

Biblicis Veritum – Evolution: Escape from God

The Battle against a Creator - *Tim Day – December 4, 2019*

From time in memorial, man has attempted to **Escape from God** – from a creator.

1,000 years before the first Christmas, God announced Christ's coming in Psalm 2, but the people would rebel:

Psalm 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, 3 **Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**

We see this rebellion manifest in many ways.

“There are two groups of people travelling together on this rock. One group believes that we “evolved” from mud, and there is only nothingness. Therefore, you live and die. There's another group of people who believe that we were created for a special destiny. Just as our ancestors looked around, and saw order and beauty, we are also awed!” – *Jim Cole*

Secular astronomers insist our **universe is 13.8 billion years old** and our **solar system is 4.6 billion years old**. Secular scientists insist the Earth formed through '**natural processes**' over some 4.6 billion years. This is an **incomprehensible** distant past. It helps make their **theory of evolution appear plausible**.

Time is the key for evolution; without incomprehensible time, the theory is not even remotely plausible. **Hence the battle** of worldviews.

“The *first gulp* from the glass of natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but at the **bottom of the glass God is waiting** for you.” - *Werner Heisenberg, who was awarded the 1932 Nobel Prize in Physics*

“A *little science* estranges a man from God. A lot of **science brings him back.**” - *Sir Francis Bacon, 15-1600's*

“The more I study science, the **more I believe in God** ... The most beautiful thing we can experience is the Mysterious” – *Albert Einstein*

What I find in Christian circles is that most take only the “*first gulp*”; they have knowledge of only “*a little science*”. Most **know enough to be dangerous**. While theories of **Evolution and Old-earth** age are being **destroyed in scientific circles** they are still being **embraced by Christians**.

Creationist start with the Bible to derive the age of the earth: approximately 4,000 years passed between Creation and the coming of Christ, which is added to the 2,020 years since the time of Christ. This gives an age of the earth and universe of 6,020 years.

They accept that God *created* in six days (Genesis 1-2), that the once “*very good*” creation has been marred by sin (Genesis 3) and that a *Global Flood* inundated the earth about 4,300 years ago (God’s judgment on the sin of mankind, Genesis 6–9).

The Bible describes God creating the world in **six days** about **6,000 years ago**. Evolutionists have the world created over billions of years, moving from goo to me-and-you over hundreds of millions of years. How do we reconcile this?

Hebrews 3:4 For every house is builded by some man; but **he that built all things is God**.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the **worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that **things which are seen were not made of things which do appear**.

Quantum Mechanics: An atom has a nucleus, that a nucleus contains protons and neutrons, and that those particles in turn are made of quarks and gluons-- particles that bind quarks together. But most physicists believe quarks to be the smallest building blocks of matter.

Atoms are **mostly empty space**. The protons and neutrons in the center -- is 10,000 times smaller than the total diameter of the atom. Yet, nearly all of the mass of an atom is in the nucleus.

The electrons should zoom right to the atomic nucleus. In classical physics, **electrons should fall into the nucleus** even if they weren't attracted by the charge of the proton.

By the 1920's, it became clear that a tiny object such as the **electron** cannot be treated as a classical particle having a definite position and velocity. The best we can do is **specify the probability of its manifesting** itself at any point in space.

“Atoms are weird stuff, behaving **like active agents** rather than inert substances. They make unpredictable choices between alternative possibilities. It appears that mind, as manifested by the **capacity to make choices**, is to some extent inherent in every atom.” - *Physicist Freeman Dyson*
- *When Einstein died, there was an opening for the title of “most brilliant physicist on the*

planet.” Dyson filled the opening by assuming Einstein’s professorship in physics at Princeton University.

Colossians 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible ...17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (**in him all things hold together**).

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power** ...

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the **creation of the world** are **clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are **without excuse**. ...
22 Professing themselves to be wise, they **became fools**,

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast **made the heaven and the earth** by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

John 1:3 **All things were made by him**; and without him **was not any thing made that was made**.

