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Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to view and study Biblical Creation Science 101. The following Study Guide was created to accompany the DVD set by the same name. It is intended to help you learn and remember the main ideas from the videos. It also provides a list of additional resources, for those who desire a more in-depth treatment of the topics covered in the videos.

Biblical Creation Science 101 is a five-DVD series. Each of the five DVDs have two Episodes. For each of these Episodes, the Study Guide includes:

- 1) A list of the main ideas;
- 2) A space for personal notes while viewing the DVDs;
- 3) A set of fill-in-the-blank questions;
- 4) A set of questions & comments for further thought & discussion;
- 5) A bibliography of resources for further study;
- 6) The answers to the questions.

The first four DVDs include a third Episode, which is a live Question & Answer session regarding both Episodes on that particular DVD. This Study Guide lists the topics covered during those Q & A Episodes, and includes a space for personal notes while viewing them.

The Study Guide contains five Appendices, labeled A-E. These Appendices are referenced within the Study Guide.

May this tool help you appreciate and love the Truth even more than you already do, and may God bless you as you learn.

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1-1

The Age of the Earth & Why it Matters

Main Points

1. Historically, scientists understood the fossil record to be evidence for the world-wide Flood of Noah. Deep time (billions of years) was invented to discredit this evidence.
2. Nothing in science demands billions of years.
3. Nothing in the Bible allows billions of years.

Personal Notes

Questions

1. Before the 1800's, the scientific community taught that the earth was created around what date? _____

2. Before the 1800's, the scientific community taught that pre-Cambrian rocks (the big package on the bottom without fossils) were created about _____, and that most of the layers above that (the ones with fossils) were formed about 1600 years later, as the result of what event? _____

3. Radioisotope dating (which includes Carbon 14 dating) is like “a hourglass in the rock.” When scientists use this method to date a rock, they are not measuring the age of the rock, they are _____ the age of the rock. This is important because an interpretation = a measurement + at least one _____.

4. Radioisotope dating includes at least three assumptions; we looked at one. Using the analogy of an hourglass, one of the assumptions is that _____.

5. People tend to say that “distant starlight demands that the universe is billions of years old.” This is not true, because that interpretation of the age of stars includes an assumption. That assumption has to do with _____.

6. What Bible verse puts “bookends” around the creation week and defines the amount of time in the middle? _____

7. Genesis 1:31 demands that Satan did not rebel until _____ the end of the creation week.

8. Someone asks you, “Why can’t I combine my Bible with billions of years?” You only need to remember one question, two words: “_____?”

9. The fossil record must be laid down after sin, from the Flood of Noah, because it contains _____.

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. How long it takes something to happen depends on how much power is available. If you have a lot of power in your car, you only need a little time to drive across the country. A horse and wagon has less power, and is therefore slower. Can you think of another example in which having more power makes the process happen more quickly?

2. Read Exodus 20:11. Notice that the bookends *include* Genesis 1:1 – the creation of the earth itself. Notice that the verse *include* the seventh day as being a literal, 24-hour day: the command is to rest for 24 hours, not millions of years. Read Colossians 1:16. Notice that God took the time to say that everything, except Himself, is created by Him. Thus, everything, has to fit inside the bookends of the creation week. Have you ever seen someone try to move something “outside the bookends?” Have you noticed that, when this happens, it is (almost) always for the purpose of forcing the Bible to accommodate the lie of billions of years?

3. Read Genesis 1:31. Notice: At the end of Day 6, God declares that *everything* in the universe is “very good.” God says rebellion against Himself is a bad thing (I Samuel 15:23, Jeremiah 29:32, Proverbs 17:11, Nehemiah 9:16-17, Joshua 22:22, etc.). So, if He says that *everything* is “very good” at the end of Day 6, then Satan has not rebelled yet. Have you ever seen someone try to say that Satan rebelled before the end of the creation week? Have you noticed that, when this happens, it is (almost) always for the purpose of forcing the Bible to accommodate the lie of billions of years?

4. Read Romans 8:20-22. Notice that Paul is saying that something changed when Adam and Eve sinned, and that the whole creation is groaning as a result. Notice especially his use of the phrase, “groaning as in the pains of childbirth” – which goes back to another part of the sin-curse (Genesis 3:16, childbirth pangs). Now think about the billions-of-years-stories... According to those stories, *all the bad stuff was already in the creation when Adam and Eve sinned*. So, in those stories, nothing changed in the non-human creation when Adam and Eve sinned. So, in those stories, all the bad stuff was a part of God’s original, “very good” creation. Do you begin to see why, in order to accommodate the lie of billions of years, people try to move the creation and fall of Satan?

5. Notice: The text of the Bible prohibit blaming the bad stuff in the creation on Satan. As we have already seen, the text demands that he rebelled after the end of Day 6. But also, the text demands that the sin-curse is *man’s* fault, not Satan’s (Romans 8:20-22, I Corinthians 15:21). Moreover, if the bad stuff is Satan’s fault, and man is suffering because of something that is not his fault, then either God is not good or not just. The message of the whole Bible – that man’s sin caused the sin-curse and death, and that Jesus came to defeat sin *and its effects* – is destroyed by the billions-of-years-lies. If the church stood firm about the age of the earth, do you think non-Christians would find it more difficult to laugh at the Bible?

6. Read Colossians 1:16. He who creates a thing owns the right to it. The creator has the responsibility to “write the owner’s manual” and make the rules about that thing. If the Creator is good, then He does all of this in the best eternal interest of what is created. Because God is Creator, that is what makes Him the rightful rule-enforcer – Judge – over people. In all the billions-of-years lies, God is the author of the bad stuff. Is it any wonder that non-Christians don’t want anything to do with Him, and get mad when they are told that He has the right to judge them? Give me 5 minutes of a non-Christian’s undivided attention, and I will spend the first few sharing the truth about God’s original very good creation, man’s sin, the fact that man is responsible for the bad stuff, and why Jesus had to die in the first place. *Then* I will share the Good News that all have sinned, and that forgiveness through Christ is available. Reason: A sinner may admit his sin, but because of the lie of billions, most people in our culture are hostile toward the idea that God has the right to judge them. Do you agree with this approach to evangelism?

7. Truth is powerful, not popular. What life experiences have taught you this reality?

For Further Study

DeYoung, Dr. Don, Thousands Not Billions, 2005, ISBN: 0-89051-441-0
(This book is a layman’s summary of the technical, 2-volume RATE Research publication, which was the culmination of eight years of research by several Ph.D.s)

Please note that a copy of the Genesis Genealogy Chart is included as Appendix A in this Study Guide. There are those who claim that there are “missing names” in the Genesis text (and that this chart is therefore incomplete). This objection has been fully addressed and dismissed by Dr. Floyd Jones, in The Chronology of the Old Testament, Master Books, 2005

The following article is written for laymen, and addresses the issue of the age of stars, and of distant starlight:

Humphreys, D. Russell., “Seven Years of Starlight & Time,” 2001 (Impact Article, ICR)

The following article addresses scientific problems within the Big Bang model. It is technical. Nevertheless, Berlinski is an excellent author and, despite the seriousness and technicality of the subject matter, usefully employs humor. Laymen may enjoy it, even if they do not follow all the details of the arguments:

Berlinski, David, “Was there a Big Bang?” *Commentary Magazine*: February 1998, p. 1-18

The following scholarly article addresses the fact that the phrase “subjected to” in Romans 8:20 demands that ‘something changed’ in the non-human creation as a result of (i.e., *after*) Adam and Eve’s sin:

Henry B. Smith, Jr., “Cosmic and Universal Death from Adam’s Fall: An exegesis of Romans 8:19-23a,” *Journal of Creation*, **21**(1):75–85, April 2007

“Billions of Dead Things,” by Buddy Davis, is a fun song that helps one remember the connection between the Flood and the fossil record. It was written for children, and is an excellent memorization tool. Link to song:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUraR6rRwBM&feature=relmfu>

Answers to Questions

1. 4,000 B.C.
2. 4,000 B.C., the Flood of Noah
3. Interpreting, assumption
4. The neck size on the hourglass never changed. (Other assumptions include that there was no sand on the bottom of the hourglass when it began running, and that no sand has gotten into or out of the hourglass since it began running. Incidentally, the Thousands Not Billions book, by Dr. DeYoung, shows that all three of these assumptions have problems.)
5. How the matter in the universe is “laid out” (i.e., structure of the universe).
6. Exodus 20:11
7. After
8. What changed?
9. Sin-curse stuff

1-2
Overview of Main Ideas* &
Dinosaurs: Clearing up the Confusion

*Extended review ends at about 21 min.

Main Points

1. The original creation was completely vegetarian (Genesis 1:30).
2. Creation today testifies to both design & devastation. It was originally created “very good,” and then *something changed*.
3. Dinosaurs were created on Day 6. They co-existed with men sometimes known as dragons, until they apparently went extinct a few hundred years ago.

Personal Notes

Questions

1. Quote Exodus 20:11. “_____”
_____” This verse is important, because it puts _____ around all six days of the creation week, and defines the amount of time in the middle.

2. Genesis 1:30 defines something very important about the original creation. What is it?

3. What Bible verse, by the use of the phrase “subjected to,” demands that ‘something changed’ in the non-human creation when Adam and Eve sinned? _____

4. In what Bible verse does God declare *everything* to be “very good” at the end of Day 6?

5. The fossil record must be laid down after sin, from the Flood of Noah, because it contains _____.

6. The creation around us testifies to both _____ & _____.

7. When were dinosaurs created? _____ Before the 1800’s, dinosaurs were often called _____ in historic literature.

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. Read Genesis 3:14-19. According to the text of Scripture, all animals were vegetarian before sin. This raises some good questions with regard to what exactly changed at the time of the sin-curse. Some animals seem *designed* to be predators. Were they originally designed that way, but just did not act out predatory behavior? Or, was there a radical physical change in some animals when the sin-curse was pronounced? Read Genesis 3:14, and notice the phrase “above all.” What does this tell us?

2. What changed in the plant and animal kingdom when the sin-curse was pronounced? We know there were some physical changes. We know there were some behavioral changes. How to balance these two? The Stambaugh article, listed in Additional Resources, addresses this question in-depth. Exodus 20:11 prohibits the notion that God *created* anything new when the sin-curse happened. One *might* go so far as to say that this means He did not add any new information to the genome of anything. Can at least some of the bad stuff be explained by the removal of information from genomes? In other words, in the original creation, did roses have something “good and nice” on their stems, and at the time of the sin-curse, information was removed from that plant genome, such that the result was a thorn? In the pre-sin world, did poison dart frogs have a “good” secretion of some sort – and did the removal of information from that animal’s genome result in the secretion being poisonous? We simply don’t know. Speculation is rife. It’s OK to guess, as long as our guesses do not contradict Scriptural constraints. And, we have to remember that guessing can become a waste of time, if we are not careful. However, it may be interesting for a chemical engineer to ask, “What could be *added* to this chemical formula for such-and-such a poison in order to render it harmless?” Do you think that the truth regarding the age and cause of bad things may aid researchers in finding solutions/cures?

3. Read Romans 8:20-22. The creation around us testifies to both design and devastation. Why is it important to remember the ‘devastation’ part?

4. Secular entertainment *strongly* pushes the idea that it would be ‘impossible’ for men to co-exist with dinosaurs. If the Church actively addressed this lie, and helped people understand that dinosaur fossils really ought to be called dragon fossils, what would be the result in children’s thinking? Would it be easier for them to escape the deception of billions of years?

Along the same lines, one might notice that almost all children’s literature about dinosaurs begins and ends with the lie of billions of years.

Do you agree with the following statements: He who controls the dinosaurs controls the children. And he who controls the children controls the world.

5. Two examples were given to show that (some) dragons can rightly be regarded as historic creatures that co-existed with men: The Chinese zodiac, and a literary account. Can you think of other examples?

6. What do you say to someone who says, “But how could dinosaurs have co-existed with people?”

For Further Study

James Stambaugh, “Creation’s original diet and the changes at the Fall,” First published: TJ (now Journal of Creation) 5(2):130–138, August 1991

The following book was referenced in the video, with regard to the historic nature of dragons: William Cooper, After the Flood. This is a small, 153-page book that chronicles human history after the Flood, especially in Europe. One may be surprised to learn that written records can trace royal genealogies of modern times back to Noah. At one time, the entire text of After the Flood could be downloaded as a PDF free of charge.

