

Creation & Evolution

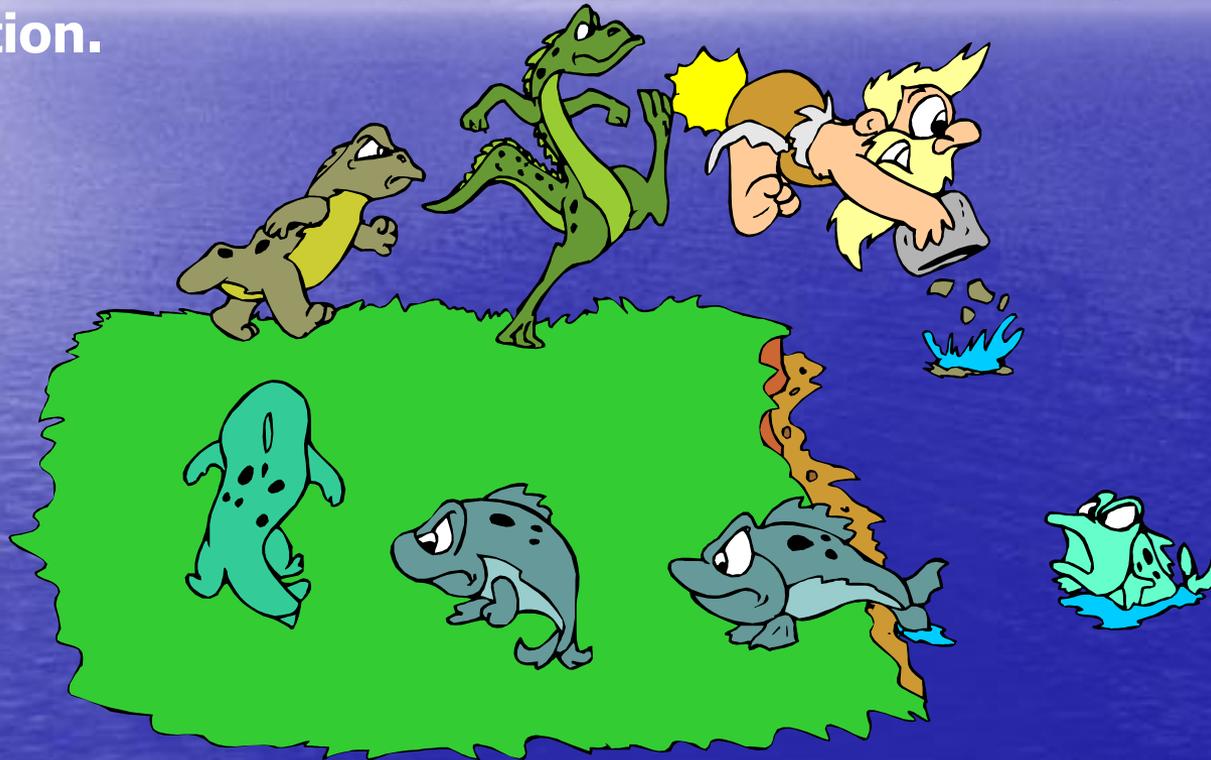
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1)



Definitions

- **What is Evolution?**

- The process by which species of organisms arise from earlier life forms and undergo change over time through natural selection.



- **What is Natural Selection?**

- **What is Creation?**

- The belief that the origin life is God



DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE



EARTH, SPACE, TIME & LIGHT



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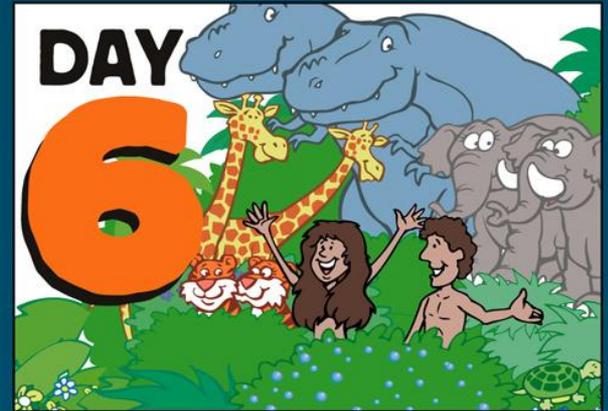
DRY LAND & PLANTS



SUN, MOON & STARS



SEA & FLYING CREATURES



LAND ANIMALS & MAN

Can we believe both?