Psalms 104:24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou **made them all**: the earth is full of thy riches. 25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

Paradigms are frameworks within which we interpret the evidence – body of data – the facts – the observable evidence. The definition of a paradigm is **a widely accepted belief or concept**. An example of paradigm is evolution. **Paradigm drives conclusion**.

Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society. It works by asking very basic questions about the nature of human thought, the nature of the universe, and the connections between them. The ideas in philosophy are often general and abstract.

Theory, is a set of beliefs or principles that might not be proven yet. ... A theory is a set of accepted beliefs or organized principles that explain and guide analysis and one of the ways that theory is defined is that it is different from practice, when certain principles are tested.

Let me go ahead and give you **my bias** – the **lens** I look at science and creation. We all have them – scientists have them, whether they admit it or not. Mine is **God’s word**. I believe God’s word just like it is written. I merely **wait for science**, “*falsely so called*”, **to catch up** with God. (Just like archeologist and the “*ites*” of the Old Testament; also **David Rohl: Pharaohs and Kings, Patterns of Evidence: Exodus, Moses Controversy**)

"Nature is but a name for an effect, whose **cause is God.**" – *William Cowper, 1785*

“I believe the Bible from cover to cover! I don’t understand it all, but **I believe it all.**” – *Franklin Graham*

Conventional theory defines the cosmos as 13.8 Billion years old; the earth at 4.6 Billion years old. The **Genesis “Narrative”** (It is a **historical narrative** from the beginning to the end; it is **not poetry**) defines a world created in 6 literal days (Hebrew word “**Yom**” is one calendar day) about 6,000 years ago.

Can I prove that the earth is about 6,000 years old, that God created all things in six literal days, and that there was a worldwide flood? No. I believe it by faith. Can the atheist prove the world is 4.6 Billion years old and that there was no worldwide flood? No. They take it by faith. Both perspectives are theories of origins. The question then becomes, **which has the most evidence that would support the theory?** It turns out a young earth and a worldwide flood, like God said.

I believe that God created the cosmos, the earth and life on earth in **six literal days** just like He said. I believe that the **earth is young**, just like His Word reflects. I believe in a **worldwide flood**. God said it; I believe it.

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, **avoiding profane and vain babblings**, and **oppositions of science falsely so called**: 21 Which some professing have **erred concerning the faith**. Grace be with thee. Amen.

Evolution and Old-earth age are indeed, “**science falsely so called**”. “*Let God be true, but every man a liar*”.

“When the plain sense of scripture makes perfect sense, seek no other sense”. - *Dr. Walter Martin*

Is there evidence that the Bible is true? It turns out there is. Lots of it!

Bible Study Big Bang

I was in a **Bible Study** at my own church. It blew up un-expectantly, kind of **like the Big Bang**. We were studying Philippians. Somehow, don't ask me how or why, following the teaching the table discussion immediately turned to Evolution. This topic had no relationship to the topic of the teaching, '**unity**'. It struck me as from the devil to divide the table. We were discussing how Paul held the Philippians to Truth. Yet, we took an **immediate departure from Truth**.

As soon as the teaching ended, one man declared he **believes in an Old Earth – billions of years old**. I pointed out that that was a theory, unproven, that sprang from the Theory of Evolution. He did not agree.

No sooner did I get my words out, another gentleman declared that he **believed that God used evolution to create life**. As I attempted to suggest that evolution is wholly incompatible with Scripture, and God's account of creation, another cut me off.

This next man stated that he believe that each **creation day was thousands or millions or billions of years long**. I pointed out that the Greek word used for "day" was a standard 24-hour day.

Then almost on cue, another declared: "**I don't care; this is not important**". I suggested that it was actually staggeringly important. While it is not directly an **essential of the faith**, it soon leads that way. For, if one casts **doubt on the first page** of the Bible, **where does one stop**. If you cannot believe the first chapter, why should you believe any of the rest of Scripture? Once you start cherry-picking scripture you believe and don't believe, you become god.

