

THINKING ABOUT THE BEGINNING
PART 2: MILLIONS OF YEARS
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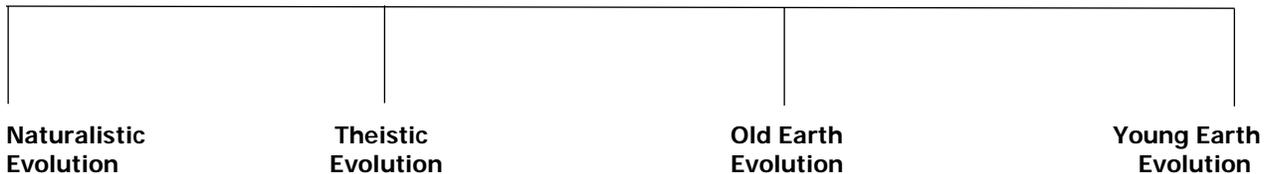
“...since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” Romans 1:20 (NIV)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Earth, Space, Time, Light	Atmosphere	Dry Land, Plants	Sun, Moon, Stars	Sea & Flying Creatures	Land Animals and Man

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.” Genesis 1:1-5 (NAS)

“Then God said, ‘Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.” Genesis 1:6-8 (NAS)

DIFFERING VIEWS OF TIME



1. NATURALISTIC EVOLUTION

- **Life Originated Over Millions Of Years Through A Gradual Process Of**

_____ **And** _____.

Evolution _____ Millions Of Years. Otherwise The Theory

Cannot Work.

2. THEISTIC EVOLUTION

- **God Created The Universe In Such A Way That _____ - _____ Over Billions Of Years Occurred. Genesis 1 Focuses On The _____ Of Creation, Not the _____ Or The _____. Genesis Is Not A Science Book And The Creation Chronology Is Immaterial.**

"From where we stand now, at the dawn of the twenty-first century, in a time when we've sequenced the Neanderthal genome and traced out in the DNA our shared genetic heritage with primates and other mammals, it is no longer possible for informed readers to interpret the book of Genesis as straightforward history. There was no Edenic garden, nor trees of life and knowledge, nor a serpent that spoke, nor worldwide flood in which all living things, save those on a giant boat, were killed by God. Whatever the first chapters of Genesis offer, there is one thing that they certainly do not offer, namely, a literal account of events that actually happened prior to and during the early history of humanity. If Genesis is the word of God, as I and other Christians believe, then we must try to understand how God speaks through a narrative that is no longer the literal history that our Christian forebears often assumed it to be."

Kenton Sparks, "Ancient Historiography," in Charles Halton, ed., *Genesis: History, Fiction, or Neither?* (2015)

3. OLD EARTH CREATION

- **God Created The Universe Perhaps Billions Of Years Ago.**

But All Species Were _____

By God. Thus, Macro-Evolution Does Not Occur And _____

_____ From Lower Life Forms.

- **The _____: A Gap of Millions Of Years Occurs Between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, during which a previous creation came and went.**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [GAP] The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters." Genesis 1:1-2 (NAS)

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away" Revelation 21:1 (NAS)

- **The _____ - _____: Each day of creation represents billions or millions of years.**

"For You, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours." Psalms 90:4 (NLT)

"... with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." II Peter 3:8 (NAS)

"This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven." Genesis 2:4 (NAS)

4. YOUNG EARTH CREATION

- **God Created The Heavens And The Earth In Six _____ -
_____ Hour Days About 6,000 To 10,000 Years Ago.**

- a. **Day = _____ (Hebrew) – A literal, ordinary day.**
- b. **Exodus 20:11 indicates the days of creation were _____
_____.**

“For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” Exodus 20:11 (NAS)

“The LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written by the finger of God; and on them *were* all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain ...” Deuteronomy 9:10 (NAS)

- **These words weren’t just _____ by God. They were
_____ by God and nothing in them indicates millions of years.**

- c. **Millions of years brings into question the _____
_____.**

“God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” Genesis 1:31 (NAS)

“... since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” I Corinthians 15:21-22 (NIV)

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching us what is true ...” II Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

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