Scientifically, there is no problem with the following claim: All the land animals we see on earth today are descended from the animals that Noah had on the Ark. Depending upon the type of animal, Noah took either one pair or eight pairs from each *kind* of land animal. Definition of a kind: Animals that can mate with each other and have fertile babies. Notice: “Kind” is not the same as ‘species.’ Wolves and Huskies are different *species*, but they can have babies together (that are capable of reproduction), and therefore are both members of the dog *kind*. When we look at ‘kinds’ today – dogs, cats, horses, etc. – we see a lot of diversity. However, a few thousand years (from the end of the flood until now) is *plenty of time* for all that diversity to arise. For a more in-depth treatment of this issue, please see:

Parker, G. 1980. Creation, Mutation, and Variation. Acts & Facts. 9 (11).

Jeanson, N. 2010. The Impetus for Biological Change. Acts & Facts. 39 (8): 6.

Parker, Gary, Ed.D. 1980. Creation, Selection, and Variation. Acts & Facts. 9 (10).

Answers to Questions

1. “In six days, God made the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, do likewise.” (RSV?), bookends

2. All animals and man were originally vegetarian

3. Romans 8:20

4. Genesis 1:31

5. Sin-curse stuff
6. Design, devastation
7. Day 6 (about 4,000 B.C.), dragons

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

1. This tells us that all animals *were* cursed, and the serpent more than most.
3. Because, if this broken world is the way God originally created it, then all the bad stuff is His fault. This makes it rationally impossible to defend a good God.
6. Before sin, they were vegetarian like everything else, and not dangerous. After sin, some of them were dangerous – but so are grizzly bears. Wise people stayed away from them. Like all land-dwelling animals, they were represented on the ark. Remember, the goal of the animals on the ark was for them to have babies and repopulate the earth after the flood. Thus, for the sake of size, ease of handling, and the ability to have as many babies as possible before death, it is likely that Noah took young dinosaurs on the ark. (Incidentally, the same principle applies to elephants, bears, etc.)

1-3
Introduction & Dinosaurs
Q & A

Questions & Topics Include

1. Length of the Genesis Days. ***Worth special attention: II Peter 3:8 is often mis-used when people are trying to deal with the age of the earth. This verse can not be used to make the Genesis days more than 24 hours each. The answer given here explains why.
2. Christians in the scientific community
3. Pastoral training with regard to the age of the earth
4. The importance of students being well-prepared to deal with the age of the earth
5. One student's encouraging true story

Personal Notes

2-1
The Value of Evidence
Balancing Science & the Bible

Main Points

1. The goal of the scientist-investigator ought to be the truth.
2. Based on natural law (specifically, the First & Second Laws of Thermodynamics), time and chance does not cause stuff to pop into existence and organize itself.
3. The supernatural is not allowed in experimental science, but it is allowed in historical science. Thus, when investigating the past, if the best explanation for the evidence involves the supernatural, the scientist is “allowed to go there.”

Personal Notes

Questions

1. What is the point of the Flower Pot story?

2. The supernatural is *not* allowed in _____ science.

3. The supernatural *is allowed* in _____ science.

4. The invisible Native American is clearly seen, being _____ by the thing that was made, so that the man holding the arrowhead has no excuse to say the Native American never existed.

5. Natural Law demands that stuff does not _____, _____, _____, nor does it _____ into greater and greater complexity.
(That's the First & Second Laws of Thermodynamics)

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. He who defines the terms wins the war. Have you noticed that, in court cases and in the media, the conflict over origins is framed as, “Science versus Religion?” What does this make people think?
2. Those who are hostile towards the truth try define “creation” under the heading of “religion.” The truth is that, according to the Laws of Science, “creation” rightly belongs under the heading of “science.” How would you explain this reality to a skeptic?
3. People tend to say – and Christians let it go – “Science can’t prove the existence of God.” This is not true. The First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics *do prove* that everything was supernaturally created by an eternal God. How important is it that the Church correct this error?

For Further Study

Hoesch, Alicia, *Understanding the Times: The Importance of Evidence & Biblical Faith*, Available for free download on the TruthPlusLove.com website in the Free Resources tab.

Creation and Change, Genesis 1.1-2.4 in the Light of Changing Scientific Paradigms (1997, ISBN: 1-85792-283-2), by Douglas Kelly, is a lengthy book. It covers several aspects of both the science and theology of creation. Pages 61-64 outline how the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics can be used to support a supernatural creation event.

Answers to Questions

1. The good investigator never assumes anything. The good investigator gives every explanation a fair chance, based on evidence.
2. Experimental
3. Historic
4. understood
5. Pop into existence, organize itself

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

1. a) science & religion are ‘enemies’ and b) it casts the word ‘creation’ as ‘religious’ and, therefore, ‘unscientific’

2. a) The First Law of Thermodynamics says that matter does not pop into existence.

b) the Second Law of Thermodynamics says that time and chance does not cause matter to organize itself into greater and greater complexity.

c) A good scientist looks for the natural explanation first but, if it one can not be found, he is allowed to appeal to the supernatural. Given this freedom:

d) The Laws of Thermodynamics demand that the universe was created by an eternal God. “Created” is necessary because it gets past the road block caused by the Laws of Thermodynamics. “Eternal” is necessary in order to get past the endless regression of ‘who created the creator.’

Bunny trail: The skeptic says, ‘you believe God was the supernatural agent that created everything; I believe the Big Bang was the agent. My position is just as scientific as yours.’
Response: By definition, ‘supernatural’ means that something more powerful than nature stepped in and over-rode natural law. A God who is separate from His creation meets the logical requirements of that definition. ‘The Big Bang’ is a supposed *natural* explanation for the creation of matter – it is not Someone, or Something with the power to over-ride natural law; therefore it fails to meet the logical requirements of the condition necessary for its own existence. To say it another way, the claim that ‘the Big Bang created’ is the logical equivalent of, ‘a natural event over-rode natural law’ – which is rationally impossible. The whole point is, a miracle (i.e., a supernatural event) does not happen without a Miracle-Worker. The Big Bang is actually nothing more than an unscientific attempt to claim that a supernatural event which defies the Laws of Thermodynamics could happen naturally.

2-2

The Value of Evidence The Global Flood of Noah & The Role of Biblical Faith

Main Points

1. Scientifically, the best explanation for the continent-wide rock layers that contain fossils is a global flood.
2. Floods leave evidence. Even “little” floods change the surface of the earth. It is utterly foolish to say a world-wide flood could happen and not leave any evidence on a world-wide scale.
3. The Romans 1:20 Parable: A man is standing in a field, holding a genuine arrowhead artifact. The invisible Native American is ‘clearly seen,’ being *understood* to exist by the thing that was made, so that the man does not have an excuse to say that the Native American never existed. Truth: The connection between a) the evidence of the physical creation and b) the spiritual reality of a Creator God – *can be understood*; it is rational. Moreover, that “bridge” that men are able to rationally build with their minds is, by definition, Biblical faith.
4. Biblical faith is “the bridge” that connects physical evidence and non-physical, spiritual truth. It is logical and rational.
5. Biblical faith is not a blind leap; it is a rational, educated step.

Personal Notes

Questions

1. Any scientist understands that, if a world wide flood happened, it would kill leave evidence, and change the surface of the earth. In other words, it would be responsible for most of the _____

2. Biblically, the fossil layers can not come from before Adam and Eve because they contain _____.

3. Biblically, does the Flood of Noah have to be global? _____

4. Romans 1:20: The invisible God is clearly seen, being _____ by the creation that has been made, so that all men have no excuse to say that God does not exist.

5. Biblically, _____ is a rational conclusion, based on physical evidence. It is not a blind leap. It is the logical “bridge” between a) physical evidence, and b) something that can not be seen, touch, smelled, heard, or tasted.

6. Every man knows God exists, and this is a faith-based knowledge. But knowing God exists ≠ salvation. Salvation is by _____, through faith.

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. Name a scripture passage that demands that the flood of Noah was global. Explain why it demands the event was global, and not regional.

2. Read II Peter 3:3-7. Pay special attention to verse 4. Peter prophesied that men would be willingly ignorant of the Flood of Noah (II Peter 3:5). But in that same passage, he prophesied how they would do it: they would pretend that “everything continues as it always has been” (II Peter 3:4). This is the philosophy of Uniformitarianism, with some actualism thrown in. These philosophies claim that the only forces that have ever shaped the earth’s surface are the forces we see at work today: thus, the idea of a global flood is thrown away. Then, the lie goes like this: “since everything is happening slowly and gradually today, it must have always happened slowly and gradually...and since the shaping forces are slow and gradual, it obviously took a long time for them to shape the surface of the earth to what it is today.” Thus, by pretending that “everything continues as it always has been,” lots of time is invented – and this new version of earth history steals the evidence for Noah’s Flood by claiming that processes we see at work today (which don’t include global floods) are responsible for the fossil record. The end result: men create a version of earth history that allows them to be “willingly ignorant” of the Global Flood of Noah.

→ So, one may say that the notion of billions of years is mentioned in the Bible: Peter specifically prophesied it as the lie that would be used as an excuse for men to be willingly ignorant of the Flood.

Realize, therefore, when you see a person claim that the earth is billions of years old, and thus deny that the Flood of Noah was global, you are watching the prophesy of II Peter 3:5-6 being fulfilled. Had you known this before? Have you seen other Biblical prophesies fulfilled? Does seeing a prophesy fulfilled “look like you expected it would?”

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be when the Son of Man returns” (). Noah prophesied the coming destruction, and no one paid attention. Then, like now, people are being warned, but no one is paying attention. If the Church was more careful to defend a young earth, and thus a global flood that created most of the fossil record in the recent past, do you think at least *some* people would pay more attention to the warnings?

3. When you fiddle with global flood, the ark is no longer the exclusive place of safety → fiddle with exclusivity of Christ. Notice: The lie of billions → local flood → other places of safety during God’s judgment → Jesus not exclusive place of safety during Second Judgment. Thus, the lie of billions is crucial to trying to make the Bible a part of an all-inclusive one-world religion.

4. Read Hebrews 11:6. *This* is what Paul is saying in Romans 1:19-20.

5. Read John 20:29. Jesus is *not* exalting people who believe without any evidence. He is commending the people who will take the time to seek and evaluate the evidence from history. Thomas could go to Jesus and be his own eyewitness of the evidence. He did that, and he chose to believe what the evidence demanded. But he had it “easy,” because he could be his own eyewitness. For the past 2,000 years, we have the ability to do the same thing: evaluate the evidence, and believe the conclusion that it demands. But we have it a bit harder, because we have to do the “extra work” of analyzing and evaluating other people’s eyewitness accounts. What Jesus is saying here is that, in the future, the people who come to the same conclusion Thomas did will be a little “extra blessed,” because they had to do a little “extra work” in order to reach the same conclusion. Notice: People mistakenly take Jesus’ words in this passage and turn them into an “anti-evidence” statement. But in reality, *exactly the opposite* is true: Jesus was making a special commendation to those who would care enough about the truth to dig into the evidence.

Have you ever noticed that “Christian-ese thinking” sometimes devalues the importance of evidence? And yet, nowhere in the Bible is God anti-evidence. On the contrary, truth is *established* by evidence. God acts and makes decisions *on the basis of evidence*. Read Genesis 18:21, Genesis 19:13, and Exodus 3:9-10. Notice how Jesus’ Parables place a very high value on evidence.

Read Isaiah 1:18. Notice that God is exhorting people to *reason* with Him – about what? *What the evidence says*. It’s the Gospel: The evidence says men need a Savior... The evidence says God has provided a Savior... And then, because God loves men, He exhorts us to *be reasonable* with the evidence. *Reasonable* men chose to ask for the forgiveness they need – it’s the only good eternal deal out there.

How does (or should) the manner in which God values evidence affect the Christian?

6. We have seen 1) the sin-curse affected animals; 2) the flood had to be global. Beware of the following deception, because it is tricky: Those who teach billions of years are forced to claim that the sin-curse did not affect animals (remember, according to the lie, ‘nothing changed’ in the non-human creation because of men’s sin). Those same people are forced to teach a local flood, and try to claim that all the people in the world lived in the Middle East when it happened. They say, “The flood only killed what was affected by sin – thus, it only had to kill all the people, not the animals.” In this way, the two lies (billions of years and local flood) have an internal consistency that feed each other. Response: The Bible clearly demands that the sin-curse affected animals (Romans 8, Genesis 3), and the Bible clearly demands that the Flood was global (description, covenant, comparison with Second Judgment).

7. Biblically, ‘faith’ enables a person to start with physical evidence and make a conclusion about spiritual truth. Faith is what allows a person to rationally understand that God exists, and all men have ‘that measure’ of faith (Romans 1:18-20) – but this is not saving faith. ‘The role of faith’ doesn’t *end* at the point of knowing God exists; it *begins* there. All men know God exists – and that is a faith-based knowledge.

