

How old is the earth?



Know what you believe and why

Most Christians would say that they do not believe in evolution, but many are not sure what they really believe. It is important to know what we believe and why, so that we can be an effective witness and have an answer to those who question.

Do we believe that God has the power to create our universe in six 24-hour days?

Many can believe that God can do miracles, that Jesus was raised from the dead, but do not have the faith to believe the first book of the Bible.

Evidence for long ages

Many Christians cannot believe that all the so-called 'evidence' for long ages could be wrong. After all so many scientists believe it! But we must remember that those who do are atheistic scientists. We are surrounded by indoctrination, through the media and the education system. In order to make the world's view compatible with Christian belief, some Christians invent complicated theories that combine the long ages of evolution with the Creation event.

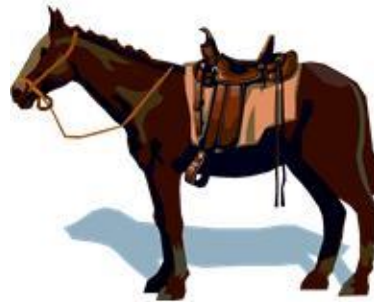
Why does evolution need long ages?

Evolution says that the universe about 14 billion years old. This gives plenty of time for the very slow and gradual nature of the evolutionary process. Animals are modified by environmental pressure, the weeding-out of the unfit through death and disease, leaving the better-adapted alive to breed. However, no transitional animal fossils have ever been found. We might ask the evolutionist, "How is the DNA, necessary for the development of a new species, obtained?" or "How does the inferior animal find the necessary information to transform into the more-highly developed animal?" Think about computer operating system updating itself to one that is faster and more complex...clearly absurd! Surely the intervention of an external designer is necessary? But evolution insists that indeed, given enough time, a bacterium will change into a bacteriologist!



After their own kind

In contrast, God created animals after their own kind. There can be variation within species, but no such thing as one kind of animal developing into another. For example, horses, donkeys and zebras are variations within the horse kind/species. Lions, tigers, panthers are variations within the cat kind/species. One kind will not develop into another (i.e. cats don't evolve into horses). Mutations or variations, involve the loss (not gain) of information in the genetic DNA.



Do mutations improve a species?

The theory of evolution is based on the false idea that a mutation can improve a species, and add genetic information. However this is not the case. Mutations only cause loss of genetic information. There are 36 mutations (mistakes) in DNA with every generation. A hatching of featherless rooster is the product of a mutation. The mutation mistake has not improved the rooster, which will either fry in the summer sun or freeze in the winter. According to the evolutionist these mutations lead to the development of simple organisms into complex organisms, but this could never happen with mutations, which according to true science cause a net loss of information rather than a gain.

The convenience of believing in long ages

Because no one has ever seen a new species develop from another, the theory of long ages is convenient, because no one has to 'see' the evolution happening. It is an invention that conveniently describes the universe, the world and life itself coming into being by itself, without God. This is an atheistic strategy to explain a world with no God.

Fortunately there are Christian scientists who do reconcile the foundations of the universe with a Creator God. We must remember that evolution is not science, and neither is Creation. Evolution is a theory, unobservable and not able to be tested. You can't do experiments in the past but only in the present. Creation is the word of God. Who would you rather believe... an atheist or our powerful God?

For more information on the age of the earth see [How old is the earth?](#)

Carbon dating

As for dating fossils, the carbon dating method is flawed. Carbon-14, (which carbon-dating uses), depletes to zero within 50,000 years. This would be an embarrassment to atheists, so atheist scientists have recalibrated their measurements, (adding some zeros) to try and justify the long-ages.

Transitional species

What about fossils showing transitional species? This is another embarrassment to evolutionists. None can be found. The evidence for so-called 'ape man' fossils is highly imaginative, the most famous one based on a single toe bone.



Do we believe that death was part of God's plan in His perfect creation?

Evolution depends on death as a mechanism for the progressive evolving of all species from the simple to the complex, from the single-celled creature to humans.

If we try to merge the Biblical account with evolution, and say that each day of the Biblical creation account spanned millions of years, then the fossil record would show Adam and Eve sitting on top of a mountain of bones, bones of dead things accumulated over millennia. You cannot have millions of years preceding Adam and Eve without having death and suffering. The Bible makes it clear that God's creation was good, and that animals lived peacefully together, eating plants, with no death and suffering. We see the restoration of God's perfect creation in Revelation, where we are told of the lion laying down with the lamb. The world was perfect until sin entered, bringing with it, death. But Jesus is coming back again to restore the creation and destroy death.

Romans 8:19: For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.



What is the purpose of Jesus' return? ...to restore a fallen world of death and suffering to a perfect world with no death, just as it was in the original creation.

Evolution needs death to bring about change. Death is intrinsic to evolution. Evolution says death is essential. Creation says that there was no death before the Fall. Christ came to defeat death and re-establish perfection as it was before the Fall.

If you don't believe in six 24-hour days, can you still call yourself a Creationist?

Some Christians cannot throw out the worldly theories, and propose that God actually created the world through evolution. Trying to hold on to the 'long-ages' of the evolutionists, they attempt to reconcile long-ages with the Bible, thereby compromising biblical truth

The following queries are often presented by people who want to hold on to Creation and evolution at the same time:

1. The Bible says that a day with the Lord is as a thousand years. Then why couldn't a day be millions or billions of years?

The meaning of this verse is that God lives outside of time. He is eternal. If God wanted us to apply this verse to the Biblical account He would have told us directly. Isn't God a communicator? Isn't He able to communicate logically and clearly? He has done just this. The Hebrew word for a 24-hour day is 'yom'. And the Bible makes it clear – God says six times in Genesis 1 “there was evening and there was morning and the (next) day.”

2. Why can't there have been long ages during which all the plants and animals stayed alive for millions of years?

If the sea was millions of years old it would be so salty that nothing could live in it, (based on the measurable progressive rising salt level of the sea.)

If the moon were millions of years old the moon dust would be so thick that the astronauts could never have landed there, (based on the measurable progressive increase in the depth of moon dust.)

The planet would not be able to support the cumulative number of living things.

3. Genesis was meant to be taken as a parable...a heavenly story with an earthly meaning...the earthly meaning being evolution.

The Bible tells us the age of the earth through the genealogies. We can add up the life-spans of the people in the Bible up until the birth of Jesus and we will get the number of years as being about 6,000. If the genealogies in Genesis are just a parable, then what would we say about the genealogies bringing us to the birth of Jesus? Do we treat them as fantasy also?

Trying to appease scientists who are atheists is compromise. Do we trust the world more than the word of God? God says, “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:12)