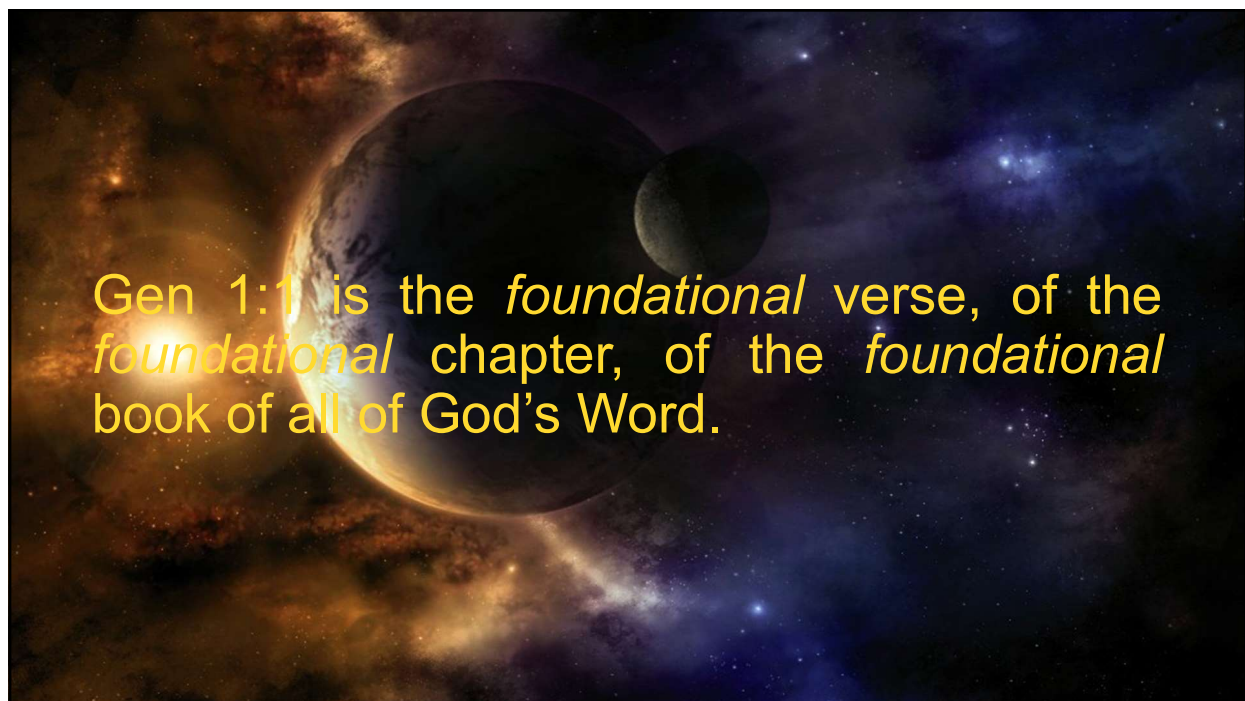
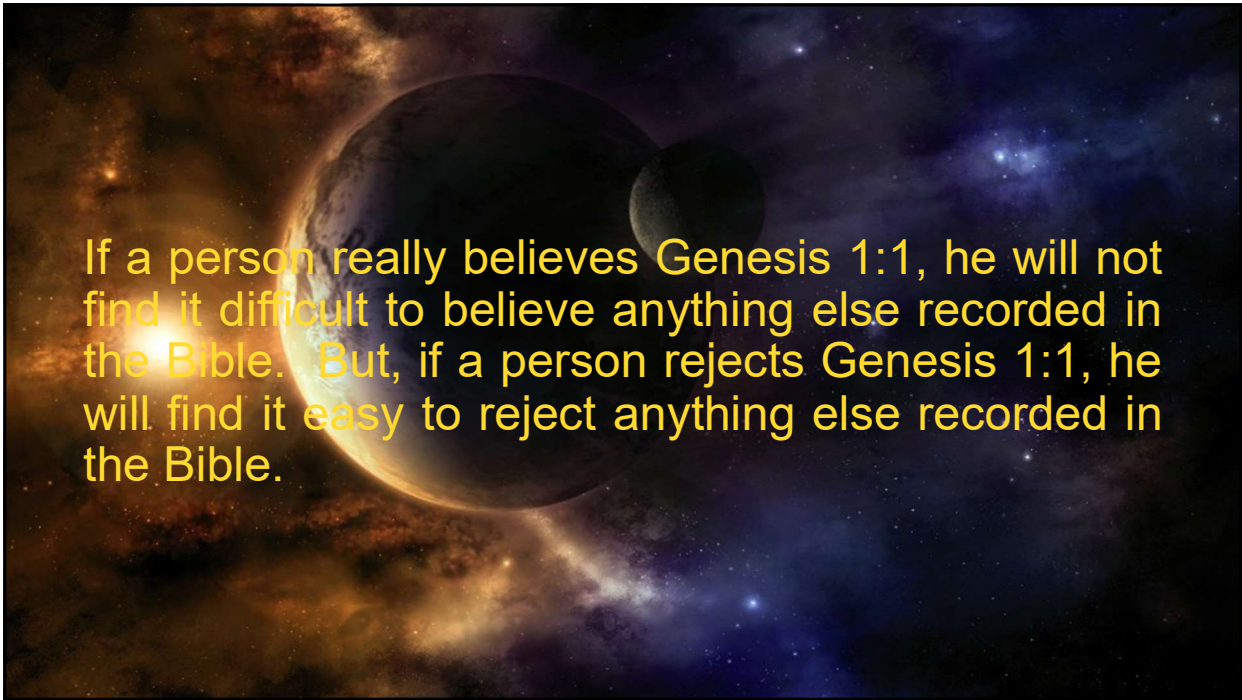




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If a person really believes Genesis 1:1, he will not find it difficult to believe anything else recorded in the Bible. But, if a person rejects Genesis 1:1, he will find it easy to reject anything else recorded in the Bible.