It was like the game, *Whack-a-Mole*. No sooner did I address one extreme comment, another sprang up. *Whack-whack-whack*. I finally called '**timeout**'. I suggested that I had a piece that addressed Evolution, Earth Age, and Noah's flood. The document addresses evidence for a young earth, six-day creation, and a worldwide flood. They all asked for copies and we moved on to more tame discussion.

Let's address **the questions**:

1. Is the earth millions of years old?
2. Did God use Evolution?
3. Were Creation days millions of years long?
4. Does it matter what we believe regarding Creation?

The notion behind much of this is that Evolution and Old-earth Age are "**settled science**". I have come to learn that most **Christians are not aware of evidence** of a

Young Earth. Fewer still seem to realize that Evolution is anything but a “settled science”. In fact, it is not science at all – merely theories with very little real support.

Science requires that methods are *observable, repeatable and measurable*. Evolution and Old-earth theories do not hold up to the definition of science. These are theories and philosophies at best.

Evolutionists are facing a myriad of **challenges**: *Genome Mapping, Simple Cell (Irreducible complexity, Behe; Mitochondria energy plant), and Soft Tissue in fossils*.

“**If it could be demonstrated** that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.” - *Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species*

“The role of the infinitely small in nature is infinitely great.” – *Louis Pasteur, 1800*

“DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software ever created.” - *Bill Gates*

“To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.” – *Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species*

1 - Is the earth hundreds of millions of years old? – It turns out that the earth shows evidence of being less than 10,000 years old, and much more along the line of 6,000 years old. This would nicely match Scripture, especially, **Ussher’s Chronology**. Published in a 1658 chronology titled *The Annals of the World*.

It turns out **radiometric dating** is fraught with issues. It is based on **faulty premises** and **circular reasoning**. Most fossils are assigned an age based on Evolutionary bias and Old-earth conjecture. (See: *Evidence of a Young Earth*)

2 - Did God use Evolution? – Evolution is completely incompatible with God’s word. If Evolution is true, then there would have been **death and dying for hundreds of millions of years prior to the Fall**. As such, God’s word could not be true.

Furthermore, empirical speaking, **mutation**, the key to evolutionary theory, leads downhill, not uphill.

If evolution were true, consider for example when God made **Adam**, he brought all the animals to him to name. Don't you know Adam became increasingly disappointed as each pair show up with a **plug-compatible partner**. Adam had a plug, but no one to plug into. God declared that, "*it is not good for man to be alone*". So what did God do? He put Adam to sleep and took out a rib. Then, He said '*oh, crap. This will take millions or hundreds of millions of years of trial and error, random mutations, failures, and death and dying. Adam will rot while I am working on this*'. Somehow, I don't think so! He simply made Eve. I doubt it took long.

Genesis 2:18 And the Lord God said, It is **not good that the man should be alone**; I will make him an help meet for him. ... 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; **but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him**. 21 And the Lord God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he **took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, **made he a woman**, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be **called Woman, because she was taken out of Man**. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Entropy – God wound the universe up. It is now winding down. This is known as entropy. Entropy, the **measure of a system's thermal energy** per unit temperature that is **unavailable for doing useful work**. A **thermodynamic unavailability of a system's thermal energy** for conversion into mechanical work, is often interpreted as the degree of **disorder or randomness in the system**. A lack of order or predictability; gradual decline into disorder. Creation scientists believe that the **Second Law of Thermodynamics**, *Entropy*, went into effect following the Fall – when creation became cursed.

Trending toward Uniformity - Equilibrium

- Entropy in General
- Slowing Spin of the Earth
- Weakening Magnetic Field
- Receding Moon Orbit
- Lessening Extremes in Temperature; Climate Change equilibrium
- Dying Sun
- Genetic Mutation – Loss of Information

3 - Were Creation days millions of years long? – Why would we assume that God needed hundreds of millions of years? The real question is, **why did God take so long**, not how could He have done it in Six Days? Here is the answer:

God said that he worked for six days and rested on the seventh as an example to us. He did not work for six indefinite, undetermined amounts of time, or six hundred million years, as an example. If He did, it would not be much of an example.

