind” to another “kind” because God stated that plants, animals, and man can only bring forth after their own kind.

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- As God ordained in creation, plants and animals can only bring forth “after their own kind”
  - Gen. 1:11-28 – 11) *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.* 12) *And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.* 21) *And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.* 22) *And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.* 24) *And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.* 25) *And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.* 28) *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*
    - Notice God also ordained man with dominion over the animals, so it is evident we did not come from those animals, but were created by God in his image on a higher plane with authority and dominion over the animals
- In Leviticus 11, with the command of distinction between clean and unclean animals, the Jews were commanded to not eat of each animal “after his kind”. If there was a possibility of a change of kinds, there would be no way to know which animals were prohibited, but the Jews knew to not eat of each animal after each kind.
- 1 Cor. 15:39 – four kinds listed: 1) man, 2) beasts, 3) fishes, 4) birds
  - Man (1 Cor. 15:39)
    - James 3:7 – all other kinds have been tamed and are subordinate to mankind because man was made in the image of God
  - Land animals, (“Beasts” Gen. 1:24-25, 7:14, 8:19, 1 Cor. 15:39, James 3:7)
    - Cattle (Gen. 1:24-25, 6:20, 7:14)
      - Forbidden from letting cattle breed with another kind (Lev. 19:19)
    - Creeping things (Gen. 1:24-25, 6:20, 7:14, 8:19)
    - Lev. 11 & Deut. 14 – kinds listed
  - Sea creatures (Fishes, 1 Cor. 15:39; things in the sea, James 3:7)
    - Whales (alt: “sea creatures”), (Gen. 1:21)
    - “Kinds” (plural) of fish (Ezek. 47:10)
    - “of every kind” out of the sea (Matt. 13:47)
  - Fowls (Gen. 1:21, 6:20, 7:14, 8:19)
    - (Birds: 1 Cor. 15:39, James 3:7)
      - Every bird of every sort (Gen. 7:14)
- Kinds of plants (Gen. 1)
  - 1) Grass (Gen. 1:11,12)
  - 2) Herb – yielding seed (Gen. 1:11,12)
  - 3) Tree – yielding fruit (Gen. 1:11,12)

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- “Adaptation” can occur within a specific kind of animal (and plant), but there can be no cross over from one kind to another kind
  - Human skin color
    - Those people who were native to the equator developed darker skin to adequately reflect the direct sunlight they received near the equator; dark colors (particularly black) repels sunlight, so therefore those near the equator developed a skin color that somewhat repelled the sunlight (black skin), whereas those farther away from the equator (Vikings – white skin and red hair; Germans – white skin and blond hair) had much lighter skin
  - We see adaptation in many kinds based on environmental differences – felines, dogs, bears, and even in humans – but there is no scientific evidence of any change in kinds that has ever been discovered.
  - See “Darwin’s original finches – Evolution of New Kinds” below

One core tenant of Darwinian Evolution is a distinction of different races, and a superiority of some races over others. Therefore, it is clear that Darwin’s theory of evolution is an inherently racist theory.

- In contrast, the Bible teaches there are no races, but all men come from “one blood”
  - Acts 17:26 – *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*
  - All of mankind came from Adam – and then subsequently from Noah – so there are inherently no distinct races since we all come from “one blood”
    - There is neither Jew nor Greek, Barbarian nor Scythian, bond nor free, but we are all one in Christ – Gal. 3:28, Col. 3:11, Rom. 10:12-13
  - “If one were to take any two people anywhere in the world, scientists have found that the basic genetic differences between these two people would typically be around 0.2 percent—even if they came from the same people group. But these so-called “racial” characteristics that people think are major differences (skin color, eye shape, etc.) “account for only 0.012 percent of human biological variation.” Dr. Harold Page Freeman, chief executive, president, and director of surgery at North General Hospital in Manhattan, reiterates, “If you ask what percentage of your genes is reflected in your external appearance, the basis by which we talk about race, the answer seems to be in the range of 0.01 percent.” – <https://answersingenesis.org/racism/are-there-really-different-races/>
- The Bible also gives us a definitive explanation for much of the variation in people groups at the dispersion and division at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11). There we see that God dispersed people into different areas who spoke different languages. Over time due to their proximity to the sun and equator, the people who lived in a similar place developed a different skin pigmentation than other people in different areas. They spoke a similar language, had similar skin colors, and thus developed their own cultural norms that were distinct from other people groups that did the same thing in other areas.