Christian-ese thinking often over-simplifies faith as being “what saves you.” Faith brings a person to the place of knowing he is accountable to a Creator against Whom he has sinned. Then what? He admits that he has an eternal problem, and God will make sure that he sees Jesus as the Solution. At that point, the sinner makes a choice: Accept, or reject, the Solution. As noted in #5, above, a reasonable man will accept the Solution. Why? Because Biblical faith places a high value on evidence and the conclusions that it demands. Result: The sinner bows his heart, agrees that what God says is true, and fulfills Romans 10:9. At this point, grace enters the picture, and the sinner is born again. Thus it is “by grace, through faith” that we are saved.

Biblical faith is not anti-evidence. On the contrary, Biblical faith *interacts with the evidence*, and fully appreciates – on the basis of *reason* (logic) – what the evidence demands: I *need* what God offers through Jesus. Thus, faith brings us into the courtroom to admit our guilt, and then provides us with the ability to ask to leave the courtroom forgiven. Both this entrance and exit are integral to salvation, and faith enables both. Faith enables us to reason with the evidence that brings us in the door of the courtroom, and faith enables us to reason with the evidence that allows us to exit in a free state. Why? Because we are ‘reasoning with’ physical evidence that demands a spiritual conclusion.

For Further Study

A good, short, informative article: *The Myth of the Flat Earth*, by Jeffrey B. Russell;
<http://veritas-ucsb.org/library/russell/FlatEarth.html>

Hoesch, Alicia, *Understanding the Times: The Importance of Evidence & Biblical Faith*, Available for free download on the TruthPlusLove.com website in the Free Resources tab.

“Billions of Dead Things,” by Buddy Davis, is a fun song that helps one remember the connection between the Flood and the fossil record. It was written for children, and is an excellent memorization tool. Link to song:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUraR6rRwBM&feature=relmfu>

Answers to Questions

1. Fossil record
2. Sin-curse stuff
3. Yes
4. understood
5. Faith
6. Grace

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

1.

a) Description of flood, “all and every” man, land animal, and mountain top → which means the whole earth was affected. And, it specifically says “the whole earth” was flooded.

b) Post-flood covenant. God says He won’t do it again. If it was only a local flood, He lied – more local floods have happened.

c) Matthew 24 demands all men died. The guys who try to say the flood was restricted to the Middle East do so because they want to believe in an old earth – and on that old-earth timeline, 4,400 years ago when the flood happened, people were all over the globe.

d) II Peter 3:6. The pre-flood world was wiped out, destroyed, and the global nature of this judgment by water is linked to the claim that the second judgment by fire will be global. If the flood was local, there were other places of safety besides the Ark, and the implication creates huge problems: the second judgment will not include everyone, and there will be places of safety other than Jesus.

5. If God values it (evidence, or anything else), we ought to value it, too.

2-3
The Value of Evidence
Q & A

Questions & Topics Include

Note: Included on the end of episode 2-2 is a single slide having to do with the role of faith in salvation. According to Romans 1, faith is the means of knowing that God exists. However, knowing that God exists is not salvation. For an in-depth treatment of this topic, please see *Understanding the Times: The Importance of Evidence & Biblical Faith*, by Alicia Hoesch (available for free download at TruthPlusLove.com).

1. The relevance of the age of the earth to scientific research
2. Dispelling an incorrect so-called creation 'evidence' (moon dust)
3. Helping the person who is determined to believe God does not exist

Personal Notes

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3-1
Science I.
How to Make a Global Flood
(& How to Get Rid of it)

Main Points

1. During Noah’s Flood, most of the water came from the pre-flood ocean, and then returned to the ocean.
2. Noah’s Flood is responsible for most of the fossil record.

Personal Notes

Questions

1. During Noah's Flood, most of the water came from the pre-flood _____, and then returned to the _____.

2. Did the waters of Noah's flood have to be higher than the current elevation of Mt. Everest? Explain.

3. The oldest human civilizations come out of the Middle East, not because that's where the Garden of Eden was, but because _____.

4. Genesis 2:4 describes two rivers, named the Tigris and Euphrates. Are these the same Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the Middle East today? _____ Explain the common error

5. From the day Noah entered the Ark, to the day he left the Ark, was about how long?

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. I mentioned on the video that, as a young adult, I got ‘burned’ by believing a Flood model that was scientifically indefensible. Worse, I lent fuel to the notion that, ‘those stupid Christians don’t know their science.’ As a result of that experience, I worked with people who knew and understood the issue, in order develop Flood model criteria. The criteria are simple:

- 1) It must be scientifically defensible. The ‘litmus test’ for this criterion is that it must be endorsed by at least two Ph.D. geologists;
- 2) It must be Biblically agreeable (i.e., a global flood, not a local flood).

A bit of explanation on the first criterion... It is very challenging for someone who is not a geologist to judge the scientific merits of a Flood Model. The Biblical standard for establishing truth is “two or more witnesses.” When it comes to a Flood Model, a “witness” is going to be someone who has a terminal degree in geology. “In geology” is very important: There are well-intentioned Ph.D.s out there who are not trained in geology, and they endorse Flood models which, frankly, are not defensible.

Laymen beware: There is a temptation to think that all scientists with a terminal degree in geology are ‘tainted’ by secular training. Granted, many of them have been deceived into believing the lie of billions of years, and will therefore teach a local flood. But there are some Ph.D. geologists who endorse a global flood, and are therefore qualified to judge the merits of a flood model.

2. The Flood happened about 2,400 B.C. The pre-flood world was totally wiped out. Nothing is left from it. The oldest human civilizations date from the Middle East, because that’s where the Ark landed. If the Flood happened about 2,400 B.C., that’s when the ark landed in the Middle East. Am I saying that, in archaeology, nothing really dates from earlier than 2,400 B.C.? Yes.

The claim is that the Ancient Egyptian civilization, for example, goes back before 2,400 B.C. This claim is based on radiocarbon dating (i.e., C-14 dating). Like all radioisotope dating methods, C-14 dates are *interpretations*, not measurements. The oldest human civilization evidence is going to be found in the Middle East (b/c that’s where the Ark landed), *and it will not come before about 2,400 B.C.* Everything else – the dispersion of people after the Tower of Babel – is younger. Meaning, example: It is claimed that there were people migrating into North America from Asia before 2,400 B.C. This is not accurate. People did migrate from that direction – *after the Tower of Babel*. Thus, they arrived more recently than 2,400 B.C.

If Christian students can defend these dates scientifically, intelligently, and respectfully. But the cost may be high. Consider: If the cost is high, what does that say about the enemy’s valuation of the truth? Sometimes, the value of a possession is most easily judged by how badly an enemy wants to steal or destroy it.

3. For those with a geologic bent, the pre-Cambrian – Cambrian boundary marks the on-set of the Flood. In the Grand Canyon, this boundary is called “The Great Unconformity.” Because

the Canyon cuts down through all the layers, you can put your hands on the Great Unconformity: You can put one hand below the boundary, on Creation Week rocks, and you can put your other hand above the boundary, on Flood rocks. Have you ever done this?

You do not have to go to the Grand Canyon in order to put your hands on the Pre-Cambrian – Cambrian boundary. A geologist at your local college should be able to tell you if this boundary is exposed near where you live.

A word of advice: Don't be intimidated by the names of the layers. They are useful. You may disagree with someone about *the age* of Cambrian rock, but knowing the term helps everyone communicate and understand exactly which layer is being sought. Find a Cambrian rock, touch it, and appreciate that you are touching something that was laid down just as the Flood was beginning. Find a layer from the Mesozoic Era, and know that you are touching something that was laid down a little later – once the Flood was well under-way.

Read Joshua 4:1-7. "What mean these stones." Notice the manner in which the question places a high value on evidence.

The Temple was built of limestone – meaning that it was built with rock that formed as a result of Noah's Flood. Before the Flood, the stuff this rock was made of was a result of God's work during the creation week. During the Flood, that that material was wiped out/greatly impacted. As a result of the Flood, now there was a new rock. Consider the implications: The rock that was used to build the Temple testified to 1) God's original, very good creation, 2) the fact that sin marred the creation, and 3) His judgment of sin. But the rock was not left in the location judgment placed it. It was quarried out, perfected, and then placed in its proper location in the Temple (I Kings 6:7). No hammer was heard on the Temple building site because all the shaping was done before hand.

Read I Peter 2:5, Ephesians 2:19-22. What is the analogy?

For Further Study

Please note that the Flood Chronology Chart from the DVD is included as Appendix B in this Study Guide.

The following reference is for the technical paper which outlines the Catastrophic Plate Tectonics (CPT) Flood model:

Austin, Steven A., Baumgardner, John R., Snelling, Andrew A., Vardiman, Larry, & Wise, Kurt, Catastrophic Plate Tectonics: A Global Flood Model of Earth History, 1994, R.E. Walsh (Ed.) *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Creationism*, p. 609-621, <http://static.icr.org/i/pdf/technical/Catastrophic-Plate-Tectonics-A-Global-Flood-Model.pdf>

Please see www.GlobalFlood.org for more information regarding CPT.

The secular timeline attempts to make mountains millions of years old. Nevertheless, even among those who hold to the secular, billions-of-years timeline, there is a sense of wonder over the fact that the uplift of mountains is a relatively ‘recent’ event. In the article cited below, Dr. Baumgardner shows that the evidence is exactly what one would expect, if there had been a global flood, followed by rapid mountain-building. In other words, the secular community sees the evidence for Noah’s Flood in the mountains, but because they are determined to hold on to billions of years, they reject the Flood.

Baumgardner, John, “Recent rapid uplift of today’s mountains,” 2005, *Institute for Creation Research Impact Article*, no. 381: 4 p. <http://www.icr.org/i/pdf/imp/imp-381.pdf>

“Billions of Dead Things,” by Buddy Davis, is a fun song that helps one remember the connection between the Flood and the fossil record. It was written for children, and is an excellent memorization tool. Link to song:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUraR6rRwBM&feature=relmfu>

It is interesting to note that the Chinese symbol for “boat” is a combination of three other characters: “vessel,” “eight,” and “mouth” (meaning people). Reference:

Kang, C.H. & Ethel R. Nelson, The Discovery of Genesis, How the Truths of Genesis Were Found Hidden in the Chinese Language, 1979, ISBN 0-570-03792-1, p.8

Answers to Questions

1. ocean, ocean
2. No, the Flood wiped out all pre-flood mountains, and today’s high mountains (including Everest) were pushed up as the Flood ended and *after* the Flood.
3. that’s where the Ark landed.
4. No. The rivers in Genesis were a part of the pre-flood world that was utterly destroyed and repaved. Today’s rivers with those names were named by Noah when he got off the ark (literally, ‘disembarked’ ☺).
5. One year

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

3. We are the stones, being quarried out of a state of judgment and formed as Temple-pieces. All of the shaping is done here on earth; when we get to Heaven, all the work on us will have been completed.

“What mean these stones?” In the Old Testament, it was a teaching tool: the stones were arranged in such a way that the children knew that “someone had arranged them,” and thus they would ask, “What happened?” Thus, “What mean these stones?” was a question that meant,

“What happened here?” The children would ask, and the adults would testify to what God had done. In Joshua, that’s why God had 12 rocks retrieved from the center of the dry riverbed and placed on the other side.

“What mean these stones?” In the New Testament, we are the ‘living stones.’ Is God working in my life in such a way that people wonder, “What happened here?” If someone were to relate the events of my life, would they be speaking a testimony to what God accomplished?

3-2
Science II.
Positive Evidence
For a World-Wide Flood & A Young Earth

Main Points

1. Truth-lovers can do more than just say, “There are good scientific reasons to reject an old earth (billions of years);” we can say, “There are good scientific reasons to embrace a global flood and a young earth (thousands of years).”
2. The best scientific explanation for continent-wide layers, which often contain billions of dead things, is a global flood.
3. Scientifically, a world-wide flood would be followed by a single ice age.
4. A single rock can yield isochrons that say radically different things. Meaning: isochrons are not fool-proof.

Personal Notes

Questions

1. The earth's mantle appears to be "lumpy." It is possible that these lumps are actually chunks of _____ that sunk down during the Flood.
2. The best scientific explanation for _____ layers, which often contain billions of dead things, is a global flood.
3. Scientifically, a world-wide flood would be followed by a single _____.
4. Four isochrons from a rock in Grand Canyon gave four different isochrons. This is evidence which supports the conclusion of _____.