Creation	Evolution
Earth before sun and stars	Stars and sun before earth
Earth covered with water initially	Earth a molten blob initially
Oceans first then dry land	Dry land then the oceans
Life first created on the land	Life started in the oceans
Plants created before the sun	Plants came along after the sun
Land animals created after birds	Land animals existed before birds
Whales before land animals	Land animals before whales
The earth is thousands of years old	The earth is millions of years old

The Days of Creation



Day 1	Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ...3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ... 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.
Day 2	6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." ... 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.
Day 3	9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so....11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. ...13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.
Day 4	14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;... 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

The Days of Creation



Day 5	20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
Day 6	24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

The length of the creation days

- Are the 6 days of creation literal days or are they longer periods of time?

A number and the phrase “evening and morning” are used for each of the six days of creation.

Gen 1:5 So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Gen 1:8 So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Gen 1:13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Gen 1:19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Gen 1:23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Gen 1:31 So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

The length of the creation days

- Could God have taken 6 days to create everything? Did He need six days?

“For with God nothing will be impossible.” (Luke 1:37)

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day... (Exodus 20:9-11)

This tells us that God took six days and rested on the seventh day deliberately as a pattern for man.

To say the seven days span millions of years makes no sense.

The length of the creation days

- The sun was not created until day 4 so how can the first 3 days be measured and how long were they?

The fact that the sun and the moon were not created until the 4th may or may not make the first 3 days indefinite periods of time for God created light on the 1st day. The sun is not needed for day and night! What is needed is light and a rotating earth.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (Genesis 1:3-5)

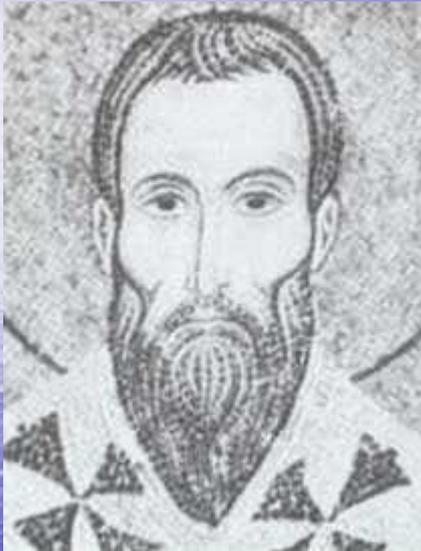


Did Adam evolve or was he created?

- Then God said, "**Let the earth bring forth** grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. (Gen 1:11)
- "**Let the earth bring forth** the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. (Gen 1:24)
- Then God said, "**Let Us make man** in Our image, according to Our likeness..." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;
- 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 being. (Gen 2:7)
- Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,... the son of Enos, the son of Seth, **the son of Adam, the son of God.**

How long were the creation days?

“let the earth bring forth”

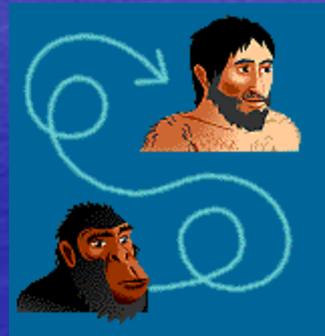


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- Speaking of Day 3: “Let the earth”, the Creator adds, “bring forth the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself.” At this command every copse was thickly planted; all the trees, fir, cedar, cypress, pine, rose to their greatest height, the shrubs were straightway clothed with thick foliage.’ ([Homily V:6](#))
- “Let the earth bring forth.” This short command was in a moment a vast nature, an elaborate system. Swifter than thought it produced the countless qualities of plants.’ ([Homily V:10](#))
- Speaking of Day 5: “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life” after their kind, “and fowl that may fly above the earth” after their kind.” The command was given, and immediately the rivers and lakes becoming fruitful brought forth their natural broods; the sea travailed with all kinds of swimming creatures; not even in mud and marshes did the water remain idle; it took its part in creation. Everywhere from its ebullition frogs, gnats and flies came forth. For that which we see to-day is the sign of the past. Thus everywhere the water hastened to obey the Creator’s command.’ ([Homily VII:1](#))

Are we all from Adam & Eve... must we be?