Exodus 20:11 For **in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:** wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 31:15 **Six days may work be done;** but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for **in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.**

The Thousand Year Day – Christians love to spout of the familiar verses about how a thousand years is like a day to God.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one *day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

This one has to do with the Lord tarrying regarding His Second Coming – not creation. If they are good, they will add on this verse:

Psalms 90:4 For a *thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday* when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Similarly this one has to do with God bringing judgment and justice. He is in no hurry. **Neither verse, in context, are doctrinal statements regarding the technical length of a day to God.** But rather that God is not bound with our sense of urgency.

The Sequence of Circular Thinking - Geo-Stratigraphic layers were observed with smaller 'less complex life' in the lower layers, archeologists selected **Index Fossils**, assigned dates to these index fossils working in concert with Radiometric Dating

with an Old-earth Bias and faulty Assumptions. Most fossils are now dated based on Index Fossils nearby, or merely assigned an age based on preconceived bias.

4 - Does it matter what we believe regarding Creation? – I contend it does.

Take a particular mega-church in Alpharetta for example. The pastor's slide into oblivion began with Evolution and old earth theory – that he believes are “settled science”. He **lost confidence in Scripture** from the first page, and it is not carrying to its logical conclusion. As a result he claims the Old Testament is no longer relevant, riddled with errors and fables. Genesis is **foundational** for all of Scripture – both **doctrine and theology**. Once one loses confidence in the first chapter of Scripture, the rest is soon called into question.

There are at a minimum (8) **eight significant references Jesus makes to Genesis 1–11**. This does not tell the whole story, of course, for most of them only make sense if Jesus is **referencing them as history**.

As New Testament scholar John Wenham has compellingly argued, **Jesus did not allegorize these accounts** but took them as **straightforward history**, describing events that actually happened just as the Old Testament describes. If it were false, fiction, and allegory, I strongly suspect Jesus would have cleared it up.

The **Genesis Narrative** is the foundation, the basis of all Christian doctrine and theology. It defines the nearly everything: the universe, earth, life, language, sin, family, nations, sex, marriage, government, law, etc. It is critically important.

In a real sense, **there are no “non-essentials” of the faith. All of God's word is important**. For once one departs from God's word as the final word regarding Truth, it starts a progression of compromise. In time it seems to always find its way to the essentials and fundamentals of the faith.

"Everyone who departs from Christian doctrine, Biblical Truth, claims to have done so to '*save Christianity*' ... never give up on Biblical truth ... all falsehood and compromise stand on a minuscule perspective ... the reformers were burned at the stake for their ***fidelity to the Word of God***"

- Dr Youssef, *Saving Christianity?*

Paul implored Timothy to remember and maintain an '***unfeigned faith***' (2 Tim 1:5)

“Be Biblically correct—not politically correct.” – Dr. Youssef

Fear not the Truth, stand fast

Escaping from God

Escape from God: I just finished **Francis Schaeffer's** book, *Escape from Reason*. In his heady little book, he tours the centuries of philosophical (enlightenment, renaissance, etc.) constructs in man's search for '**freedom, independence and autonomy**'. He shows how it ultimately **leads to bondage**. His book could have been titled '*Escape from God*', for that is what these constructs in thinking are fundamentally about.

Evolution, and its required *Old Earth Age* framework, and the refusal to accept a *Global Flood*, are merely efforts to '**Escape from God**' – man's hope to find a solution to the existence of life and the cosmos that excludes a **causative agent** - a creation without a 'Creator'. Sadly, as **Schaeffer points out**, such thinking has been **embraced in varying degrees by the Church**.

I have found that many Christians believe that supposed '**settled science**' is truly settled. Thus, they feel compelled to accept secularly-sounding philosophies, incorporating them into their theological thinking, without realizing that most undermine the integrity of scripture. We tend to *believe what we want to believe, because we want to believe what we believe*, and for no other reason.