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. You walk into a store and see a display of fossils, neatly arranged in little boxes. Each box contains a piece of paper that identifies the fossil. The little paper also gives a date. *Realize that the date answers the question, “What mean these stones?”* How important is it that the little paper have the correct number? How do you think children would be affected if the little papers said, “About 4,400 years old”? The next time you see such a display, will you consider praying for the people who interact with it?
2. Why/How do Sand Injectites provide evidence for a world-wide flood and a young earth?
3. The scientific evidence is clear-cut: Man’s activity does not control the earth’s temperature to any significant degree; that is the sun’s job. Carbon Dioxide is a miniscule green-house gas, and man’s addition to that miniscule gas is exceedingly miniscule. Long-term temperature measurements match what one would predict if the earth experienced a global flood, a single ice-age following that flood, and then the melt-back of that ice age. Why, then, is the lie regarding the effect of man’s activity so wide-spread?

For Further Study

For someone interested in how and why the scientific evidence supports a young earth, the following text is a must-have:

Thousands...Not Billions, by Dr. Don DeYoung, 2005, ISBN: 0-89051-441-0

An article about sand Injectites:

Hoesch, William, *The Squishy Sands of South Utah*, Mar 11, 2013

During this lecture, an audience member asked an insightful and important question: “Do you mean that the secular community proposes ‘several global (or at least continent-wide) floods?’” And the answer was yes. The evidence demands continent-wide floods. So, the secular community believes in ‘multiple floods,’ and they separate those floods by millions, or tens of millions, of years. Thus, the secular story goes something like this: There was a continent-wide flood, and a huge package of layers was laid down. Then lots of time went by. Then there was another continent-wide flood, and a huge package of layers was laid down. Then lots of time went by. Then there was another continent-wide flood, and a huge package of layers was laid down. Then lots of time went by... In geology, these “huge packages” of rock are called *supersequences*. Appendix C contains the following article, which is intended to help the reader better understand supersequences:

Hoesch, Alicia, “Understanding What a Super-Sequence is, according to Sloss & Wheeler”

Vardiman, Dr. Larry, What Started the Ice Age? Answers Magazine, Special Feature, April 1, 2013

The Great Global Warming Swindle, BBC (British video)

Austin, Steven A., *Mount St. Helens: Explosive Evidence for Catastrophe* (video)

Creation and Change, Genesis 1.1-2.4 in the Light of Changing Scientific Paradigms (1997, ISBN: 1-85792-283-2), by Douglas Kelly, is a lengthy book. It covers several aspects of both the science and theology of creation. Pages 174-175 in this text highlight the evidence that, in the young-earth model, the earth's population today is what one would predict. However, if mankind really has been inhabiting the earth for millions of years, there ought to be a very significant population problem.

Answers to Questions

1. Ocean floor
2. continent-wide
3. ice age
4. Accelerated radioisotope decay (the neck size on the hour glass changed size)

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

2. The soft & squishy sand is not going to stay soft & squishy for tens (sometimes hundreds) of millions of years while all the layers on top are deposited. Scientifically, it is a better explanation if all the layers are the laid down during the Flood, and then the soft & squishy sand is injected when the Flood is over.
3. One dimension may be that prideful man likes to imagine himself has having more control than he really does. Another dimension is simply money, power, and the excuse to control other people "for the good of everybody."

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Questions

1. Romans 8 and Genesis 3 demand that _____ in the non-human creation as a result of Adam & Eve's sin. But in all the billions-of-years stories, _____ in the non-human creation when men sinned.

2. Regarding earth & the sun (and other stars): The Bible demands that _____ was created before _____; the billions-of-years stories demand that _____ was created before _____.

3. In Genesis 1:31 God declared that everything was “_____.” In the billions-of-years stories, at the end of Day 6, before Adam and Eve sinned, there is a lot of _____ already happening.

4. When one tries to combine Genesis 1:31 with the billions-of-years stories, what happens is that God declares bad things to be “very good.” This mix-black-and-white, yin-yang picture is not Biblical; it is actually _____.

For Further Thought, Discussion

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***The video references a chart with more than 100 Bible verses that prohibit the text from being combined with billions of years. It is also included in Appendix D in this Study Guide.

1. Find and read the short article entitled “Death Before Sin?” Stambaugh, James, Impact # 295: Institute for Creation Research, <http://www.icr.org/article/295>. When a church embraces the lie of billions of years, it loses the ability to teach a rational connection between physical death and sin. How serious do you think this is?

2. Music is a powerful tool, and can be used for great good. The reality of the sin-curse, the fact that Jesus defeated it, and the promise that it will one day be obliterated, shows up in some well-known songs:

a) “No more lets sins, and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found...” –Joy to the World

b) “Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior. He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!” –He Arose (Low in the Grave He Lay) → Note, too, how predation is accurately portrayed as bad.

Can you think of other songs that exalt God as the Victor and Conqueror over the sin-curse?

A song that glorifies God as the Creator of good things is to be commended. But if the song does not make a distinction – if the listener is left with the impression that *everything* in creation today is an expression of God’s goodness and creativity – the listener is *not* given an accurate understanding of God. The majestic, soaring eagle is an expression of God’s good creativity; but when the eagle’s talons tears apart the bunny and blood is spilt, *that* is an expression of the sin-curse. Do you think that it would help non-Christians if the Church were a little more careful to emphasize both the design *and devastation* that we see?

Christians are encouraged to listen to worship songs through the ears of a non-Christian who knows nothing about the Bible. What is the person left to think? A wise person once said, “If a non-Christian can walk into a Church, sing all the songs, and then say, ‘That explains what I believe,’ there may be a problem.”

3. The Bible clearly regards predation as a bad thing. But, in the billions of years lies, it is something God calls “very good.” How has the lie of billions influenced more modern translations of the Bible? Notice that, where the older translations uses the word “prey,” newer translations often use a different word (e.g., Jeremiah 30:16, Ezekiel 34:8). Look in a Strong’s KJV concordance and notice how often the word “prey” is used to communicate evil or bad.

Look for the word “prey” in a concordance of a newer translation, and notice how seldom it shows up.

In older translations, the Biblical picture of predation as being *bad* (an expression of the sin-curse) is intact. But in modern translations, such as the NIV, the word “prey” is avoided. The translators use other words. I would submit that this is due to the fact that modern translators are accepting the lie of billions of years – and according to that lie, predation was a part of God’s original, ‘very good’ creation. The translators know that, if this were the case, they had better not cast predation in an evil light throughout the text. Thus, in newer translations, the Biblical truth that predation is a bad thing is hidden. How serious is this?

It is worth noting that, in addition to the omission of the word “prey,” the translators of the NIV made at least two very serious errors of commission in footnotes – both of which stem directly from the lie of billions of years: 1) They claim that Genesis 1:2 can be translated as ‘became’ without form and void. This is just plain wrong. See Weston Fields, Unformed & Unfilled, for a scholarly appraisal of this issue. 2) In Genesis 2:13, the NIV translators fail to accommodate the reality of a global flood, and tacitly endorse a local flood, because they erroneously claim that Genesis 2 may describe a location in the current-day Middle East. The Living Bible makes the same error.

The Living Bible makes a serious error with footnotes in Genesis 1, which allow for the possibility that the days of the creation week could have been “periods of time” other than literal, consecutive, 24 hour days. The Living Bible makes an egregious error in Genesis 2:17 when it uses the word “conscience.” Adam and Eve *were created* with the knowledge that disobeying God was a bad thing. (Consider the theologic implications if this were *not* the case: If Adam and Eve were not created with a conscience, then God had no right to punish them when they disobeyed.) Moreover, Adam and Eve were created with intelligence, and they knew they were naked. Before they sinned, what they did not know *was shame*. The Living Bible makes another egregious error in Genesis 3:7 when it messes up these truths: It says that Adam and Eve “became aware” of their nakedness – not true; they had been intelligently *aware* of it from the day they were created. *What changed* was that they now felt shame. The wording of the Living Bible promotes the very common error that Adam and Eve were innocent in the sense that babies are ‘innocent:’ surrounded by bad stuff, but too dumb to know it. This is an error which stems directly from the lie of billions of years, because according to that lie, Adam and Eve were surrounded by all kinds of bad things.

At this point, perhaps the reader begins to glimpse that the theologic implications of the age of the earth go very far, and very deep... The lie demands that physical nakedness is actually a bad thing, which destroys the goodness of sexuality within the marriage covenant...this in turn violently destroys the truth that intimacy and holiness can exist together...What does this do to our promised intimacy with a Holy God in Heaven, after the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? The lie destroys the joy, purpose, definition, and understanding of both marriage and Heaven. → As the atheist’s quote in the Stambaugh article illustrates, these are the kinds of implications that non-Christians have taken the time to think through. How much would it profit the Church to think through them, too? Or, at the very least, how important

is it for seminary students to be required to think through them? But seminary students will not do this so long as the seminaries endorse the lie of billions of years, will they?

Unfortunately, it is common to find footnotes and side notes in Bibles that endorse the lie of billions of years. A lot can be learned about the editors of a particular Bible in this manner. If they are going to throw away what the text demands with regard to creation and the Flood, should their comments about other sections of Scripture be trusted? A Bible can be a very good gift for a child, or a non-Christian friend or family member. How important is it that such a Bible be free of errors?

For Further Study

Stambaugh, James, "Death before sin?" 1991, *Impact* # 295: Institute for Creation Research, <http://www.icr.org/article/295/>

Stambaugh, James, "Creation's original diet and the changes at the Fall," 1991, *Journal of Creation* (originally *Technical Journal*) vol. 5, no. 2, p. 130-138, <http://www.answersingenesis.org/tj/v5/i2/diet.asp>

Stambaugh, James, "Creation and the curse," Feb 1996, *Impact*: Institute for Creation Research <http://www.icr.org/article/creation-curse/>

Stambaugh, James, "'Life' According to the Bible, and the Scientific Evidence," August 1, 1992, *Creation Technical Journal*, <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/tj/v6/n2/life>

The manner in which billions of years destroys the goodness of God is a part of a much larger phenomenon in Western culture: the infiltration of Eastern Religion. The following little booklet is an excellent summary of the big-picture issue:

Peter Jones, *The Gnostic Empire Strikes Back*, 1992, ISBN 0-87552-285-8

Answers to Questions

1. Something changed; nothing changed
2. Earth, sun/stars; sun/stars earth
3. Very good; bad stuff
4. Eastern religion

Questions

1. _____ logically demands that the Flood was global. The reason is that God promised He would never “do it again.” If the Flood was only local, He lied: there have been many large, local floods

2. The description of the Flood demands that it was global, because the multiple uses of “all and every” include all the _____, all the _____, and all the _____ *over the extent of the whole earth.*

3. There are three reasons that “yom,” as used in Genesis 1, demands literal, consecutive, 24-hour days:

a) The text uses the phrase _____ & _____;

b) The text combines a _____ with the word “yom” (day);

c) The text defines _____ & _____, astronomically, on Day 4.

For Further Thought, Discussion

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1. A historical event is something that truly happened, and can be verified. A myth, or a fable, is a story that might theoretically happen – and it may have a good moral lesson – but it is not *true*. Why? Because a myth does not have a golden spike that anchors it to the timeline of earth history.

Someone asks you, “Was George Bush ever president of the United States?” In an attempt to answer the question, you go looking for historical documents from the year 1802. Result: You conclude that, no, the United States never had a President named George Bush.

If the goal is to prove the truth (i.e., with evidence) about a historic event, one must go the correct place on the timeline of earth history.

Read II Peter 1:16. “We did not follow cleverly devised myths...” The original Greek word is *muthos* – myths, or fables – stories that may have a good moral lesson, but are not *true*. Peter is emphasizing the reality that the Christian faith is *historically true*: It is based on events which possess an anchor on the timeline of earth history.

The Bible makes truth-claims regarding a historic creation event. But if one looks at the wrong place on the timeline of earth history, one will find no evidence with which to prove the *truth* of that claim.

The lie of billions of years is, quite literally, a myth or fable – a story about something that never really happened. Read I Timothy 1:4, 7, and II Timothy 4:4. The same Greek word (*muthos*) shows up here. Do you think that Paul’s words qualify as an admonition to stay away from lies about Genesis?

Read Titus 1:14. Again, the same Greek word shows up. Do you think that people chasing the lie of billions of years qualifies as a partial fulfillment of this prophesy?

2. The global nature of Noah’s Flood, and the scientific reality that it is responsible for most of the fossil record, is one of the most mocked truths in our culture. Those million-year-date-tags assigned to the fossils are one of the most closely-defended lies in our culture. Recognize: Students may not be popular if they claim Jesus is God, but they will often be utterly ridiculed and mocked if they defend a 4,400-year-old fossil record. A college science professor is allowed to say Jesus rose from the dead, but if he teaches a 4,400-year-old fossil record, it may cost him his job.

The value of something can often be determined by how closely it is guarded. If the demons of hell consider the age of the earth so important, should not the Church?

