

How Long Were The Days Of Creation?

Introduction: The Necessity Of Faith

- * Hebrews 11:1 - Faith is the **evidence** of some things that are **not seen** or visible.
- * Heb. 11:3 - "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed **by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were **not made of things which are visible**."
- * Heb. 11:6 - Faith is a requirement when dealing with God.
- * Faith is required in most areas of life - e.g. real parents, historical accuracy, travel to the moon, passing an approaching car, guilt or innocence of a criminal etc. So also the origin of the world.

I) Regarding The Genesis Account

- * Some believe that the world and all that is in it was creating by fiat in six successive literal 24 hour days and that it took place a few thousand years ago, probably 10,000 years max.
- * Theistic evolutionists believe God formed the world millions of years ago, but then things have evolved since.
- * Evolutionists believe the world is billions of years old and nowhere is there a creator in their faith. The Genesis account is of course dismissed altogether.
- * Recently some are compromising and saying God created the world millions of years ago, that the six days of Genesis were either each eons of time or eons between each day, but that man is only thousands of years old.

II) Scientific Evidences For A Young Earth

- 1. The receding moon** - The laws of physics indicate that the moon is slowly moving away from the earth. These laws also show that the moon could never survive a nearness to the earth of less than 11,500 miles—a distance known as the Roche limit. Inside that limit, the Earth's tidal forces would break the moon apart. Based upon standard uniformitarian principles which undergird Evolutionary theory, if you multiply the present recession speed of the moon by the presumed Evolutionary age, the moon should be much farther away from the earth than it now is. Thus scientific evidence shows that the moon is not as old as Evolutionary theory requires it to be. The receding moon supports Creationism—not Evolution.
- 2. The shape of the earth** - Lord Kelvin argued that the earth's slowing spin rate proves that the earth could not be a billion years old. A billion years ago the earth would have been spinning twice as fast. If the earth were initially molten, the centrifugal force of such a high spin rate would have caused an extremely large bulge around the equator. Slow spin reduction and fast surface cooling would then have solidified the bulge into a high continent that encircled the equator. But there is absolutely no trace of such a bulge.
- 3. The depth of lunar dust** - Before our astronauts landed on the moon, evolutionary scientists caused great concern. They insisted that since the moon was four to five billion years old, the rate of influx of dust and the lunar physical processes of rock break-up might result in the astronauts sinking into a great depth of dust on the moon. But, of course, the astronauts did not sink into deep dust. Instead, the Creationists' predictions of only a thin layer of dust, based on a young age for the moon, were correct.
- 4. The rapid rate of decay of the earth's main magnetic field** in accordance with the Second Law of Thermodynamics. Scientific calculations of the decay of this field have been going on since 1835 and measure about five percent per hundred years. Using the evolutionist's same methodology, if we extrapolate backwards, we come to a time when the earth's magnetic field could have been no stronger. We reach a time where if the magnetic field had been any stronger, it would have ruptured the earth and split it apart. That figures the age limit of the earth's magnetic field—is 10,000 years! Here we have scientific evidence that the earth is neither millions nor billions of years old.

- 5. The Sun is shrinking** - at the rate of five feet per hour. Once again, if we know the sun is shrinking at that rate and we apply evolutionary principles and work backward, adding five feet per hour to the sun's mass, we quickly come to a point where the sun would be too large for life to exist on earth—a few thousand years ago. The sun, on this basis, could not be several billion years old. Thus Creation is more scientifically feasible than evolution.
- 6. Hydrogen is gradually being converted into helium**, in what appears to be irreversible process. Sir Fred Hoyle, one of the most famous astronomers in the world pointed out that most of the universe is composed of hydrogen. But Dr. Hoyle discovered that the universe remains almost entirely composed of hydrogen. Yet if the universe were infinitely old, as the Evolutionists maintain, the universe ought to contain far more helium. On the basis of his findings, Dr. Hoyle concluded that the Creation issue simply cannot be dodged.
- 7. Population statistics** - Evolutionists believe that man has been here only about one million years. Population statisticians are people who estimate the world's population taking into account death, famine, disease, war, etc. Using Evolution's assumptions, how many people ought there to be on earth if human beings have been here for one million years? That figure stands at 1×10 to the 5000th power! That's a one with 5000 zeros added on behind. Let me attempt to give you an idea of the magnitude of that number. At the known estimated size of the entire universe—twenty billion light years in diameter— if you were to take people of our size and cram them into our universe like sardines, filling the entire universe, you might barely squeeze in 1×10 to the 100th power. That leaves you with a one with 4900 zeros left over. You can't even get them into the observable universe! If, on the other hand, you accept Creationist figures with the earth having been here some six to eight thousand years, there ought to be around five billion people on earth.

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III) Evidence Of Creation In 6 Successive 24 Hour Days

- * There is nothing in the context that indicates a figurative use of the word “day.”
- * God defines it - “God called the light Day and the darkness He called night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.” (Genesis 1:5)
- * Throughout the Bible whenever a day is designated as first or second, etc. then it always refers to a twenty four hour day.
- * In Genesis 1:14 days are contrasted to years - “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.”
- * Later when God commanded sabbath (seventh) day observance, He ties it in with the number of days God worked and rested. - Read Exodus 20:8-11. Man rested one 24 hour period, just as God did.
- * Life could not have existed naturally for thousands of years between the days.

IV) Why Does The Earth Look Old?

- * Created full grown, as was man and other life forms?
- * Flood greatly altered appearances?

Conclusion: For the sake of the argument, had God been wanting to describe the days of creation as successive 24 hour days, how better could He have worded it? It seems people are dismissing the obvious for something more contrived, difficult and fraught with danger.