Hasn’t Evolution Been Proven True?

- <https://answersingenesis.org/theory-of-evolution/evidence/hasnt-evolution-been-proven-true/>
- Chance does not generate information or advancement:
  - “Chance does not generate information. This observation caused the late Professor Sir Fred Hoyle and his colleague, Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe of Cardiff University, to conclude that the evolutionist is asking us to believe that a tornado can pass through a junk yard and assemble a jumbo jet.”
    - DW Note – In more modern terms, with the advent of AI super computer processing centers, Meta (Facebook’s parent company) announced they will be building an AI

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processing center the size of Manhattan (22 square miles). Considering the complexity of AI processing centers programming which any reasonable person would agree clearly requires intelligent design (not random chance), rather than a “jumbo jet”, I think a more apt modern example would be that **the evolutionist is asking us to believe that a tornado can pass through a junk yard the size of Manhattan and assemble an advanced AI super computer processing center.**

- Darwin’s original finches – Evolution of New Kinds?
  - “Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos Islands and brought back samples of the different finches that lived on the different islands. He observed that they had different shaped beaks, which appeared to suit the type of food that the finches ate. From this observation, Darwin concluded that a pair or flock of finches had flown to these islands at some time in the past and that the different beaks on the finches had evolved via natural selection, depending on what island they lived on and consequently what they fed on. From these types of simple observations and conclusions, Darwin developed not only the idea of the evolution of species but also the idea of chemicals-to-chemist evolution!
  - But let us consider exactly what Darwin actually observed—finches living on different islands feeding on different types of food having different beaks. What did he propose? That these finches had descended from a pair or flock of finches. In other words, he proposed that finches begat finches—that is, they reproduced after their own kind. This is exactly what the Bible teaches in Genesis 1.
  - It cannot be overemphasized that no one has ever seen one kind of plant or animal changing into another different kind. Darwin did not observe this, even though he proposed that it does happen. There are literally thousands of plant and animal kinds on the earth today, and these verify what the Bible indicates in Genesis 1 about plants and animals reproducing after their own kind.
  - Plants and animals reproducing after their own kind is what we observe, and it is what Charles Darwin observed in finches on the Galapagos Islands. For example, we see different varieties of Brassica—kale, cabbage, cauliflower are all varieties of the wild common mustard Brassica oleracea. Furthermore, another perfect example of a kind is the hundreds of different varieties of dogs, including spaniels, terriers, bulldogs, Chihuahuas, Great Danes, German shepherds, Irish wolfhounds, and greyhounds, which are all capable of interbreeding, together with wolves, jackals, dingoes, and coyotes. All are descended from the two representatives of the dog kind that came off Noah’s Ark.”

“Creation vs. Evolution” – Sermon by Elder Sonny Pyles

- <https://primitivebaptistsermons.org/listen.php?id=2139>

### **Carbon-14 Dating**

Carbon-14 dating measures the decay of carbon-14, a radioactive isotope, in organic materials to estimate their age. Carbon-14 is only accurate within the last 50,000 years. I would encourage you to read the articles below for an in-depth analysis of Carbon-14 dating by scientists who understand it. I have noted a few excerpts that highlight the inconsistency of these dating methods, especially since they do not take into account the accelerated maturity that occurred in creation and Noah’s flood. However, reading the full articles will give you a more comprehensive understanding of these dating methods. Considering the inconsistency of these dating methods, I do not think it is reasonable to question the Biblical creation account primarily based on these inconsistent dating methods.

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Doesn't Carbon-14 Dating Disprove the Bible?