- "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth' (Acts 17:26).
- For since by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:21-22).
- Christ suffered death on the cross, shedding his blood so that He could return all men to the state that Adam was in.



therefore all who live and all who have ever lived are descendants of the first man Adam.



Did We Evolve from Apes?

•Where is the Image of God in this process?



A. garhi existed 2.5 million years ago. Tim White and Berhame Asfaw found it in Bouri, East Ethiopia.

AFTER EDEN

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Have you ever noticed if someone calls you a "monkey" it's an insult, but if they say you came from a monkey, that's "science"?

The genealogies in Genesis

Chronology from Adam to Abraham assuming that there are no gaps in the genealogies given in Genesis chapter's 5 & 11.

Does this mean that man, the earth and the universe are about 6,000 years old?

Patriarch	Year of Birth	
	After Creation	Before Christ
Adam	--	4115
Seth	130	3985
Enos	235	3880
Cainan	325	3790
Mahalaleel	395	3720
Jared	460	3655
Enoch	622	3493
Methuselah	687	3428
Lamech	874	3241
Noah	1056	3059
Shem	1558	2561
Arphaxad	1658	2457
Salah	1693	2422
Eber	1723	2392
Peleg	1757	2358
Reu	1787	2328
Serug	1819	2296
Nahor	1849	2266
Terah	1878	2237
Abram	1948	2167

The genealogies in Genesis

Do these genealogies imply father to son relationships?

“Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.” (Matthew 1:8)

“Now in the fifth year ... Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat began to reign as king of Judah.” (2 Kings 8:16) ... “So Joram rested with his fathers ... Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.” (2 Kings 8:24) ... “And his servants arose ... and killed Joash ... Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place. In the 23rd year of Joash the son of Ahaziah ...” (2 Kings 12:20 - 13:1) ... Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah, ... and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. (2 Chronicles 26:1)



The genealogies in Genesis

Matthew 1:8

Jehoshaphat ▲ Joram ▲

▲ Uzziah

2 Kings & 2 Chronicles

Jehoshaphat ▲ Joram ▲ {Ahaziah ▲ Joash ▲ Amaziah} ▲ Uzziah

So, the word “begot” does not necessarily imply a Father to Son relationship. In this case three generations, and as much as 300 years could have been missed.

Note: this is one of many examples of missing generations.

E.g. 400 years missing - 1 Chronicles 26:24

300 years missing - Numbers 3:17-19 & 27-28



The genealogies in Genesis

CONCLUSIONS

There are 20 names in the patriarchal list between Adam and Abraham. There is a definite father to son relationship between:

Therefore there are 14 possible generation gaps in the genealogies.

Adam & Seth (Gen 5:3)
Lamech & Noah (Gen 5:28-30)
Noah & Shem (Gen 9:18)
Shem & Arphaxad (Gen 11:10)
Terah & Abraham (Gen 11:26-32)

So there is no real way of calculating the date of the creation of Adam. However if we chose a sufficiently large number like 1000 years in each of these 14 gaps the creation of Adam can be calculated at no earlier than 18,000 B.C.

It is clear from the Biblical genealogies that mankind is quite "young"... certainly not millions of years old!!!



Who was Cain's Wife?

Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son; Enoch. (Gen 4:16-17)

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth' (Acts 17:26).



Who was Cain's Wife?

- **Gen 5:4** After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters.
- This does not say when they were born. Many could have been born in the 130 years (Genesis 5:3) before Seth was born.
- During their lives, Adam and Eve had a number of male and female children. The Jewish historian Josephus wrote that, 'The number of Adam's children, as says the old tradition, was thirty-three sons and twenty-three daughters.'
- there could be many generations between each child.
- The Bible does not tell us how many children were born to Adam and Eve. However, considering their long life spans (Adam lived for 930 years—Genesis 5:5), it would seem reasonable to suggest there were many! Remember, They were commanded to 'Be fruitful, and multiply' (Genesis 1:28).