3. Remember Exodus 20:11, and practice applying the SOGGY principles. Someone says, “Well, because the phrase ‘evening & morning’ does not show up in Genesis on the seventh day, none of the days are literal.” How you respond? How would you apply the SOGGY points to this case?

4. Dealing with other devices (ways of trying to shoe-horn billions of years into the Bible)...

The trickiest device you’re going to come across is the Framework. It’s the trickiest because, in essence, the Framework empties words of their meanings. As a result, when you raise a valid Scriptural objection, the response will usually be, “Well, I know what it says, but...” For the layman, my advice at that point is to camp on the following: “As you just admitted, *that is what the Text says – and words have meanings*. *You are being dishonest to the Text when you claim that the words don’t mean what they say.*” And then, camp on the SOGGY points; every single device will violate those points to some degree.

Framework advocates will attempt to claim that the text of Genesis 1 is not a historical narrative. Dr. Boyd’s research (see the Thousands Not Billions book) dispels that claim.

Framework advocates have been known to use a ‘shopping mall analogy.’ They claim, “You say you went to three stores in the mall yesterday, and you list them – but you did not necessarily list them in the order you visited them.” Scriptural Response: “If you want to compare Genesis 1 to a shopping mall visit, then the text demands it go something like this: ‘Yesterday, I went to the mall. In the first hour, at 9:00 a.m., I went to Sears. Then the first hour ended. In the second hour, at 10:00 a.m., I went to JCPenny. Then the second hour ended. In the third hour, at 11:00 a.m., I went to PayLess Shoes. Then the third hour ended. In the fourth hour, I drove home.’ Because the text of Scripture places three independent constraints upon the timing and order of events in Genesis 1, good scholarship requires that any ‘shopping mall analogy’ be worded as I have just stated.”

Another thing you may hear: “Some things were not created; they were formed.” What is the go-to, “book-ends” verse? The simple layman’s response only requires that one remember Exodus 20:11: “Even if that interpretation of the Hebrew is accurate – and I’m not conceding that it is – all it means is that ‘God made the play dough first, and then made some things out of the play dough.’ And – the all important point is – Exodus 20:11 demands that the play dough fit inside the six-day bookends, because *everything* has to fit inside those bookends.” Logically, that’s the end of the discussion. But if you want 5 more nails in the sealed coffin, go through the SOGGY points, b/c whatever device is trying to use the “formed not created” line, it’s doing it so that it can put the fossil record before Adam and Eve.

5. What would you do with this one: “The stars are billions of years old, and the earth was created 4,000 B.C., and the fossils are the result of a world-wide flood.” What’s the go-to verse, and how does this lie compromise it? Which SOGGY points does it violate?

For Further Study

Creation and Change, Genesis 1.1-2.4 in the Light of Changing Scientific Paradigms (1997, ISBN: 1-85792-283-2), by Douglas Kelly, is a lengthy book. It covers several aspects of both the science and theology of creation. The following excerpts from this text are relevant to the SOGGY episodes:

- pp. 45-48, 57-61, 78-81 – What the text of Genesis 1 & 2 does (and does not) allow
- pp. 93-98 – The creation of angels & refuting the notion of a Gap between Genesis 1:1 & 1:2
- pp. 107-120 – The Days of Genesis 1 must be literal, consecutive, 24 hours
- pp. 228-231 – The original creation was “very good,” and why this demands a young earth

The following text is a thorough, scholarly refutation of the Gap. It is a bit scholarly, but the average layman will appreciate most of it:

Fields, Weston, Unformed & Unfilled, A Critique of the Gap Theory, 1976, 2005, ISBN 0-89051-423-2

Answers to Questions

1. Genesis 9:11
2. People, land-dwelling animals, mountain tops
3. Evening & morning; number; days & years

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

3. First of all, Exodus 20:11. → This is a great, first-off-the-bat, go-to verse for all the objections. The context is the Sabbath rest for people, which is obviously a 24-hour day: Today, we rest for 24 hours, not millions of years at a time. Look at the wording: “In six days God made everything, *and rested the seventh*. Therefore, do likewise.” What we’re doing today is exactly what God did. That defines the seventh day as 24 hours.

That seals the coffin on the objection right there. But, for the sake of review and practice, let’s go through the SOGGY points, and apply them...

S: No matter which device is used to shoe-horn billions of years into the Bible, it will almost certainly have sin-curse stuff *before* Adam and Eve. Romans 8:20 demands that *something*

changed when Adam and Eve sinned. In the billions-of-years-stories, nothing changed. One version of the lie tries to get around this by making Adam and Eve part of a *second* creation – but the sin-curse problem is still there. Here’s why: Genesis 2:17 demands that there was *no physical evidence of* bad stuff before sin. The ‘second creation’ story still puts the fossil record *before* Adam and Eve. Genesis 2:17 prohibits this, because the fossil record *is physical evidence of* death, suffering, and other bad stuff.

O: No matter which device is used to shoe-horn billions of years into the Bible, it will almost certainly demand the creation of the sun *before* the earth. Genesis 1 demands that the earth was created *before* the sun.

G: No matter which device is used to shoe-horn billions of years into the Bible, it will almost certainly have bad stuff (a rebellious Satan, the fossil record – death, suffering, etc.) before the end of Day 6. Thus, in those stories, when God declares *everything* to be “very good” at the end of Day 6, He is calling bad stuff good. This compromises His goodness and holiness.

G: No matter which device is used to shoe-horn billions of years into the Bible, it will almost certainly be forced to deny that the Flood of Noah was global. Genesis 1 & II Peter 3 demand that it was global. The fossil record is either the evidence that the Flood happened, or else it is the evidence for millions of years – *it can not be both*. Granted, some people try to claim that a global Noah’s Flood happened and left no evidence – but this is scientific foolishness and utter irrationality.

Y: No matter which device is used to shoe-horn billions of years into the Bible, it will make at least one of the days in Genesis 1 more than 24 hours. (Time can not be added after the creation week, because that makes Adam’s age into a lie. Exodus 20:11 prohibits anything from being created after the end of Day 6.) There are three reasons that “Yom,” the Hebrew word translated “day,” means consecutive, 24-hour periods of time in Genesis 1: a) The use of the phrase evening & morning; b) The placement of a number before the word day; c) Days and years are astronomically defined on Day 4, and there is no contextual justification for claiming that God changed the meanings of the words back and forth within the chapter.

5. This device takes stuff (in this case, stars) out of the bookends. With regard to SOGGY, this device violates the O: It messes up the order of earth & stars and light & stars. With regard to SOGGY, it also violates the Y: The text demands that all six creation days were 24 hours, but this device turns the beginning of Day 1 into billions of years. Logically, this device also violates the first G – goodness of God – because it makes God into a liar with regard to the order in which He created things, and with regard to His claim that He created everything in six literal days, and rested the seventh.

5-1 Seminar Review

Main Points

1. Nothing in science demands billions of years.
2. The thing that was created is evidence for the unseen creator; people are able to make a *rational* connection between physical evidence and spiritual realities. Biblical faith is what makes ‘that connection’ between the physical creation and the existence of God as Creator. Biblical faith is *not* a blind leap; it is an educated conclusion.
3. Catastrophic Plate Tectonics (CPT) is a scientifically defensible Global Flood model. In this model, most of the Flood waters come from the ocean, and then they return to the oceans.
4. We have no clue where the Garden of Eden was, or where the Ark of Noah started; the pre-flood world was wiped out and repaved. Evidence indicates that the Ark landed in the vicinity of the current-day Middle East. *That’s* why the oldest human civilizations come out of the Middle East.
5. Continent-wide layers of rock which contain billions of dead things (fossils) are best explained, scientifically, by a world-wide flood. Scientific evidence supports the conclusion that these layers are all roughly the same age, and only thousands of years old – which is what one would expect if they were laid down during Noah’s Flood.
6. If a world-wide flood happened, science predicts that it would be followed by a single ice age.
7. Nothing in the Bible allows billions of years.
8. What the Bible claims about the sin-curse, order of creation, goodness of God, global flood of Noah, and “yom” (the word translated “day” in Genesis 1) prohibit the text from being combined with billions of years.

Personal Notes

Questions

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8. What the Bible claims about the (S)_____prohibits the text from being combined with billions of years.

9. What the Bible claims about the (O)_____prohibits the text from being combined with billions of years.

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12. What the Bible claims about (Y)_____prohibits the text from being combined with billions of years.

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. The two main ideas of the Seminar are: a) Nothing in science demands billions of years; and b) Nothing in the Bible allows billions of years. When the Seminar began, did you agree with one, both, or neither of those statements?
2. Has there been enough evidence presented to convince you that nothing in science demands billions of years?
3. Has there been enough evidence presented to convince you that nothing in the Bible allows billions of years?

For Further Study

The following article was alluded to in Episode 2-3. It is a highly-recommended & easy-to-read: Russell, Jeffrey B., "The Myth of the Flat Earth," 1997 (article), <http://veritas-ucsb.org/library/russell/FlatEarth.html>

Answers to Questions

1. demands
2. Creator, faith, faith
3. the ocean, the oceans
4. wiped out, Middle East
5. world-wide flood, Noah's Flood
6. ice age
7. allows
8. sin-curse
9. order of creation
10. goodness of God
11. global flood of Noah
12. "yom" (the word translated "day" in Genesis 1)

5-2

Application: Helping Others

Main Points

1. All lies are moral issues.
2. Jesus condemned the idea of telling unsaved people that they could keep their pet lies.
3. *Every area* in which God defines the truth is “essential;” to reject one of God’s truth-claims is to make an idol out of the lie.
4. Tolerance ought to be defined as agreeing to disagree; unity ought to be defined as standing together on one or more truth-claims.
5. We must be as careful as possible with the scalpel of Truth – but pain and discomfort are not good excuses to avoid it. Loving the captive to a lie means freeing the captive. The process of using Truth to set the captive free may involve some discomfort – but it is far worse to allow the individual to continue in pain-filled captivity to a lie.

Personal Notes

Questions

1. A lie is a _____ issue.
2. To lower the standard for salvation is to _____ the standard.
3. A reality that non-Christians will often admit to more readily than Christians: Creation today testifies to both _____ & _____.
4. “Agreeing to disagree” is not unity, it’s _____.
5. If God took the time to define the truth about an issue, we ignore it at our own and others’ _____.
6. Ephesians 4:15 – The Christian has a responsibility to *both* _____ and _____.

For Further Thought, Discussion

1. What is the point of the Drunken Evangelist Parable?

2. Read Luke 14:28-33. Why is this teaching relevant when talking about the age of the earth?

3. It can be easy for a Christian who is passionate about the Truth to forget to be loving, and the result is that their words are a little too rough. It can be easy for a Christian who wants to be loving to forget the importance of truth, and the result is that their words are a little too lenient. What helps the Christian balance Truth and Love?

For Further Study

Martin, Alicia, “Lies & Idols: Two Sides of the Same Coin.” This article is included as Appendix E in this Study Guide.

“An understanding of the doctrine of creation is important...[because] it helps us see that the Holy Bible is to be taken seriously when it speaks to the real world. ...James Denny made this point: ‘The separation of the religious and the scientific means in the end the separation between the religious and the true, and this means that religion dies among true men.’ Instead, if the church does seriously address creation, people immediately perceive that God is interacting with the real world where they live, in history, space, and time.” (Kelly, Douglas F. Creation and Change, Genesis 1.1-2.4 in the Light of Changing Scientific Paradigms, 1997, pp.17-18, Denny quote from *Studies in Theology* (London, 1894), 15.)

One *application* (which is the point of this final episode) of the above quote is that Christians talk to non-Christians about creation. This can be intimidating and scary. But if you think it is something God is calling you to do, begin with something easy: Simply share the arrowhead parable. You don’t have to mention that it is a Biblical principle. In some cases, it may be better if you don’t say *anything* about the Bible...just, “I learned a neat story the other day, and I’d like to know what you think of it. There was this guy walking through a cornfield, and he found an arrowhead. He’s holding the arrowhead in his hand, and looking around. He can’t see, taste, touch, smell, or hear the Native American. But the guy is *holding the evidence* for the existence of the maker of that arrowhead. It’s a neat way to make a connection between physical evidence, and non-physical stuff, don’t you think?” It may be best to just stop there...let the listener connect the dots. If you don’t receive a positive response, don’t be concerned – just pray. *Don’t forget to pray* afterwards, and before if possible.

Perhaps God is not calling you to speak to anyone. Perhaps He is calling you to pray. You may know someone who would like to share the Arrowhead parable with people, and who would greatly appreciate your prayers for them and for the person to whom they talk. Truth Plus Love

Creation Ministries ***greatly appreciates*** every *second* that you spend praying for us and the people to whom we speak and send resources. Thank you.