- <https://answersingenesis.org/geology/carbon-14/doesnt-carbon-14-dating-disprove-the-bible/>
- RATE study findings
  - “In 1997 an eight-year research project (RATE) was started to investigate the age of the earth. The objective was to gather data commonly ignored or censored by evolutionary standards of dating. The scientists reviewed the assumptions and procedures used in estimating the ages of rocks and fossils. The results of the carbon-14 dating demonstrated serious problems for long geologic ages. For example, a series of fossilized wood samples that conventionally have been dated according to their host strata to be from Tertiary to Permian (40-250 million years old) all yielded significant, detectable levels of carbon-14 that would conventionally equate to only 30,000-45,000 years “ages” for the original trees. Similarly, a survey of the conventional radiocarbon journals resulted in more than forty examples of supposedly ancient organic materials, including limestones, that contained carbon-14, as reported by leading laboratories.
  - Samples were then taken from ten different coal layers that, according to evolutionists, represent different time periods in the geologic column (Cenozoic, Mesozoic, and Paleozoic). The RATE group obtained these ten coal samples from the U.S. Department of Energy Coal Sample Bank, from samples collected from major coalfields across the United States. The chosen coal samples, which dated millions to hundreds of millions of years old based on standard evolution time estimates, all contained measurable amounts of <sup>14</sup>C. In all cases, careful precautions were taken to eliminate any possibility of contamination from other sources. Samples, in all three “time periods”, displayed significant amounts of <sup>14</sup>C. This is a significant discovery. Since the half-life of <sup>14</sup>C is relatively short (5,730 years), there should be no detectable <sup>14</sup>C left after about 100,000 years. The average <sup>14</sup>C estimated age for all the layers from these three time periods was approximately 50,000 years. However, using a more realistic pre-Flood <sup>14</sup>C /<sup>12</sup>C ratio reduces that age to about 5,000 years.
  - These results indicate that the entire geologic column is less than 100,000 years old—and could be much younger. This confirms the Bible and challenges the evolutionary idea of long geologic ages. Because the lifetime of C-14 is so brief, these AMS [Accelerator Mass Spectrometer] measurements pose an obvious challenge to the standard geological timescale that assigns millions to hundreds of millions of years to this part of the rock layer.
  - Another noteworthy observation from the RATE group was the amount of <sup>14</sup>C found in diamonds. Secular scientists have estimated the ages of diamonds to be millions to billions of years old using other radiometric dating methods. These methods are also based on questionable assumptions and are discussed elsewhere. Because of their hardness, diamonds (the hardest known substance) are extremely resistant to contamination through chemical exchange. Since diamonds are considered to be so old by evolutionary standards, finding any <sup>14</sup>C in them would be strong support for a recent creation.
  - The RATE group analyzed twelve diamond samples for possible carbon-14 content. Similar to the coal results, all twelve diamond samples contained detectable, but lower levels of <sup>14</sup>C. These findings are powerful evidence that coal and diamonds cannot be the millions or billions of years old that evolutionists claim. Indeed, these RATE findings of detectable <sup>14</sup>C in diamonds have been confirmed independently. Carbon-14 found in fossils at all layers of the geologic column, in coal and in diamonds, is evidence which confirms the biblical timescale of thousands of years and not billions. Because of C-14's short half-life, such a finding would argue that carbon and probably the entire physical earth as well must have a recent origin.”

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Does Radiometric Dating Prove the Earth is Old?