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In the beginning ... God

"It is remarkable that, when there have been so many anti-theistic philosophies (ancient and modern) affecting untold millions of people, the book of God makes no attempt to prove that God exists. The opening verse of Genesis simply takes this fact for granted, as though it were so obvious that only a fool could say 'there is no God' (Ps 14:1)." Henry Morris



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In the beginning, God create the heavens and the earth

- “In the beginning” – time
- “the heavens” – space
 - “earth” – matter

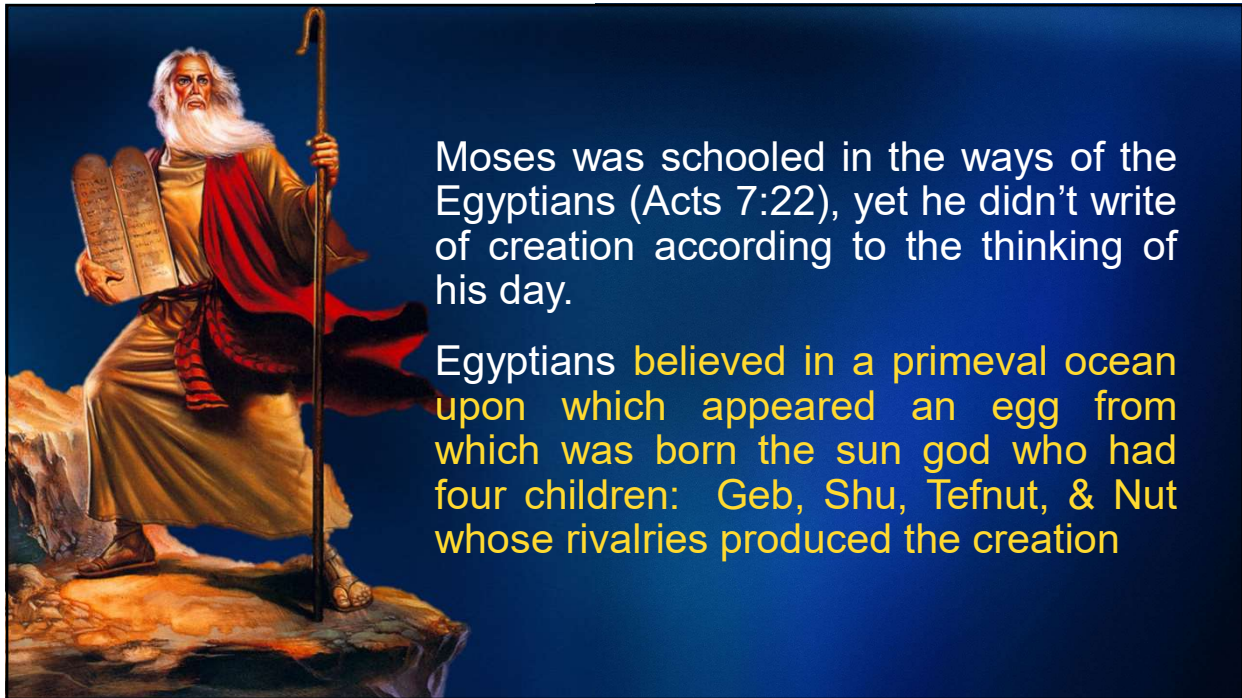
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Creation bears God’s “triune signature”

- **Time:** past, present, future
- **Space:** height, width, depth
- **Matter:** protons, neutrons, electrons
(found in three states: solid, liquid, gas)

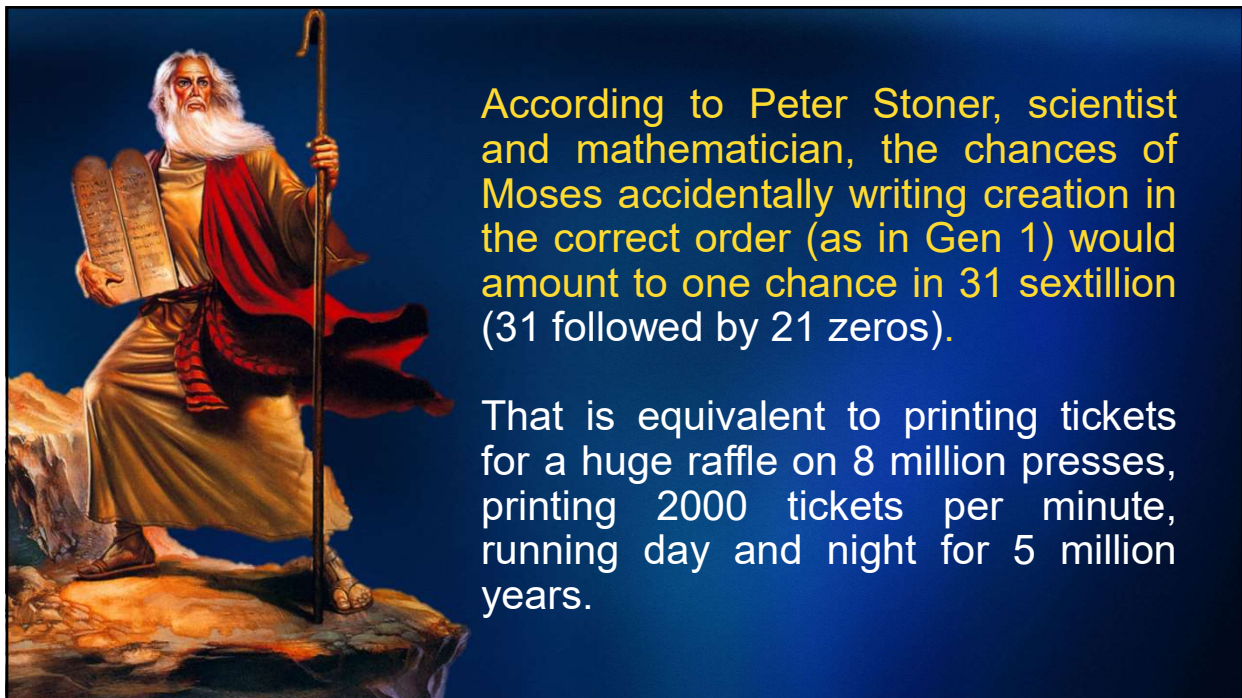
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Moses was schooled in the ways of the Egyptians (Acts 7:22), yet he didn't write of creation according to the thinking of his day.

