



Creation: God Creates the World

Scripture: Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 11:3

Genesis 1 documents the beginning of the universe, time, space, history and all of life as we know it!

Genesis 1 is foundational to the rest of Scripture



The first verse in the Bible Genesis 1:1 answers many questions:

“Where did everything come from?”

- God created everything from nothing

“Is there a God?”

- Scripture assumes God’s existence

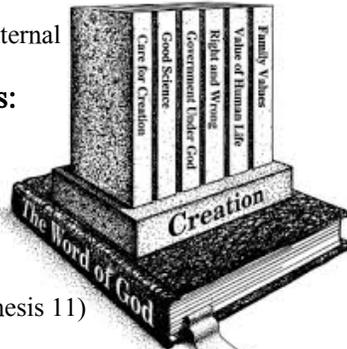
“When did time begin?”

- Time itself began when God began to create the universe
- He created time for man
- God Himself is not bound by time for He is eternal

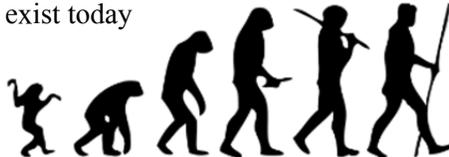


Genesis is foundational to many doctrines:

- Creation (Genesis 1, 2)
- The Trinity (Genesis 1:26)
- Death (Genesis 2:17)
- Marriage (Genesis 2:24)
- Sin (Genesis 3:6)
- The Gospel (Genesis 3:15)
- Where the people groups originate from (Genesis 11)



Evolutionists believe in millions of years of slow change, from non-life to simple cells, to more complex plants and animals, and eventually to the organisms that exist today



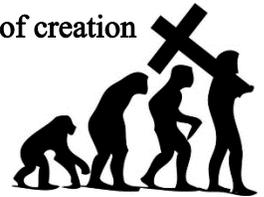
Evolutionists teach that the earth formed around 4.5 billion years ago and many Christians have attempted to merge these long ages of geological time into the Bible’s account of creation

Opposing views of the Genesis account of creation that manipulate God’s Word to include millions of years:

1. **The day-age view** – The days of Genesis 1 are actually vast ages of different lengths; based on secular dating methods
2. **The gap theory** – a vast period of time exists between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 into which the geologic eras can be fit
3. **The framework hypothesis** – Genesis 1 is written in a non-literal, non-chronological way; based upon secular dating methods
4. **Theistic evolution** – God used evolutionary processes to create the universe and life on earth over billions of years
5. **Progressive creation** – God created organisms in a progressive manner over billions of years – this is to accommodate secular dating methods

These are all theories that attempt to fit evolution and/or millions of years into the Bible rather than taking God’s Word for what it says

Evolution does not harmonize with God’s account of creation



The Order Matters Exercise



Many Christians feel that the age of the earth is an unimportant issue. Believing the historical account of Genesis 1-11 is foundational to believing the rest of Scripture and is essential to understanding the gospel message