Answers to Questions

1. Moral
2. Destroy
3. Design, devastation
4. Tolerance
5. Peril
6. Truth, Love

Answers/Comments Regarding Discussion Questions

1. The Christian is sinning if he embraces something the Bible specifically prohibits. It is wrong to think that “it will help get someone saved if I indulge in this sin/lie.”

2. It is important to count the cost *before-hand*, not after. If we know that the age of the earth is going to be ‘an issue’ for someone, it is better to deal with it up-front, than ‘put it off until later.’ The unsaved person has a right to know what the Truth will cost them before they agree to abide by it.

3. Personally, it helps me a lot when I remember to pray for the person I want to help. Specifically, that God will help me see them the way God sees them. The picture of the duck captive to fishing line helped me a lot: I could hate the thing that was causing the pain, and be motivated to get rid of it *for the duck’s sake*. At the same time, tears could come to my eyes because I knew the poor creature was suffering, and *the last* thing I wanted to do was cause it more harm. With that understanding, there is a great motivation to help – ***gently***. That did not negate the necessity of firmness – a squirming duck is a *difficult* thing to keep a hold of. You need a method to hold such a duck, and the best one I found used both my hands to hold both of the duck’s wings securely against its body. In addition, the use of a hood – a sock that covered the duck’s eyes but allowed it to breath easily – helped a great deal.

Important: Helping a captive duck is a two-person job: one person holds the duck, while another person removes the fishing line. It is nearly impossible for one person to do the job alone. I very much appreciate the ministry strategy of: While one person talks, another person prays. If you do not have the privilege of a prayer partner, I strongly encourage you to pray after speaking to someone and, if possible, before you speak to them.

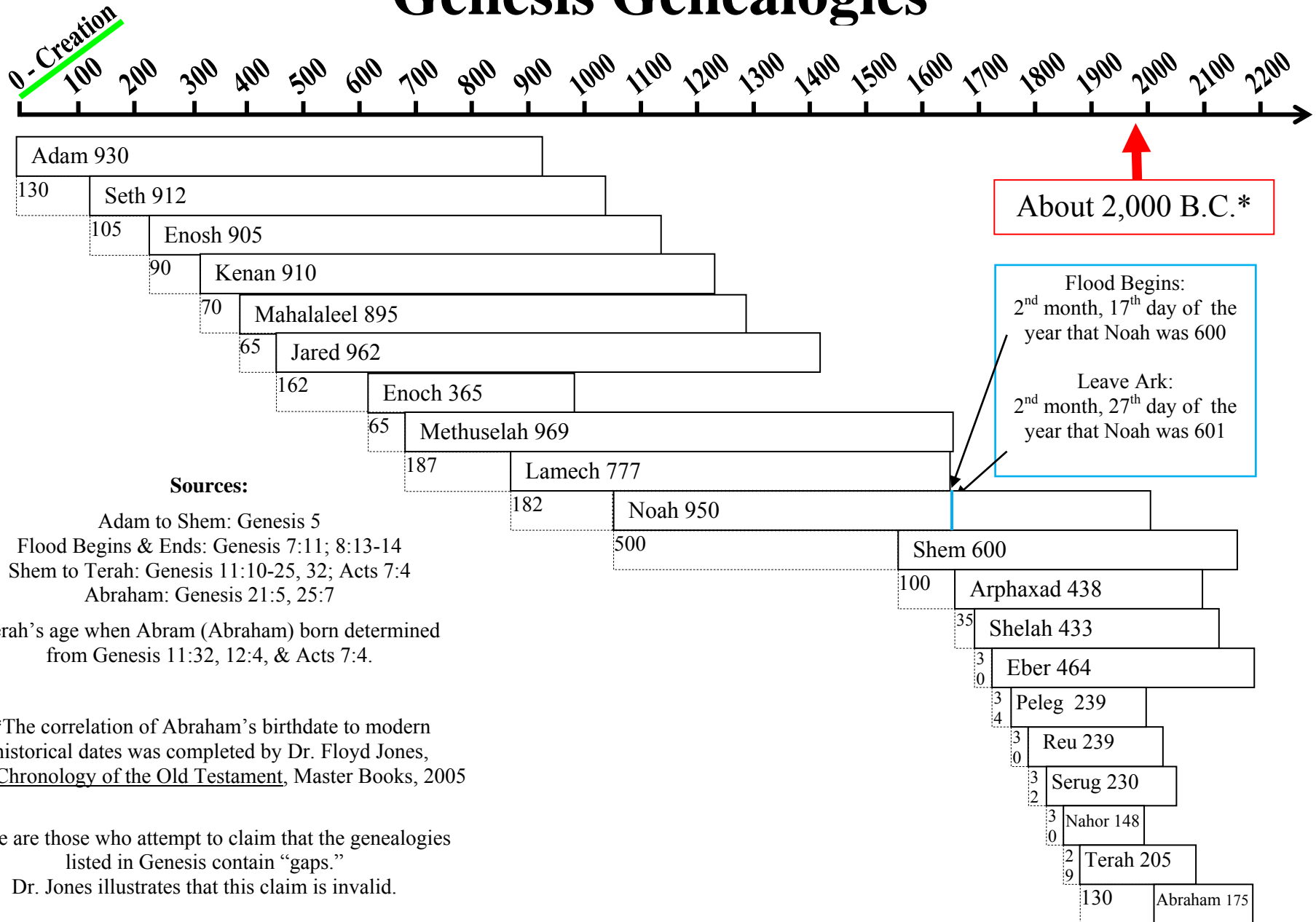
It is important to remember, however, that even if we do everything exactly right, the results can still be uncomfortable. For those who are determined to reject the Truth, the Truth will be offensive to them (I Peter 2:8, see KJV, RSV: “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”). We can not help this, nor ought we to apologize for it. All we can – and ought to – do is make sure that we do not add anything offensive to the Truth.

A wise man once said, “Never share the Gospel when you have bad breath – the Truth ought to be the only thing that people might find offensive.” Moreover, it is good to remember that, if we are not loving, our attitude can be like ‘bad breath.’

End-of-Seminar Questions

1. What point/s in the Seminar did you find the most interesting?
2. What point/s in the Seminar did you find the most challenging?
3. What do you think is the most important thing you've learned?
4. Were there any truth-claims in the Seminar that you disagreed with?
5. What do you think is this Seminar's greatest strength?
6. What do you think is this Seminar's greatest weakness?
7. Would you like to see more material added? If so, what?
8. Is there any material you would remove from the Seminar? If so, what?
9. Is this a resource you would recommend to a non-Christian? Why or why not?
10. Is this a resource you would recommend to a Christian? Why or why not?

Genesis Genealogies



Sources:

Adam to Shem: Genesis 5

Flood Begins & Ends: Genesis 7:11; 8:13-14

Shem to Terah: Genesis 11:10-25, 32; Acts 7:4

Abraham: Genesis 21:5, 25:7

Terah's age when Abram (Abraham) born determined from Genesis 11:32, 12:4, & Acts 7:4.

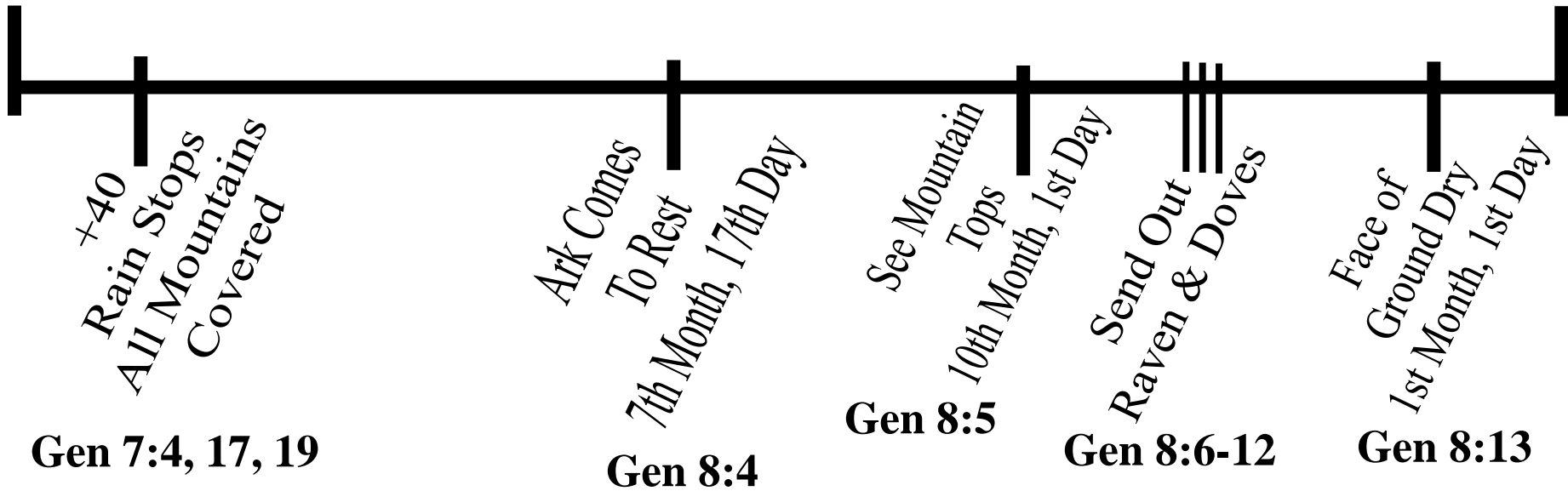
*The correlation of Abraham's birthdate to modern historical dates was completed by Dr. Floyd Jones, The Chronology of the Old Testament, Master Books, 2005

There are those who attempt to claim that the genealogies listed in Genesis contain "gaps." Dr. Jones illustrates that this claim is invalid.

Flood Chronology

Flood Begins
Noah 600
2nd Month, 17th Day
Gen 7:11

Get Off Ark
Noah 601
2nd Month, 27th Day
Gen 8:14-17



Water Prevails 150 Days
Gen 7:24

Water Recedes 150 Days
Gen 8:3

Appendix B

Appendix C

SuperSequences – What are They?

Alicia Hoesch

Imagine that you want to make a layered cake. You decide to have the bottom layer be chocolate, the middle vanilla, and the top layer strawberry. You have “one cake,” but that single cake has different types of layers in it.

Your friend also makes a layered cake. But your friend makes the bottom layer chocolate cake, the next layer vanilla, the next layer chocolate, and the top layer carrot. Again, your friend made “one cake,” but that single cake has different types of layers in it.

If you compare the two cakes, some of the layers are different, and some of the layers are the same. They are both made of cake layers, but the number of layers is different.

The upper part of the geologic column includes a lot of layered rock. Some layers are sandstone, some are siltstone, some are mudstone, some are limestone...there are many different “kinds” of layers. These different “kinds” of rocks would be analogous to the idea that there are different flavors of cake. Layered cake comes in “chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, etc.” Layered rock comes in “sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, etc.”

When one looks at the layers of rocks on the earth, it is possible to break them up into “groups,” or “packages.” These groups are called “sequences.” A single “sequence” would be analogous to one of the “whole cakes” described above: it is one package that is made up of several different layers.