Egyptians believed in a primeval ocean upon which appeared an egg from which was born the sun god who had four children: Geb, Shu, Tefnut, & Nut whose rivalries produced the creation

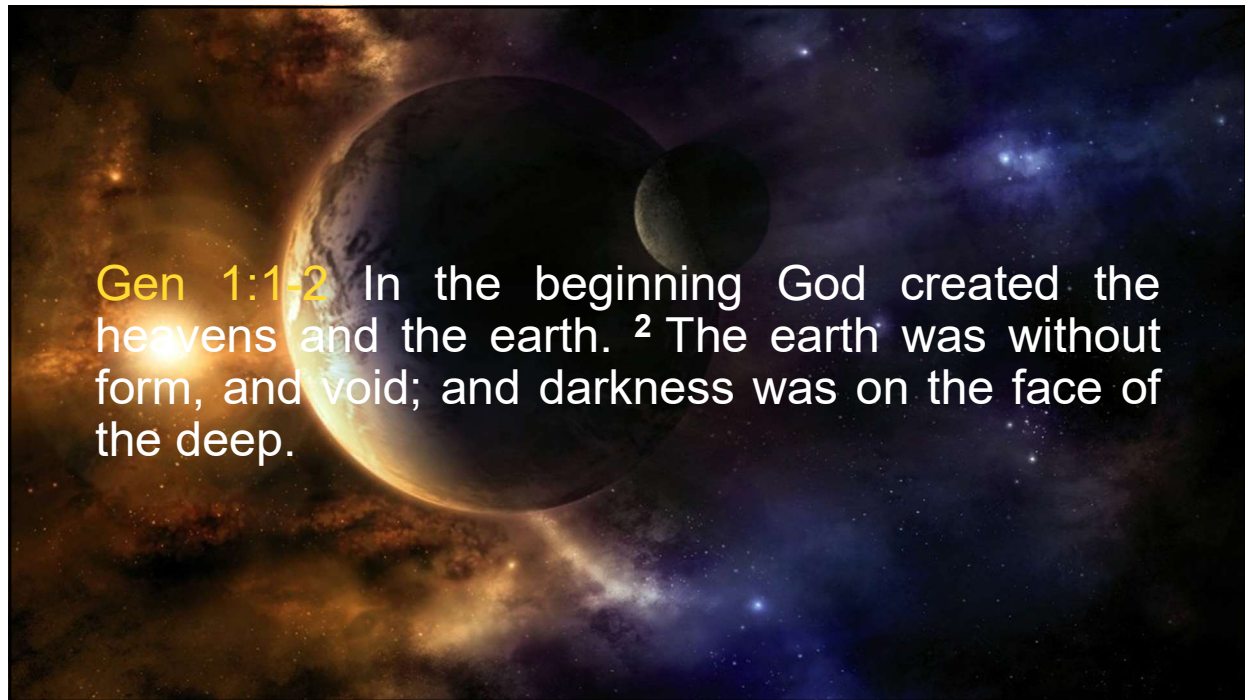
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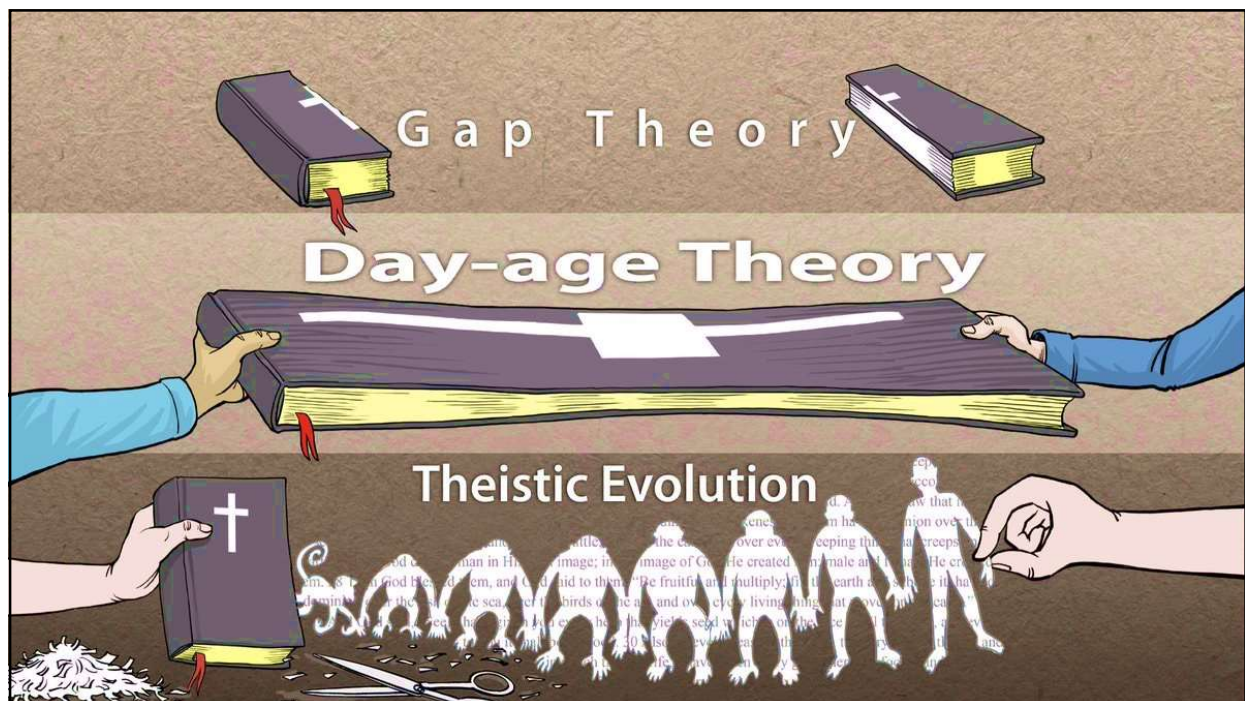
According to Peter Stoner, scientist and mathematician, the chances of Moses accidentally writing creation in the correct order (as in Gen 1) would amount to one chance in 31 sextillion (31 followed by 21 zeros).

That is equivalent to printing tickets for a huge raffle on 8 million presses, printing 2000 tickets per minute, running day and night for 5 million years.

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Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The GAP?

Billions of years?
Lucifer's Flood?

Genesis 1:2
And the earth ~~was~~^{became} without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.


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The Gap Theory

Also known as the "ruin-and-reconstruction theory" and the "pre-Adamic cataclysm theory," envisions a world before Gen 1:2 that experienced a great cataclysm (Satan's Flood) and that had to be recreated in Gen 1:2 with a great "gap" of millions of years.