Inter-marriage



- **But can't inter-marriage between family cause deformities ?**

- **The more closely related two people are, the more likely it is that they will have similar mistakes in their genes, since these have been inherited from the same parents.**

- **Adam and Eve did not have accumulated genetic mistakes. When the first two people were created, they were physically perfect. Everything God made was 'very good' (Genesis 1:31), so their genes were perfect—no mistakes! But, when sin entered the world, God cursed the world so that the perfect creation then began to degenerate, that is, suffer death and decay. Over thousands of years, this degeneration has produced all sorts of genetic mistakes in living things.**



What if Genesis is a Lie?

- Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned; (Rom 5:12)
- The fact that Jesus continuously quotes from Genesis gives it credibility.
- Jesus was born, died, rose and ascended because of what happened in Genesis.
- If Genesis did not occur then Jesus wasted His time and the faith of all Christians in the past, present and future was of no use.



***therefore all who live and all
who have ever lived are
descendants of the first man
Adam.***

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.”
(Job 38:4)

“Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things ... by the greatness of His might And the strength of His power ...”
(Isaiah 40:26)



RESERVE SLIDES



The length of the creation days

- Death came into the world after the sin of Adam & Eve

**... the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together ...
(Rom 8:22)**

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. (Gen 3:17-18)

- sin and death was introduced to the world through the disobedience of the first humans
- death in any form could not have happened before the original sin
- yet the fossil record tells a totally different story – with millions and billions of years of death before Adam and Eve.

The genealogies in Genesis

- **931 B.C.** - The division of the Kingdom of Israel and the death of Solomon.
- **971 B.C.** - Solomon becomes king - "And the period that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years." (1 Kings 11:42)
- **1447 B.C.** - Children of Israel come out of Egypt - "And it came to pass in the 480th year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel..." (1 Kings 6:1)



The genealogies in Genesis

- **1877 B.C.** - Jacob and his sons go to Egypt - "Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was 430 years." (Exodus 12:40)
- **2007 B.C.** - The birth of Jacob - "And Jacob said to Pharaoh, 'The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years...'" (Genesis 47:9)
- **2067 B.C.** - The birth of Isaac - "...Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them." (Genesis 25:26) and ...
- **2167 B.C.** - The birth of Abraham - "Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him." (Genesis 21:5)

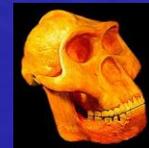
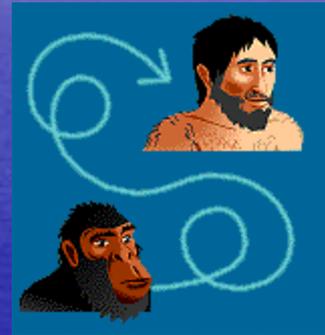
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It seems that all the post-flood Patriarch's (including Noah) were still alive when Abram was born. In fact they were all still alive until he was 48 years old. This can not be true for many reasons.

E.g. We know that the Tower of Babel was built in the time of Peleg. Until then everyone was speaking the same language. Since Peleg was 191 when Abram was born, then the time of the tower of Babel was at most 191 years before Abram's birth. But we read in Genesis 15:19-21 that at the time of Abraham the land of Palestine was overflowing with "Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Canaanites... and that Egypt was already a mighty empire. This could not of happened in only 191 years.

	Age at birth of Abram	Years Until Death
Noah	892	58
Shem	394	210
Arphaxad	290	148
Salah	255	178
Eber	225	239
Peleg	191	48
Reu	161	78
Serug	129	101
Nahor	99	49
Terah	70	135
Abram	--	175

Therefore the only conclusion that can be drawn is that the post-flood genealogies in the Holy Bible are incomplete!!!



Scripture	Big Bang
All elements made together	Elements beyond hydrogen and helium formed after millions of years
Earth formed before stars	Earth formed long after stars
Plants formed before the sun	Plants evolved after the sun
Sun formed on the fourth day after the earth	Sun formed before the earth
Sun, moon and stars formed	Sun formed from older stars together