- <https://answersingenesis.org/geology/radiometric-dating/does-radiometric-dating-prove-the-earth-is-old/>
- Exceptions
  - “We know that radioisotope dating does not always work because we can test it on rocks of known age. In 1997, a team of eight research scientists known as the RATE group (Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth) set out to investigate the assumptions commonly made in standard radioisotope dating practices (also referred to as single-sample radioisotope dating). Their findings were significant and directly impact the evolutionary dates of millions of years.
    - Three critical assumptions can affect the results during radioisotope dating:
      - 1) The initial conditions of the rock sample are accurately known.
      - 2) The amount of parent or daughter elements in a sample has not been altered by processes other than radioactive decay.
      - 3) The decay rate (or half-life) of the parent isotope has remained constant since the rock was formed.
  - A rock sample from the newly formed 1986 lava dome from Mount St. Helens was dated using Potassium-Argon dating. The newly formed rock gave ages for the different minerals in it of between 0.5 and 2.8 million years. These dates show that significant argon (daughter element) was present when the rock solidified (assumption 1 is false).
  - Mount Ngauruhoe is located on the North Island of New Zealand and is one of the country’s most active volcanoes. Eleven samples were taken from solidified lava and dated. These rocks are known to have formed from eruptions in 1949, 1954, and 1975. The rock samples were sent to a respected commercial laboratory (Geochron Laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts). The “ages” of the rocks ranged from 0.27 to 3.5 million years old. Because these rocks are known to be less than 70 years old, it is apparent that assumption #1 is again false. When radioisotope dating fails to give accurate dates on rocks of known age, why should we trust it for rocks of unknown age? In each case the ages of the rocks were greatly inflated.”
- Isochron dating variances
  - “For example, the RATE group obtained radioisotope dates from ten different locations. To omit any potential bias, the rock samples were analyzed by several commercial laboratories. In each case, the isochron dates differed substantially from the single-sample radioisotope dates. In some cases the range was more than 500 million years.
  - In one specific case, samples were taken from the Cardenas Basalt, which is among the oldest strata in the eastern Grand Canyon. Next, samples from the western Canyon basalt lava flows, which are among the youngest formations in the canyon, were analyzed. Using the rubidium-strontium isochron dating method, an age of 1.11 billion years was assigned to the oldest rocks and a date of 1.14 billion years to the youngest lava flows. The youngest rocks gave a billion year age the same as the oldest rocks! Are the dates given in textbooks and journals accurate and objective? When assumptions are taken into consideration and discordant (disagreeing or unacceptable) dates are not omitted, radioisotope dating often gives inconsistent and inflated ages.”
- Examples of accelerated decay – proving creation and the flood
  - “New studies by the RATE group have provided evidence that radioactive decay supports a young earth. One of their studies involved the amount of helium found in granite rocks. Granite contains tiny zircon crystals, which contain radioactive uranium (238U), which decays into lead (206Pb). During this process, for each atom of 238U decaying into 206Pb, eight helium atoms are formed and migrate out of the zircons and granite rapidly.

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- Within the zircon crystals, any helium atoms generated by nuclear decay in the distant past should have long ago migrated outward and escaped from these crystals. One would expect the helium gas to eventually diffuse upward out of the ground and then disappear into the atmosphere. To everyone's surprise, however, large amounts of helium have been found trapped inside zircons.
- The decay of  $^{238}\text{U}$  into lead is a slow process (half-life of 4.5 billion years). Since helium migrates out of rocks rapidly, there should be very little to no helium remaining in the zircon crystals. Why is so much helium still in the granite? One likely explanation is that sometime in the past the radioactive decay rate was greatly accelerated. The decay rate was accelerated so much that helium was being produced faster than it could have escaped, causing an abundant amount of helium to remain in the granite. The RATE group has gathered evidence that at some time in history nuclear decay was greatly accelerated.
  - The experiments the RATE project commissioned have clearly confirmed the numerical predictions of our Creation model.... The data and our analysis show that over a billion years worth of nuclear decay has occurred very recently, between 4000 and 8000 years ago.
- Confirmation of this accelerated nuclear decay having occurred is provided by adjacent uranium and polonium radiohalos that formed at the same time in the same biotite flakes in granites. Radiohalos result from the physical damage caused by radioactive decay of uranium and intermediate daughter atoms of polonium, so they are observable evidence that a lot of radioactive decay has occurred during the earth's history. However, because the daughter polonium atoms are only short-lived (for example, polonium-218 decays within 3 minutes, compared to 4.47 million years for uranium-238), the polonium radiohalos had to form within hours to a few days. But in order to supply the needed polonium atoms to produce these polonium radiohalos within that timeframe, the nearby uranium atoms had to decay at an accelerated rate. Thus hundreds of millions of years worth of uranium decay (compared to today's slow decay rate) had to have occurred within hours to a few days to produce these adjacent uranium and polonium radiohalos in granites.
- The RATE group suggested that this accelerated decay took place during the Creation Week or during the Flood. Accelerated decay of this magnitude would result in immense amounts of heat being generated in rocks. Determining how this heat was dissipated presents a new and exciting opportunity for creation research."

### **Scientific Accuracy of the Bible**

The Bible has always been centuries ahead of the commonly accepted science of the day. The old Christian quip has proven to be true time and time again: "Give science a few hundred years and it will eventually catch up to the Bible." Let us consider just a small sample size of the many examples where the plain teaching of scripture was years – usually many centuries – ahead of the common acceptance of these truths by the scientific community.