Charles Spurgeon spoke much about the compromising of doctrine in his later days, which he called "**The Downgrade**", by the inclusion of worldly liberal thinking. It troubled him deeply, even affecting his health. His contemporary said:

"There would come a time when man would **remove all content from faith**" - *TH Huxley, 1890*

Spurgeon knew that it was a **slippery slope** that would **lead to compromise** throughout God's word, **even to the essentials of the faith**. Since his day it has only grown worse. Satan is a master at deception. I am quite certain that he has infiltrated every Godly institution and organization to some degree or another. He no doubt has seeds of false doctrine planted in even the godliest among us. We must be "*ever mindful*", always on guard. We must always "*test all things*" to God's word and "*hold fast*" to that which is true.

While these issues are not at the heart of the Gospel, directly aimed at the **essentials of the Christian faith**, they do have import. For you see, if one can call into question the very first pages of the Bible, how then can the remainder be taken seriously. A little compromise in thinking grows, in short order, into more serious conciliation. This is being witnessed in our present day, as churches begin a slow slide into serious concession. Genesis is foundational to all of Scripture. Once this foundation is compromised, it is generally not long until it begins to encroach on the essentials of our Faith.

Psalm 2:10 **Be wise now therefore**, O ye kings: be instructed, **ye judges of the earth**. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, *and* rejoice with trembling. 12 **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry**, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Escape from Reason - Schaeffer - Modern Think – Humanism – Relativism – Emotionalism – Experientialism - Agnosticism:

- “The new theologian has **lost the unique infinite-personal God of biblical revelation and of the Reformation**. Liberal theology of the current thinking has **only god-words as a substitute** ... [becoming] **semantic mysticism**” – *Francis Schaeffer*
- We have come then to this fearsome place where **the word “Jesus” has become the enemy of the Person Jesus** and the enemy of what Jesus taught. We must fear this **contentless banner** of the word “Jesus” not because we do not love Jesus but because we do love him.” – *Francis Schaeffer*
- ‘That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach.’ - *Aldous Huxley*
- **“Sit down before fact as a little child**, be prepared to **give up every preconceived notion**, follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses nature leads, or you shall learn nothing. I have only begun to learn content and peace of mind since I have resolved at all risks to do this.” - *TH Huxley*
- “The present-day problem is that **the word “god” is dead**” – *Paul van Buren*
- “I have come to the point where, when I hear the word “Jesus”—which means so much to me because of the Person of the historic Jesus and his work—I listen carefully because I have with sorrow become more afraid of the word “Jesus” than almost any other word in the modern world. The word is used as a contentless banner, and our generation is invited to follow it. But there is **no rational, scriptural content by which to test it**, and thus the word is being used to teach the very opposite things from those which Jesus taught.” - *Francis Schaeffer*

Evolutionary Mindset (*Science falsely so called*)

The **Cambrian explosion** was an event approximately 541 million years ago in the Cambrian period when most major animal phyla appeared in the fossil record. The Cambrian Period marks an important point in the history of life on Earth; it is the time when most of the major groups of animals first appear in the fossil record. It lasted for about 13 – 25 million years and resulted in the divergence of most modern metazoan phyla. Relative dating (A was before B) is often assumed sufficient for studying processes of evolution, but this, too, has been difficult, because of the problems involved in matching up rocks of the same age across different continents. Therefore, dates or descriptions of sequences of events should be regarded with some caution until better data becomes available. ... **Unconformity layer**. No fossils below ... filled with fossils above.

Animals appear suddenly and disappear suddenly as the same fully formed animal.