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The Gap Theory

The primary purpose of the Gap Theory is to attempt to harmonize Scripture with modern scientific theories.

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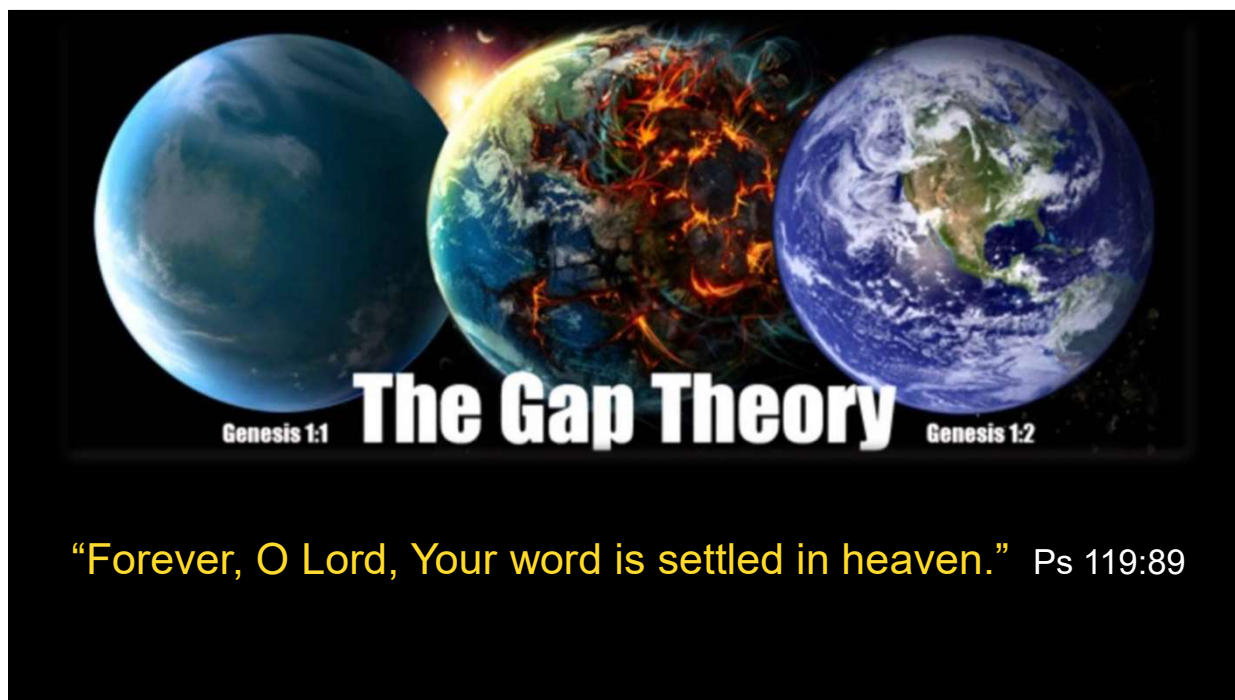


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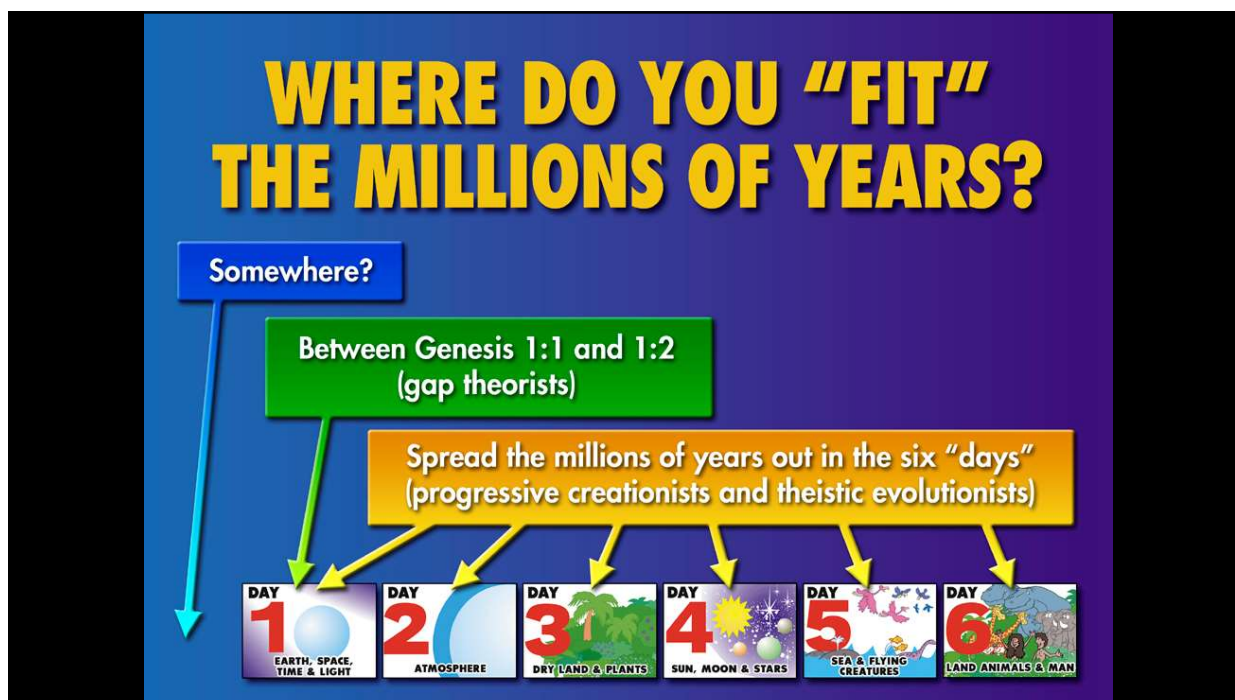
The Gap Theory

Five-Year Half Life “law” of science: in five years, half of what is now “known” to be fact will be proved false and will be replaced by new theory.