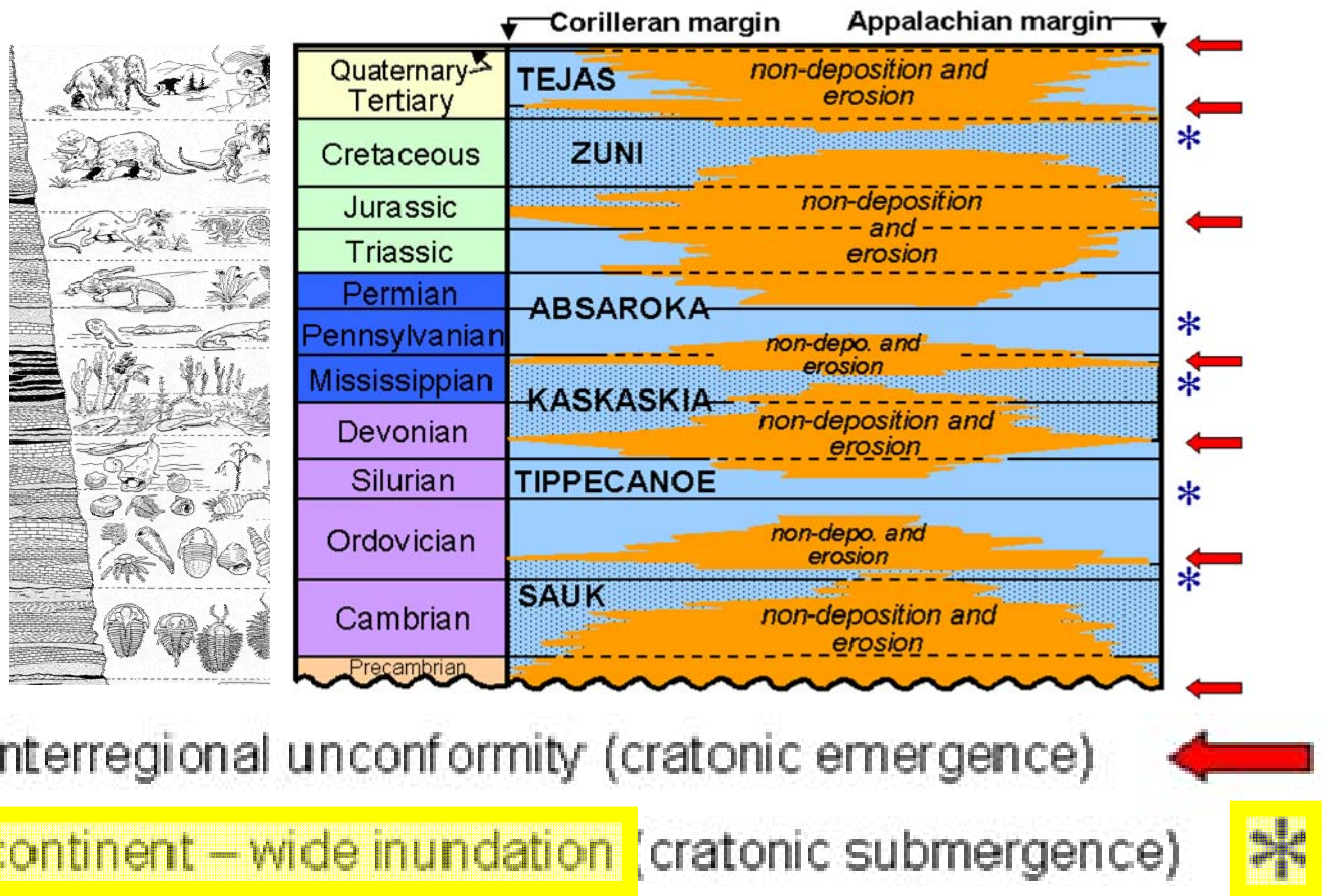
The fossil-bearing layers in the geologic column can be divided into six “big groups” (think: six “individual cakes”). These are called *supersequences*, or Megasequences. Like a layered cake, these supersequences contain several layers, and there is more than one “kind” of rock in each layer. Like the cakes that you and your friend made, supersequences share many of the same types (“flavors”) of rocks, but each supersequence (individual “cake”) contains its own unique set of layers.

Supersequences are *very extensive*. They often spread across a whole continent – sometimes, more than one continent. It is noteworthy that, although they are very “wide,” they are not very thick. Imagine the fuzz on the outside of a peach. It is very extensive – it covers the whole peach – but it is also very thin.

Compared to the size of the whole earth, the layered rock on its surface is very extensive, but very thin. In North America, these layers of rock are divided into six supersequences (“cakes”). These six supersequences each have a name. From the bottom to the top, the names are: Sauk, Tippecanoe, Kaskaskia, Absaroka, Zuni, and Tejas (see figure at the end of this article). Thus, the Sauk would be analogous to the cake you made; the Tippecanoe would be analogous to the cake your friend made, etc.

Scientifically, the best explanation for the existence of supersequences is a global flood. One needs a global event to deposit layers that go across whole continents (sometimes, more than one continent).

The bottom line: Supersequences are evidence that supports the Biblical truth-claim of a world-wide flood.



Appendix D

Billions of years requires a person to deny...

...**the physical sin curse.** The Bible demands that *man's* sin caused a physical curse, and that this curse happened *after* man's sin. The question to remember: "What physically changed because of Adam's sin?" According to the billions-of-years stories, the answer is, "nothing." In those stories, death, thorns, thistles, suffering, belly-crawling serpents (all the stuff the Bible defines as 'the sin-curse') were around before man even existed; they were not caused by man's sin. Romans 8:20-21, Genesis 2:17, 3:14-19, etc. demand that the physical sin-curse affected all of creation, and that it began after man's sin.

...**the order God created** in Genesis 1. Example: earth and sun – Big Bang says stars came first, God says the earth came first. Genesis 1:1-2, 16; Remember Revelation 21:23. Most of the billions-of-years stories have other things backwards, too (e.g., sun & light, dinosaurs and birds).

...**Noah's global flood.** Genesis demands that Noah's Flood was global (remember: animals, men, mountains, & promise). Genesis 7:19-23; 9:11. Science says that a *global* flood would be responsible for the fossil record – making fossils only a few thousand years old. Deep time invented b/c if fossils millions of years old, Noah's Flood *not global*. Nothing in science *demand*s rocks to be more than a few thousand years old; those big numbers are *interpretations*, not *measurements* of age.

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...**the goodness of God.** Billions of years demands that death, predation, thorns, disease, suffering, etc. are God's fault; man's sin had nothing to do with them. Moreover, in the billions-of-years stories, God called all these bad things "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Genesis 1:30 says that all animals ate only plants, "and it was so." The person who wants to believe in billions of years must change this in their Bible (in their view, God lied), so that it reads, "and it was *not* so."

...**the meaning of "yom" ("day") in Genesis 1.** The days of the creation week were consecutive, 24-hour days: a) "morning and evening;" b) # + day; c) definitions of day and year on Day 4. Exodus 20:11 puts "bookends" around Genesis 1:1 and 2:3 (the first seven days of time), and defines the amount of time in the middle. The bookends *include all created things* (the earth, angels, etc.) and the 7th day of creation – thus prohibiting a "gap," "a long 7th Day," or any of the other devices used to shoehorn long ages into the text. Exodus 20:11 and Colossians 1:16 demand that *everything* apart from God is created, and therefore *everything* must be placed within the bookends.

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What the Bible Says About the Age of the Earth

Dear Reader, I respectfully submit that the notion of an old earth contradicts Scripture -- *no matter what one believes about evolution* . These are a handful of the specific verses which concern me. I invite your comments & questions. Sincerely, Alicia Hoesch Martin TruthPlusLove@gmail.com (Update 7.15.16)

The Bible Teaches	Old-Earth Worldviews Teach
Before sin entered the world, creation was "very good." Genesis 1:31.	Before sin entered the world, there were millions of years of death, suffering, disease and predation. (Fossils testify to this.)
Thorns, thistles, & legless snakes are the result of human sin. Genesis 3:18.	Thorns, thistles & legless snakes existed prior to sin (because the fossil record pre-dates sin).
All creation suffers and groans because of human sin (i.e., "things physically changed" after man sinned). Physical pain is the result of sin. Romans 8:20-22 ("subjected to"), Genesis 3:14,17, Revelation 21:4	All creation has always suffered and groaned; sin caused <i>no noticeable change</i> in the non-human creation.
Physical pain is the result of sin, and animals are aware of their pain. Romans 8:20-22, Proverbs 12:10, Joel 1:18	Physical pain is not the result of sin: it existed for hundreds of millions of years before Adam & Eve ever lived. God created the animals to suffer apart from man's sin -- and He declared it to <i>be</i> "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
Man was created during a period of time called by Jesus "the beginning of the Creation." Mark 10:6, Matthew 19:4.	Man was created billions of years after "the beginning" -- actually, at "the end" of time as we know it, since 99.9% of earth's history had passed before man existed.
Before sin, Adam and Eve did not have knowledge of good <i>and evil</i> because there were no expressions of evil on the earth (see the Hebrew word translated "knowledge," which means, "knowledge gained through the physical senses"). When they ate the fruit, they were asking to be exposed to <i>evidence-based knowledge of evil</i> , and they got what they asked for -- thus, the sin-curse was made manifest. Genesis 2:17, 3:14-19	Nothing changed, physically, in the creation as a result of Adam and Eve's sin. Evil (including death, pain, disease, thorns, thistles, etc.) had been expressed for hundreds of millions of years prior to sin. Adam and Eve were surrounded by evil prior to their disobedience (and the fossil record testified to its long-standing existence), but they were too foolish and undiscerning to recognize it for what it was.
Adam and Eve were created with adult intelligence, in full possession of a conscience. They fully understood <i>the difference</i> between obedience (good) and disobedience (evil), and their conscience testified against them before they sinned. For this reason, a just God had the right and responsibility to punish them for disobedience. Genesis 1:26-29, 2:15-25	Adam and Eve were "innocent" in the sense that babies are innocent -- surrounded by evil, but unaware of it. Their act of disobedience made them <i>suddenly able to discern</i> the evil that had surrounded them all along. They became <i>conscious of</i> evil, and it logically follows that this was when their conscience was born. Even though they had not understood the difference between good (obedience) and evil (disobedience), God still punished them for doing evil.

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Human nakedness was a part of God's very good creation; it is not an evil thing. When Adam and Eve sinned, they felt shame because of their nakedness -- the shame being a testimony to fallen man of his sinful state. Genesis 2:25, 3:7	Tendency to conclude that nakedness is one of the expressions of evil that Adam and Eve became aware of after they sinned.
One who loves death hates wisdom. Proverbs 8:36.	God calls death (of animals and, arguably, of people) "very good" (Genesis 1:31), but wisdom is one of His attributes (Revelation 7:12).
Physical death (of people and of animals) is the result of sin (therefore causes uncleanness), and is an enemy. I Corinthians 15:21, 26 (the whole chapter), Genesis 3:19, Revelation 21:4, Hebrews 2:14, Romans 5:6-12, Ezekiel 18:4, Acts 2:24 (Lev 11:39, 47; 17:11, 14; Nu 6:6, 8; Ez 44:31; Hag 2:12-13)	Physical death existed prior to sin (because the fossil record pre-dates sin) and is called by God "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
"The power of death" was a possession of Satan which Jesus' crucifixion purchased for us. Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 1:18 Note that the defined context in these verses includes physical death.	Sin caused spiritual death only; physical death preceded sin, is unrelated to it, and was declared by God to be "very good" (Genesis 1:31). There is no logical reason Jesus had to endure physical torture and death.
It is because sin resides in the flesh that the flesh must die (Romans 7:14-25). Jesus physically died b/c of our sin, and His physical resurrection is proof that those sins were forgiven. This is why "it was not possible for physical death to hold Jesus" (Acts 2:24).	No sin resided in Jesus' flesh, but physical death had a hold on him b/c physical death is unrelated to sin. Thus, his physical death was not demanded when He bore our sin, and His physical resurrection was not a necessary proof of forgiveness. It's just a coincidence that all the sacrificial animals stayed dead (since they only covered sin), but that Jesus was resurrected (indicating complete forgiveness).
God made a distinct connection between animal death and man's sin in Gen 3:21 and within the sacrificial system. Jesus is called "The Lamb of God" (John 1:29), Who died as the result of man's sin.	There's no connection between animal death and man's sin. Little lambs had been dying for millions of years before sin entered the world, and God called it "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
Sin demands physical death. There is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood & the physical death of an innocent sacrifice. Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:22, Genesis 3:19. Applies to the sacrificial system, including the crucifixion; Rom 7:14-25	Physical death and bloodshed existed before sin, so it was useless suffering (or just a coincidence) when animals were killed to cover men's sin. There is no meaningful connection between forgiveness and the shedding of blood.