- Creation by a single source and intelligent designer
  - Genesis 1-3
  - Science now generally affirms that there was a singular event that began the universe. The Biblical account of creation gives a much more plausible and understandable origin account of the universe than any Big Bang or alternate beginning creation theory.
- All men come from one source, from Adam, with all mankind coming from the same source
  - Acts 17:26 – God made his people of "one blood", all coming mankind coming from Adam
  - Modern DNA testing has made it clear that genetic information indicate that all men come from a singular source of genetic DNA code

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- An expanding universe
  - God “stretcheth” and “spreadeth” out the heavens; this is a present tense verb, showing that God is “still presently stretching and spreading out” the heavens – Isaiah 40:22
  - Edwin Hubble determined there was an expanding universe in 1929
- Night and day determined by God, rotation of the earth
  - God established the light by day and moon and stars by night – Jer. 31:35
    - Evening and the morning were the first day, etc. – Gen. 1
    - Job 38:12
  - It was not understood in the scientific community that night and day was created by the earth rotating until Copernicus adopted a heliocentric world system in the 1500s
- Earth is not hanging upon anything
  - God “*hangeeth the earth upon nothing*” – Job 26:7
  - The first scientist having this understanding would appear to be Copernicus around 1500AD
- Earth was originally one continent that broke apart
  - It was noted in Gen. 10:25, that in the days of Peleg “the earth divided”.
  - Science did not reach the conclusion of one original continent until the 1960s, but the Bible affirmed it from the beginning in Genesis.
- Circular earth (not a flat earth)
  - “*He sitteth on the circle of the earth*” – Isaiah 40:22
  - In 500 BC, Pathagorus proposed that the earth was round
- The moon determining the tides
  - “*the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar*”, Jer. 31:35. The moon “which divideth” determines the tides when the “waves thereof roar”.
  - This was not commonly accepted until Pithius in 330 BC
- The wind jet stream
  - The wind goes to the south, north and turns again “*according to his circuits*” – Eccl. 1:6.
  - In 1883, was the first time the wind jet stream was determined after a volcanic eruption in Indonesia
- The water cycle
  - *All rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full, unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again* – Eccl. 1:7
    - Eccl. 11:3
    - Amos 5:8 & 9:6
  - Water cycle was not proposed until 1580 AD
- Systematic ocean currents
  - Psalms 8:7-8 likely reveal the existence of systematic ocean currents: *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.*
  - Matthew Maury (1806-1873) is commonly known as the father of oceanography. He was among the first to discover and chart systematic ocean currents. Maury claimed that his research was inspired by Psalm 8:4-8.
- Springs in the sea
  - Job 38:16 – *Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?*
  - This verse in Job spoke of springs in the sea. It is now known that there are indeed such springs on the ocean floor.

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- Life of the flesh is in the blood
  - Lev. 17:11 – *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*
    - Lev. 17:14, Deut. 12:23, Gen. 9:4
  - William Harvey, who was a creation scientist, discovered in 1620 the oxygenation of the blood and how the circulation of blood is absolutely necessary to the sustaining of life of the body.
- Spreading of infectious diseases
  - The Bible gives clear instructions in the Mosaic law in Exodus and Leviticus for how to identify, control, and quarantine those who display infectious diseases and leprosy. It also warns against touching dead bodies, which can cause contamination, and many other commands to the Israelites regarding safe health practices that science now affirms are best practices to control the spread of infectious diseases.
- God commanded Israelites to circumcise their children on the eighth day after their birth (Gen. 17:12, Lev. 12:3) when they had no medical equipment to control the bleeding; how did children not bleed out and die when they were circumcised?
  - Science says that the clotting (coagulant) nature of babies' blood peaks on the eighth day and then returns to a normal level that is maintained for the rest of their life; so God commanded them to perform the circumcision on the exact day when the babies' blood was the thickest it will ever be in the lifetime.
- For a helpful, thorough article on these and other examples of the scientific accuracy of the scriptures you can read this article below – “Examples of Scientific Accuracy of the Bible”, by Elder David Pyles
  - <http://www.pb.org/PBDocs/ScientificAccuracyOfBible.pdf>