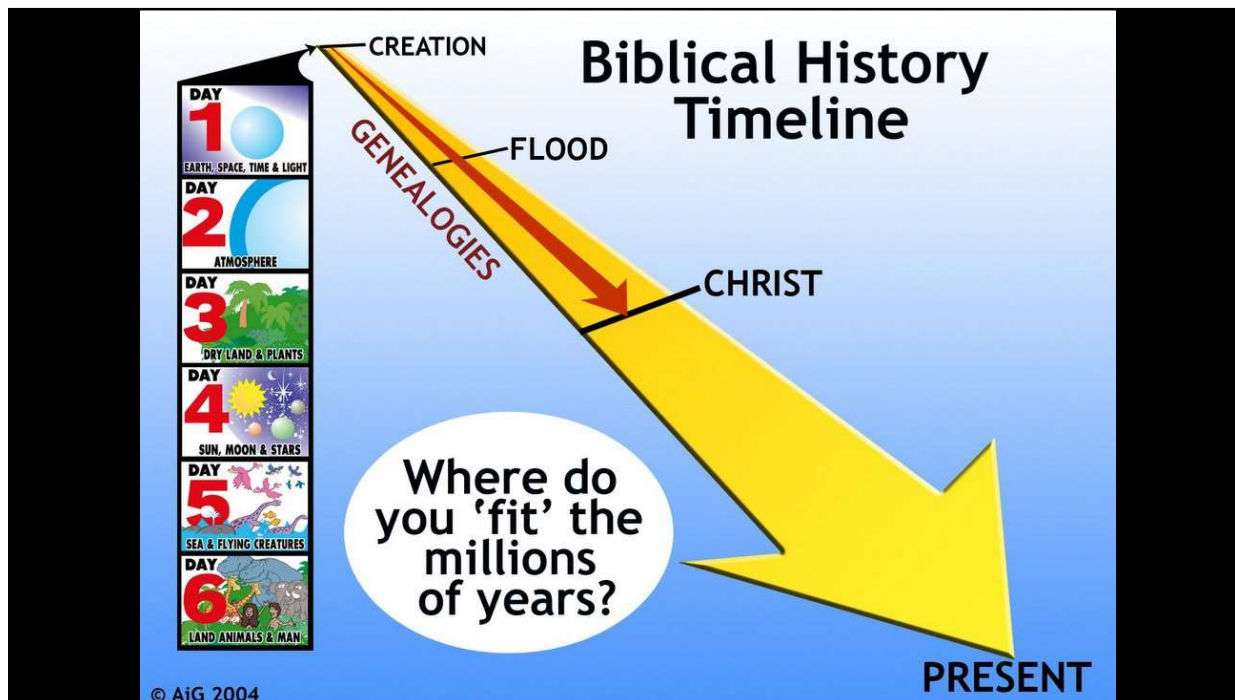
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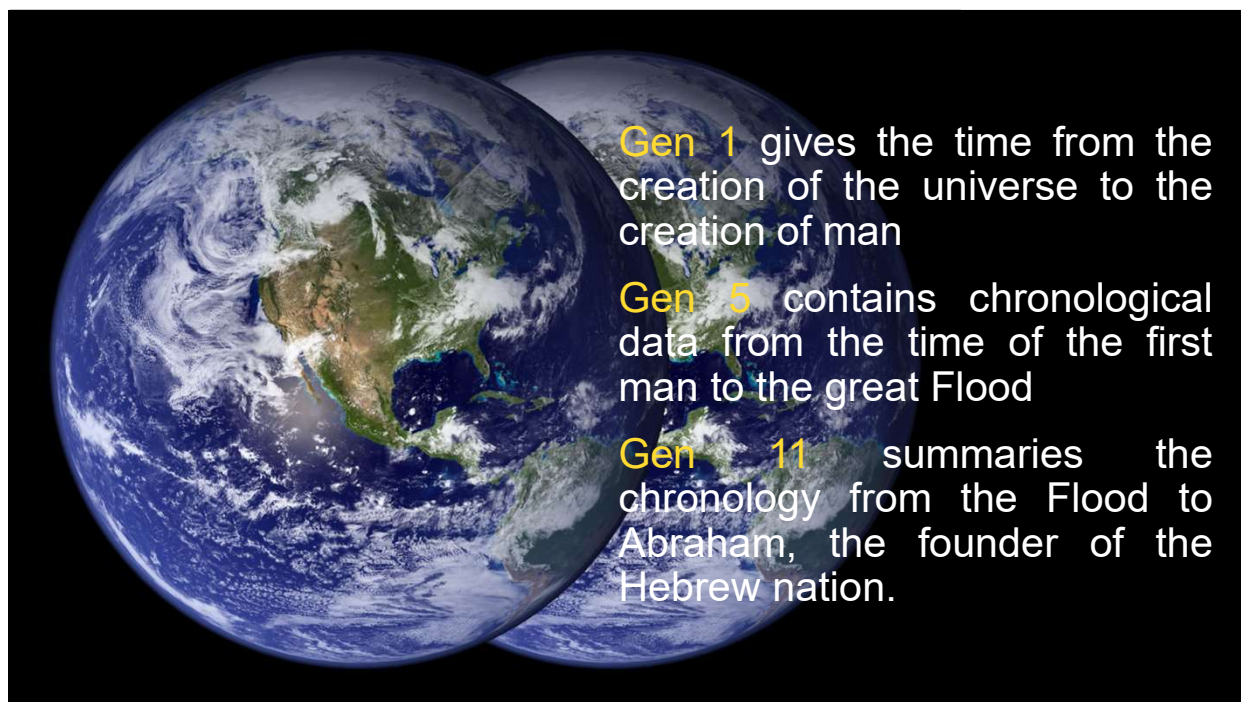
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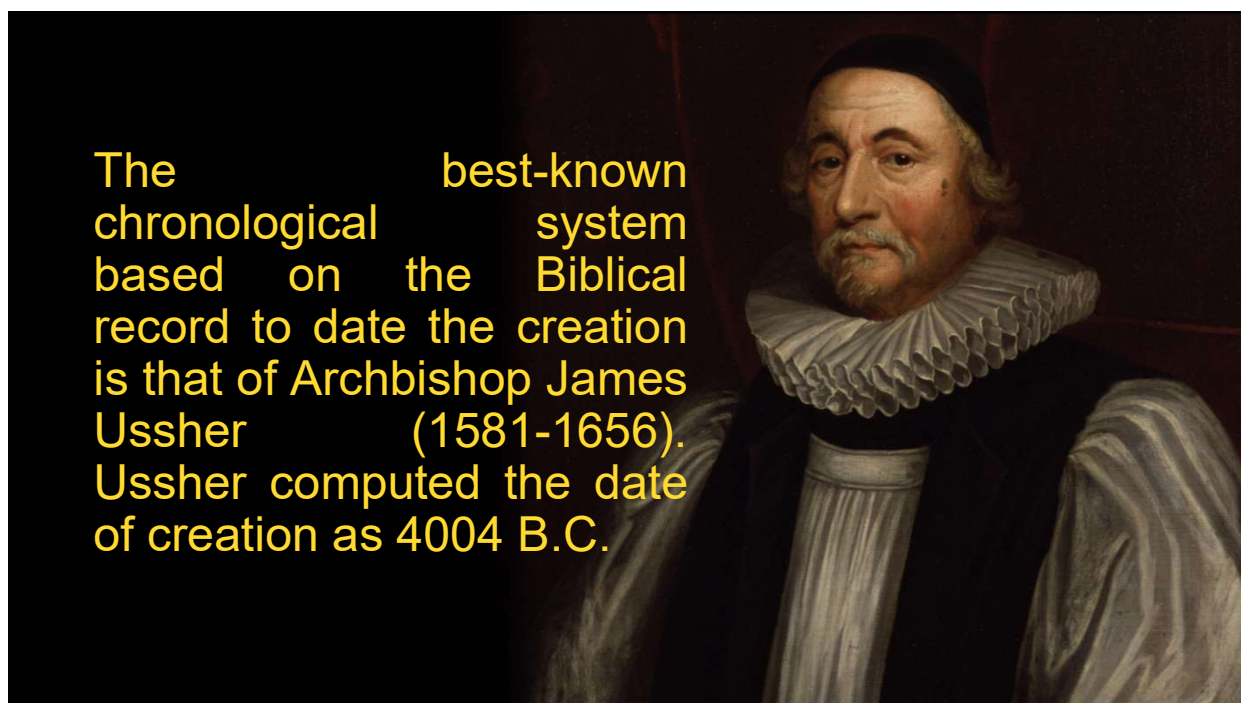