Dating - Together with stratigraphic principles, **radiometric dating** methods are used in geochronology to establish the geologic time scale. Among the best-known techniques are *radiocarbon dating*, *potassium–argon dating* and *uranium–lead dating*. By allowing the establishment of geological timescales, it provides a significant source of information about the ages of fossils and the deduced rates of evolutionary change. The decay rate is referring to radioactive decay, which is the process by which an unstable atomic nucleus loses energy by releasing radiation – neutrons. The radioactive decay constant, the probability that an atom will decay per year, is the solid foundation of the common measurement of radioactivity. The accuracy and precision of the determination of an age (and a nuclide's half-life) depends on the accuracy and precision of the decay constant measurement. ... **Radiometric dating methods** are based upon the **decay rate of certain elements**. In one method, for instance, the element **uranium-238 will break down into the element lead** over a period of many years. The element that breaks down (in this case, uranium-238) is called the parent element. The element that is formed (in this case, lead) is called the daughter element.

Dating Issues - Most people think that radioactive dating has proven the earth is billions of years old. Yet this view is based on a misunderstanding of how radiometric dating works. Scientists observe ***unstable atoms changing into stable atoms*** in the present. Scientists run into problems when they make assumptions about what happened in the unobserved past.

Lava flows that have occurred in the present have been tested soon after they erupted, and they invariably contained much **more argon-40 than expected**.

For example, when a sample of the lava in the **Mt. St. Helens** crater (that had been observed to form and cool in 1986) was analyzed in 1996, it contained so much argon-40 that it had a **calculated “age” of 350,000 years to 2.5 million years old!**

Similarly, lava flows on the sides of **Mt. Ngauruhoe**, New Zealand known to be less than 50 years old, **yielded “ages” of up to 3.5 million years**. Geologists have assumed these radioactive decay rates have been constant for billions of years.

The radioactive decay of uranium in tiny crystals in a **New Mexico granite** yields a **uranium-lead “age” of 1.5 billion years**. Yet the same uranium decay also produced **abundant helium, but only 6,000 years worth** of that helium was found to have leaked out of the tiny crystals.

This means that the uranium must have decayed very rapidly over the same 6,000 years that the helium was leaking. The rate of uranium decay must have been at least 250,000 times faster than today's measured rate!

Radioactive elements in rocks produce a lot of helium as they decay; and this gas quickly slips away into the atmosphere, especially when the rocks are hot. Yet radioactive rocks in the earth's crust contain a lot of helium. The only possible explanation: the helium hasn't had time to escape!

The assumptions on which the radioactive dating is based are not only unprovable but plagued with problems. However, this is an enormous extrapolation of seven orders of magnitude back through immense spans of unobserved time without any concrete proof that such an extrapolation is credible.

... **No study** has ever been performed where rocks dated with radiometric techniques that **agreed with the known age of a rock**.

The Column - The **geologic column** is a graphic representation of the layers of rock that make up the earth's crust. By compiling data from local areas, scientists have constructed a composite picture of the earth. Evolutionists would have us believe that this is also a picture of the 4.5 billion year history of the earth. Using a bit of **circular reasoning**, the geologic column is used as support for biologic evolution, which is then sometimes used to confirm the order of the layers in the geologic column. The use of

radiometric dating is also applied to the layers of the geologic record to establish the absolute ages of the layers and the billions of years indicated by the rock layers. In order for life to have evolved, the earth must be extremely old, so the assumption of long ages is applied to the geologic record to support the evolutionary philosophy.

Biblical Epochs of Time – Unique eras according to Scripture:

1. **Creation** – God creating everything out of nothing
2. **Edenian** – Perfect sinless Earth, no rain, a mist, no death
 - *The Fall* – Sin enter the world; world was cursed, garden closed
3. **Ante-diluvium** – After the fall, Before the flood, no rain, long lifespan
 - *The Flood* – Noah, Catastrophic destruction
4. **Post-flood** – Waters receding, animals and plants repopulating, tectonic plates moving, mountains rising, streams and rivers forming, warm oceans lead to ice age; life spans rapidly decrease
 - *The Nations* – Babel, Languages and dispersion of man
5. **Modern** – Current era, slow, gradual change, **we err by trying to interpret the past based on the Modern Era observation of slow gradual change**

From the biblical creationist perspective, there are several events that must be considered when interpreting the evidence of the earth's history recorded in the rocks. Just as evolutionists assume that the earth began as a random, molten mass, biblical creationists assume that the earth began with supernatural acts of God—forming the original rocks and layers. These **layers and rocks were then catastrophically rearranged** and redeposited during the **Genesis Flood**. As the waters covered the earth, and later flowed off the continents as the mountains rose, the major erosional features, like Grand Canyon and Uluru, were carved out. Modern examples of canyon formation and rapid erosion provide models to explain how many formations can be described by the Flood and its aftereffects—and all within a few thousand years.