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<p>God cares about animals, and the fact that they suffer; He speaks of their suffering and death in a negative context. Proverbs 12:10, Jeremiah 14:1-6, Joel 1:18-20; 2:21-22, Habakkuk 2:17, Matthew 10:29, Romans 8:22, Psalm 36:6</p>	<p>God doesn't care about animal suffering, since predation and survival of the fittest was occurring at the end of Genesis 1 when God declared <i>everything</i> "very good" (Genesis 1:31).</p>
<p>Today's predators ate vegetables before sin -- Genesis 1:30 says, "and it was so." (The Hebrew unequivocally demands this vegetarian diet prior to sin. -J. Stambaugh, "Creation's original diet and the changes at the Fall," TJ (now Journal of Creation) 5(2), 130-138, 1991.)</p>	<p>Animals tore each other apart, the strong preyed upon the weak for millions of years prior to sin (thus, Genesis 1:30 should read "and it was <i>not</i> so"), and God called it "very good" (Genesis 1:31).</p>
<p>Animal predation is associated with sin and, in a rightly-restored earth, it will be eliminated. Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:9</p>	<p>Predation has nothing to do with sin; it existed before sin (because the fossil record pre-dates sin).</p>
<p>Predation is bad. When strong animals prey upon weak animals, it is a picture of evil. Analogies involving animal predation are used to describe sinful people, and Satan himself. Psalm 10:9; 17:11-12; 22:11-13, 16; 59:2-4, 6-7, 14-15; 74:19; Proverbs 7:21-27; Ecclesiastes 9:12; Lamentations 4:19; Ezekiel 22:25, 27-28; 34:5, 8-10, 22; Nahum 2:12-13; Matthew 7:15; John 10:11-13; I Peter 5:8.</p>	<p>Predation of animals (including the suffering and pain it inflicts) is "very good" -- God declared it to be so in Genesis 1:31. A double-standard exists in order that predation among humans might be condemned, even when a particular scripture draws an analogy between sinful behavior and animal predation. Predation results in the shedding of innocent blood (innocent because it is totally unrelated to sin), and God calls this "very good" in Genesis 1:31</p>
<p>God is the Helper and Defender of the helpless, the weak, and the innocent. He condemns those who prey upon them. God's children are to seek God's protection against those who seek to prey upon them. Psalm 10 :2, 9, 12, 14, 17-18; 17:1, 6, 11-12; 22:11-13, 16, 23-24; 27:2; 53:4; 58:6; 59:2-4, 6-7, 14-16; 74:19; 91:2-3; 124:2-3, 6; Isaiah 10:1-2; Jeremiah 30:16 (KJV & RSV); Ezekiel 22:25, 27-28, 30-31; 34:5, 8-10, 22; Amos 8:4 (KJV); John 10:11-13; Colossians 2:8 (RSV)</p>	<p>God calls predatory behavior "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Logically, this demands that there are two sides to His character: an evil side, that endorses predation, and a good side, that condemns it.</p>
<p>Not only does animal death carry a "not good" stench, but this stench is associated, by analogy, with sin. Ecclesiastes 10:1</p>	<p>The stench associated with animal carcasses was a part of the creation God pronounced "very good" in Genesis 1:31</p>

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At the end of the creation week, before man sinned, <i>everything</i> was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).	At the end of the creation week, before man sinned, creation was suffering, diseased, and dying. God called this "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Logically, this demands that there are two sides to His character: an evil side (that likes suffering, disease, and death), and a good side (that dislikes it).
Rebellion against God is always spoken of in a negative context -- it is <i>not</i> a good thing in God's eyes. I Samuel 15:23, Jeremiah 29:32, Proverbs 17:11, Nehemiah 9:16-17, Joshua 22:22	Some attempt to claim that Satan rebelled prior to the end of the creation. This demands that God referred to rebellion against Himself as "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Logically, this demands that there are two sides to God's character: an evil side (that endorses rebellion), and a good side (that condemns it).
God strongly condemns those who call evil good. Isaiah 5:20	God's original creation included evil things (death, suffering, thorns, predation, sickness, etc.), but He declared it "all" to be "very good" in Genesis 1:31
There is an important distinction between saying something <i>is</i> good (i.e., defining it as a good thing) and being able to redeem a bad thing for good (notice: the thing is defined as bad). What a person defines as good is a reflection of his character and nature. Rom 8:28 does not say everything is good (quite the contrary), but that God can redeem (use) even bad things for good.	
God was pleased, & richly blessed Solomon, b/c he asked to be able to discern -- draw a distinct line between -- good and evil. I Kings 3:9-11	God calls evil things good, and thus blurs the distinction between good & evil in Genesis 1:31
The world experienced a judgmental <i>global</i> flood, the hydrodynamics of which would have left its mark in the form of catastrophically-buried animal and plant remains (thus forming most of the fossil record). Genesis 6-9 (esp. 6:13, 17; 7:19-23; 9:11); Isaiah 54:9; Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27	It was either a local flood (which means God lied in Genesis 6:13, 17 and 7:19-23 & He broke His Genesis 9:11 promise) or, by some miracle, it left no record on the earth (which is scientifically ridiculous). The fossil record is a result of processes (or a judgment) that the Bible never describes.
There will come a day when the historicity of Noah's flood will be denied, and the earth-shaping forces of the Flood will be replaced by "slow and gradual processes." II Peter 3:3-6.	The historicity of Noah's Flood is made obsolete by the insistence that slow and gradual processes shaped the surface of the earth over billions of years.
The <i>global</i> nature of the Flood of Noah was a picture of baptism (which, Biblically, demanded <i>total immersion</i>), and what baptism represents: the fact that Jesus' death atoned for <i>all</i> our sins, and the Christian is making a <i>total</i> commitment to Christ. I Peter 3:21	Since Noah's Flood was local (or else there is no evidence that it happened), there is no relevant connection between the Flood and baptism; Peter's picture is inaccurate.

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<p>The <i>global</i> nature of the Flood of Noah made the ark the <i>exclusive</i> place of safety in the midst of God's judgement. This reality points to the truth that God will judge the whole world for sin, and that Jesus is the exclusive place of salvation. People will become willingly ignorant of these truths. II Peter 3:5-7</p>	<p>There is no evidence that God judged the whole of Adam's <i>world</i> for sin (because Adam's sin did not impact non-human creation). It is reasonable to believe that the Flood was local, so there were many places of safety. Or, there is no evidence of a "supposed" judgement by water, making an exclusive place of safety "supposed," at best</p>
<p>Satan was a murderer "from the beginning" -- implying that very little time elapsed before he began murdering. John 8:44</p>	<p>Option 1: 99.9% of earth history had elapsed before man existed and Satan began murdering, so he was actually a murderer "from the end." Option 2: Satan fell before the conclusion of creation, which demands that: a) when God called <i>everything</i> "very good" in Genesis 1:31, it included Satan's act of rebellion; b) that which Satan was murdering from the beginning were animals -- but this can not be, since God declared animal death to be "very good" and therefore animals are not "murder-able."</p>
<p>The earth existed before the sun. Genesis 1:1, 14.</p>	<p>The sun existed before the earth (the Big Bang demands this, even if one does not ascribe to biologic evolution)</p>
<p>Birds existed before reptiles. Genesis 1:20, 24.</p>	<p>Reptiles existed before birds (the long-age interpretation of the fossil record demands this, even if one does not ascribe to biologic evolution)</p>
<p>Fruit trees existed before reptiles. Genesis 1:20, 24.</p>	<p>Reptiles existed before fruit trees (the long-age interpretation of the fossil record demands this, even if one does not ascribe to biologic evolution)</p>

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<p>"In six days, God created the heavens, the earth [Gen 1:1] and everything in them [Gen 1:2-31]" - Exodus 20:11. The context in Exodus is that of literal, 24-hour days, and includes the entirety of the seventh day. It prevents one from shoe-horning billions of years in between any of the verses of Genesis 1 by placing "bookends," if you will, at Genesis 1:1 and 1:31, and then defining the amount of time in the middle. In Genesis, God went out of his way to define the days as 24 hours a piece, and as having taken place in a certain order: First, Genesis 1:14 defines a literal 24-hour day, as well as a year (both astronomically), and there is no contextual justification for saying that God changed the meaning of the words back and forth within the chapter. Secondly, in Genesis 1, God defined each day as a <i>single</i> light-dark cycle by using the phrase "evening and morning." Thirdly, the pattern of "first day...second day...third day" etc. explicitly demands consecutive 24 hour periods of time, and establishes the historical order of the events.*</p>	<p>God created over billions of years, and Genesis 1 does not have to be read as a chronological, historical account of creation. The time can be added in between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2; and/or in between the days; and/or the seventh day may not be ended yet. No matter which view one ascribes to, billions of years have gone by before the end of Genesis chapter 1.</p>
<p>*Biblically, putting a number before "day" demands a 24-hour period of time; Hosea 6:2 does not negate this b/c it is a prophesy of Jesus' death & resurrection.</p>	
<p>Conclusion: There is nothing in science which demands an old universe (more than about 6,000 years), and there is nothing in the Bible which allows it. (See <u>Thousands Not Billions</u>, by Dr. Don DeYoung, and <u>Starlight & Time</u>, by Dr. Russell Humphreys, for the science).</p>	

Appendix E

Lies & Idols: Two Sides of the Same Coin

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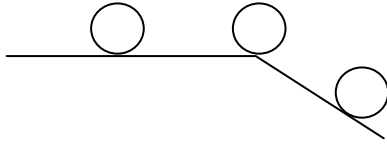
A person who does not want to give up their pet lie will often try to excuse it by saying, “It’s not a big deal!” Response: “If you really believe that – that it is *not* a big deal, and *not* that important, then why don’t you just give up the lie?” A person’s unwillingness to give up a lie is the proof that, to them, *it really is a big deal*. Witness the Rich Young Ruler: We hold on to what is important to us, and we walk away from that which is less valuable to us. When we are determined to hold on to a lie, and walk away from the Truth, that is, by definition, an idol (see John 14:6: one of Jesus’ names is Truth).

Some individuals wrestle with what God commands regarding alcohol, some with tithing, some with sexuality, some with the age of the earth. The issue is *Lordship*. When people try the excuse of, “It’s not a moral issue,” what they are trying to do is claim that what a person does with their actions is relevant, and what people believe in their minds is irrelevant. That’s exactly what the Pharisees were doing, and Jesus condemned that way of thinking when He said, “If you lust after a woman in your heart, you have committed adultery” (Matthew 5:28). *The root of the sin is a lie*: The truth-claim in God’s Word is that I ought to fulfill my sexual needs with my God-given spouse. And God defines that truth for my protection, and in my best interests. Adultery is *the lie* that I know better than God what is best for me. *If I believe that lie, it is sin* – whether I act on it or not. ***That’s*** the whole point of Matthew 5:28. What is the guy in that verse doing that makes him a sinner? Indulging the lie.

Most people – including Christians – often miss this: an idol and a lie are two sides of the same coin. Why do people miss this? Because our culture has become very relativistic, meaning that we have ceased to value Truth. And a people that have ceased to value Truth are a people who have ceased to appreciate the gravity of lies.

Historically, “tolerance” has been defined as: “I respect you, and I will be polite, even though we agree to disagree.” Historically, unity was standing together on one or more truth-claims. Notice it says “truth-claims,” not “truth.” People can be unified on a lie. But even in the Church, “the new unity” is the old definition of tolerance: politely agreeing to disagree.

Since Jesus is the Truth, then Biblical unity is accurately defined as standing together on the Truth. This an exclusive – and therefore politically incorrect – statement. Why? Because our modern, relativistic culture hates the notion of Absolute Truth (because it logically demands that God is the only one who has the ability to define “right” and “wrong”). Our cultural rejection of Absolute Truth has caused us to re-define “tolerance” as: “what you believe is true for you, and what I believe is true for me, and no one is allowed to say that anyone is wrong – even if what you and I believe logically qualify as mutually exclusive truth-claims.” In other words, “the new tolerance” is utterly irrational.



After being in creation ministry for decades, and speaking in hundreds of churches, one Christian made the following observation: “Imagine a marble on a flat surface. You have to keep pushing the marble to make it move. Then, the marble comes to a point where the surface slants downward. *As soon as the marble passes that point*, it will roll all by itself. Churches are constantly confronted with the temptation to compromise about what the Bible demands. With regard to many issues, this temptation is always ‘pushing at them,’ but the wise Church resists it. However, *once a Church compromises with regard to the age of the earth*, the marble of compromise starts rolling all by itself. The age of the earth is very often *the point* of initial compromise – and after that point, the slide towards liberalism proceeds faster and faster. And it is no wonder: As soon as one thing that the text demands is thrown out, inerrancy is destroyed, and pressure alone is sufficient grounds to dismiss every other part of the text.”

It has been said that, “Purity is not a point, it’s a direction.” The temptation is to ask, “How close can I get to the edge of the cliff without falling off?” But that whole attitude betrays the command to be holy – totally separated from evil. A Truth-loving heart attitude will want to condemn and run from lies – not waltz with them on the edge of the cliff. An enemy will lure his victim to the edge of the cliff and *disguise* the unstable rock on the edge. The whole idea is to deceive a victim into stepping on it, and then the weight causes it to fall.

Many Christians have been deceived into thinking that the age of the earth “is not a big deal,” or even that “the Bible does not speak to the issue.” Not true, and not true. God has spoken with regard to the age of the earth; the Bible demands that it is only thousands of years old. And the downfall of many good Churches has begun when they compromised *at that point*.

Is it costly to defend a young earth and universe? Absolutely. Please, do not forget the machine-gun story from the very first episode. It is unpopular, and often costly, to defend the Truth. But in the end, it will always be more costly to hold on to a lie. The notion of billions of years is an outright lie – and lies always have the same father. And they always lead to death.

“This day I set before you life and death... Choose life.” (Deuteronomy 30:19)