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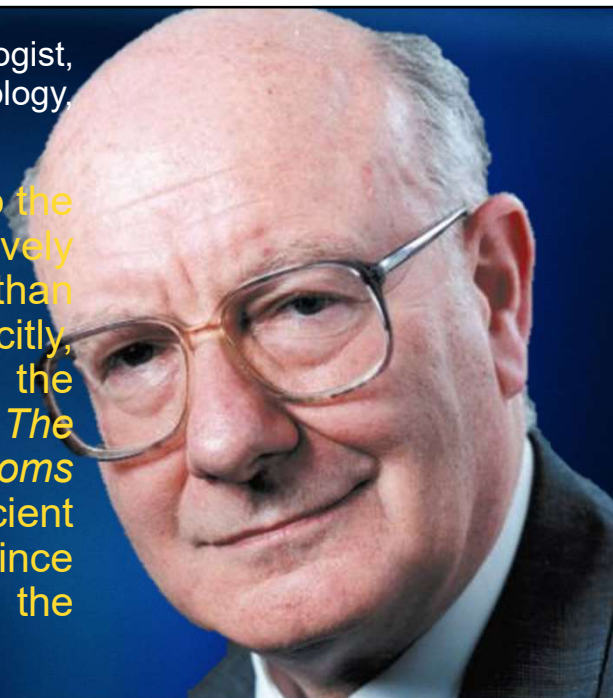
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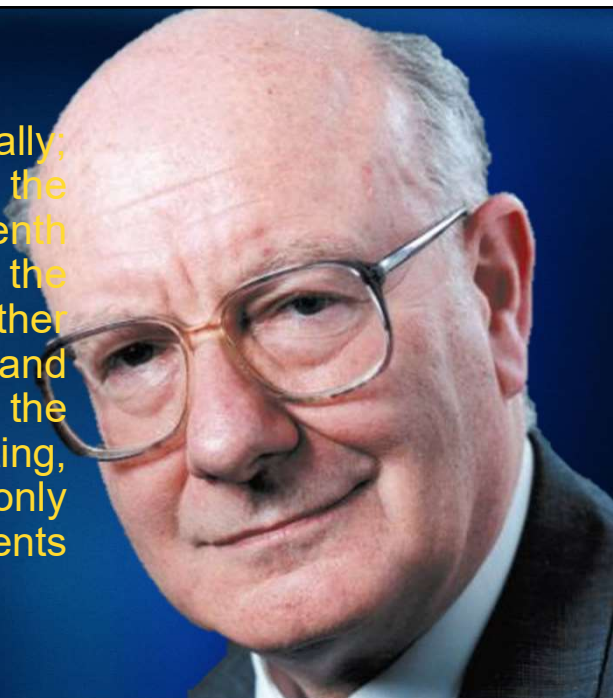
Colin Renfrew, British archaeologist, paleolinguist, Professor of Archaeology, University of Cambridge:

“Nor was this belief restricted to the credulous or the excessively devout. No less a thinker than Isaac Newton accepted it implicitly, and in his detailed study of the whole question of dating, *The Chronology of Ancient Kingdoms Amended*, took the ancient Egyptians severely to task, since they had set the origins of the monarchy before 5000 B.C. ...

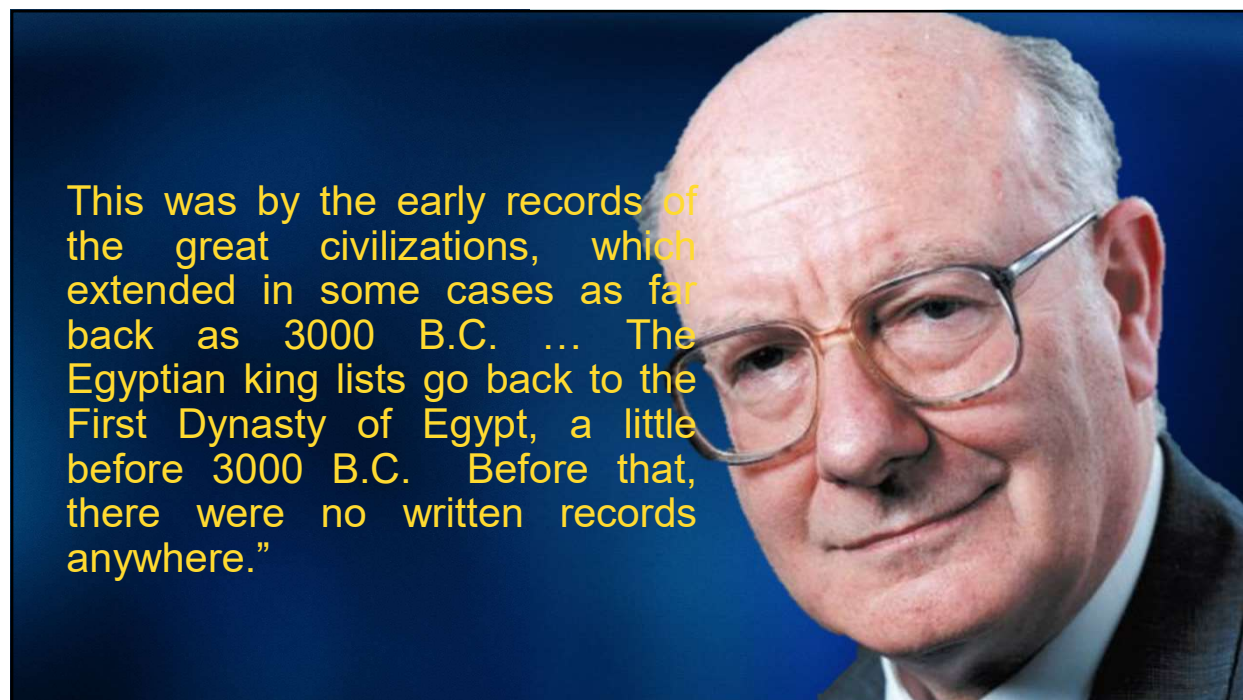


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This criticism was meant literally; for an educated man in the seventeenth or even eighteenth century, any suggestion that the human past extended back further than 6000 years was a vain and foolish speculation. ... Until the discovery of radiocarbon dating, therefore, there was really only one reliable way of dating events in European prehistory. ...



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In addition to Ussher's date of 4004 B.C.:

Jewish tradition – 3760 B.C.

Septuagint (Greek translation of O.T.) – 5270 B.C.

Josephus (Jewish historian) – 5555 B.C.

Johannes Kepler (astronomer/mathematician) – 3993 B.C.

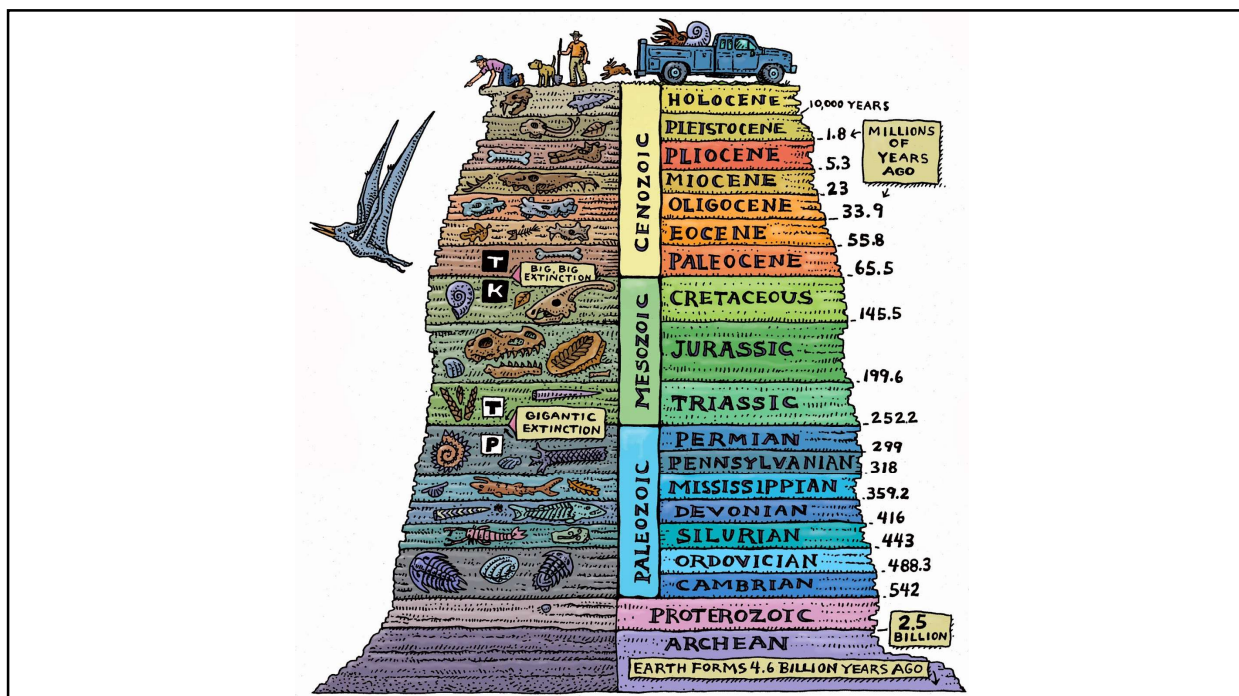
Martin Luther (the great reformer) – 3961 B.C.

John Lightfoot (Hebrew scholar) – 3960 B.C.