The real difference comes down to **interpreting the evidence based on man's understanding of billions of years, or using the Word of God as a starting point**. There is no disputing the facts of the geologic record, but the facts don't speak for themselves. They must be interpreted!

There is no place on earth where we can find every rock layer in a continuous sequence. The geologic column presented in textbooks is a composite of many smaller columns that can be identified from direct observation. However, the presence of a general order in the rock record is undeniable. Questions about the nature of the geologic column ultimately center on the origin of the rock record. Those who start with a biblical view see the layers as evidence supporting the Creation Week and the global

Flood described in Genesis (Genesis 1–2 and 6–9 respectively). Those who reject the clear teaching of the Bible interpret the rock record as a 4.5 billion year history of the earth.

The **standard geologic column** was constructed by combining **descriptions of local areas to form a composite record**. By 1885 the finer divisions of the column had been identified based on the principles established by Steno, Smith, and Lyell. These ideas were also beginning to impact the study of biology, and Lyell's long-age ideas played a major role in Darwin's development of the theory of biological evolution over vast geologic eras. **Granite – (Cambrian Explosion) Sandstone – Shale – Limestone.**

Index fossils – Key fossils played an important role in the development of the geologic column. The idea that life became increasingly complex over time, whether by some evolutionary force or continuous creation by God, was used to analyze the fossils in the rock layers. It was assumed that by identifying the order of fossil succession, the layers could be correlated from one region to the next. Index fossils are still one of the major indicators of the age of a given layer. Shelled creatures such as ammonites and mollusks are the most commonly used index fossils.

Some of the **index fossils** which geologists use to date bygone eras have been found still alive today. Consider, for example, the **coelacanth**, an **index fossil** which was thought to have gone extinct 70 million years ago.

The first **living coelacanth** was caught in **1938** deep in the Indian Ocean, northwest of Madagascar. Since then, rewards have been offered for coelacanths, so hundreds have been caught and sold. Before 1938, evolutionists dated any rock containing a coelacanth fossil as at least 70 million years old.

“...The coelacanth was a member of a very ancient class of fishes which was supposed to have disappeared some 70 million years ago. This great group of fishes, call crossopterygians, flourished during that decisive era in the history of the earth - **when the fish, taking on legs and lungs, went forth to conquer the continents**” - Jacques Millot

Yet, they still have not developed legs or lungs after a supposed 70 million years!

Global Stack – The **global ‘stack’** of index fossils **exists nowhere on earth**, and most index fossils do not usually overlie each other at the same locality.

Flood Geology – Creationists have shown that the geological column presents no problem to **Flood geology**.

Grand Canyon – We observe **Flat-line Strata** over vast areas with **no erosion** between the layers; they would have to have been laid down in minutes or seconds, not thousands of years. We see the **power of moving water** on a colossal scale. Canyon is evidence of the release of trapped lakes after the flood.

Bone Beds – Bone beds around the world are filled with all the animals that were supposed to have formed gradually over millions of years all buried together. It requires special circumstances for a bone to fossilize. These beds are sorted from small bones down to large bones. Clear evidence of rapid water burial. The **fossil record** is a **graveyard**, not the **evolution of life**. We see the footprints then the buried animal. It is evidence of **rapid deposition**.

Geologic Timescale – The **geologic timescale** we know today was not added to the column until after the development of radiometric dating techniques. **Lyell and others had promoted the idea of millions of years of geologic history, but dates were not assigned to given layers until much later**. (Darwin based his theory on Lyell's assumptions) Working on the assumptions of naturalism and uniformitarianism, the rock record was interpreted from these starting points. **By the time radiometric dating techniques were implemented, the idea of millions of years of earth history had already become an established scientific "fact."** Using uniformitarian assumptions, the radiometric dating techniques are put forward as support for the timescale of the standard geologic column.

As ideas on the formation and age of the earth changed, the **ages assigned** to the layers of the geologic column **changed** along with them. Different radiometric dating techniques have been developed to date the rocks, and thus the fossils in adjacent layers, but the use of **index fossils is still the primary method of identifying and describing the strata** in the rock record. *If the ages determined for a fossil do not fit the presuppositions, the **ages are often massaged** until they fit within evolutionary thinking.* Far from being independent from geological uniformitarianism, **biological evolution is supported by the ages and the ages are supported by the fossils** and their supposed evolution. The **dating game** played by anthropologists to make the fossils fit the expected dates is as unscientific and subjective as you could imagine.

Scientists use the **theory of evolution to interpret the fossil record**. They **then turn around and use our interpretations of the fossil record as evidence for the theory of evolution**.

“And this poses something of a problem: **If we date the rocks by the fossils, how can we then turn around and talk about the patterns of evolutionary change through time in the fossil record?**” - *Niles Eldridge*

“...Geologists are here **arguing in a circle**. The **succession of organisms** has been determined by a study of their remains embedded in the rocks, and the **relative ages of the rocks are determined by the remains of organisms** that they contain.” - *R. H. Rastall*

“The intelligent layman has long suspected **circular reasoning** in the use of **rocks to date fossils and fossils to date rocks**. The geologist has never bothered to think of a good reply, feeling that explanations are not worth the trouble as long as the work brings results. This is supposed to be hard-headed pragmatism.” - *J. E. O'Rourke, American Journal of Science*

A sea creature, called an **ammonite**, was discovered near Redding, California, accompanied by fossilized wood. Both fossils are claimed by strata dating to be 112–120 million years old but yielded radiocarbon ages of only thousands of years.

Hoofing It –

- In **Uzbekistan**, 86 consecutive **hoof prints of horses** were found in rocks dating back to the dinosaurs.
- Hoof prints of some other animal are alongside 1,000 dinosaur footprints in **Virginia**.
- A leading authority on the **Grand Canyon** published photographs of horse-like hoof prints visible in rocks that, according to the theory of evolution, predate hoofed animals by more than 100 million years.
- **Dinosaur and humanlike footprints** were found together in **Turkmenistan and Arizona**.

Sometimes, land animals, flying animals, and marine animals are fossilized side-by-side in the same rock. Dinosaur, whale, elephant, horse, and other fossils, plus crude human tools, have reportedly been found in phosphate beds in South Carolina. Coal beds contain round, black lumps called coal balls, some of which contain flowering plants that allegedly evolved 100 million years after the coal bed was formed. In the **Grand Canyon, in Venezuela, in Kashmir, and in Guyana**, spores of ferns and pollen from flowering plants are found in Cambrian rocks—rocks supposedly deposited before flowering plants evolved. Pollen has also been found in Precambrian rocks deposited before life allegedly evolved.” (Walt Brown, *In the Beginning*, 7th edition., 2001, p. 11)

Radiometric dates must agree with the geological column, or the radiometric dates are assumed wrong (or reinterpreted) for various reasons. As a result of this **circular reasoning**, there are countless problems in radiometric dating.

Escaping from God - The World pushes the idea of millions and billions of years of tortured creation and evolution. It is in movies, books, textbooks, news, schools ... even churches.

My intent is to gather a body of evidence that refutes the notion of evolution, old-age earth frameworks, and that there was no global flood. It turns out that there is, indeed, a noteworthy body of **evidence that corroborates a plain, straightforward reading of Genesis**.

“I believe the Bible from cover to cover! I don’t understand it all, but I believe it all.” – *Franklin Graham*