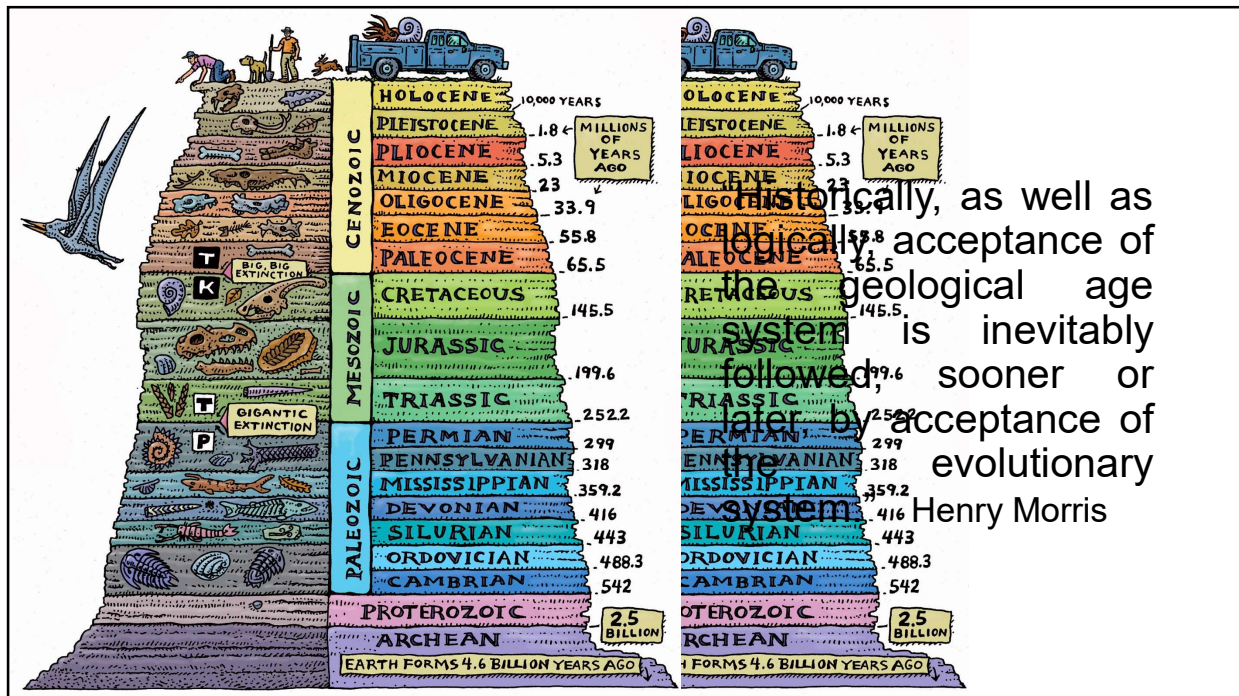
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“[Gaps in the creation account] cannot be stretched sufficiently to accommodate modern evolutionary chronology, which places the origin of modern man at about 3,000,000 B.C., rather than 4000 B.C. At the outside, it would seem impossible to insert gaps totaling more than about five thousand years in these chapters without rendering the record irrelevant and absurd. Consequently, the Bible will not support a date for the creation of man earlier than about 10,000 B.C. ... the account of earth history as recorded in Genesis fixes the creation of the universe at several thousand, rather than several billion years ago.” Henry Morris

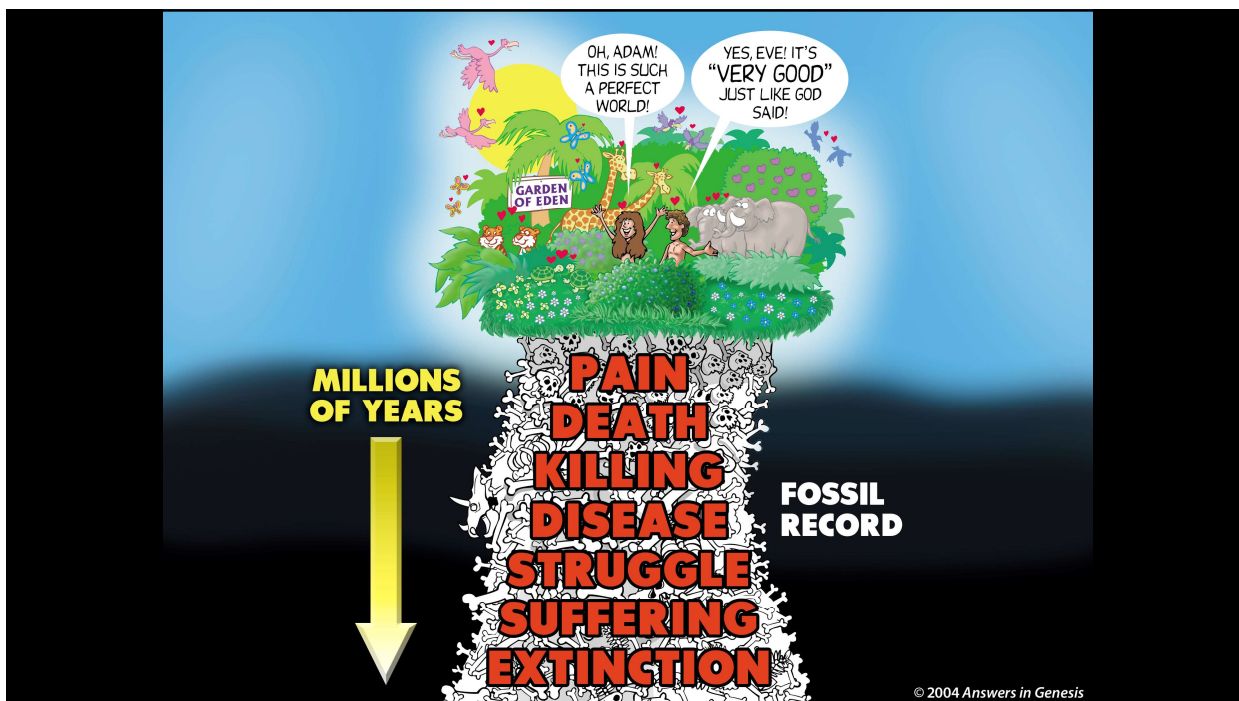
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Millions of Years

GARDEN OF EDEN

OH, ADAM! THIS IS SUCH A PERFECT WORLD!

YES, EVE! IT'S "VERY GOOD" JUST LIKE GOD SAID!

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**PAIN
DEATH
DISEASE
STRUGGLE
SUFFERING
EXTINCTION**

Fossil Record

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This lies in the face of Scripture:

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

1 Cor 15:21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

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Interestingly, each verse of Gen 1 begins with the word Hebrew word *waw* which is the equivalent of our conjunction *and*. This means that each verse is sequentially and chronologically connected to the verse(s) before and after. Each action follows directly upon the action described in the verse preceding it.

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Gen 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

- Gap theorists believe that *was* should be translated *became*.
- They also believe that *without form and void* should be translated *ruined and desolate*.

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Is 45:18 For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited:

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Gap theorists point to the phrase “and darkness was on the face of the deep” as another support to their theory; claiming that God would not have made a world of darkness.

He didn't!

The initial creation was not complete – yet. This is a sequential explanation by Moses of how God created all that now exists. The initial form does not fully reflect the finished form. (potter and clay)

Light had not been spoken into the physical universe as yet. That won't take place until verse 3.

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Prov 8:23-29 I [wisdom] have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; ²⁶ While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primal dust of the world. ²⁷ When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ When He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth,

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