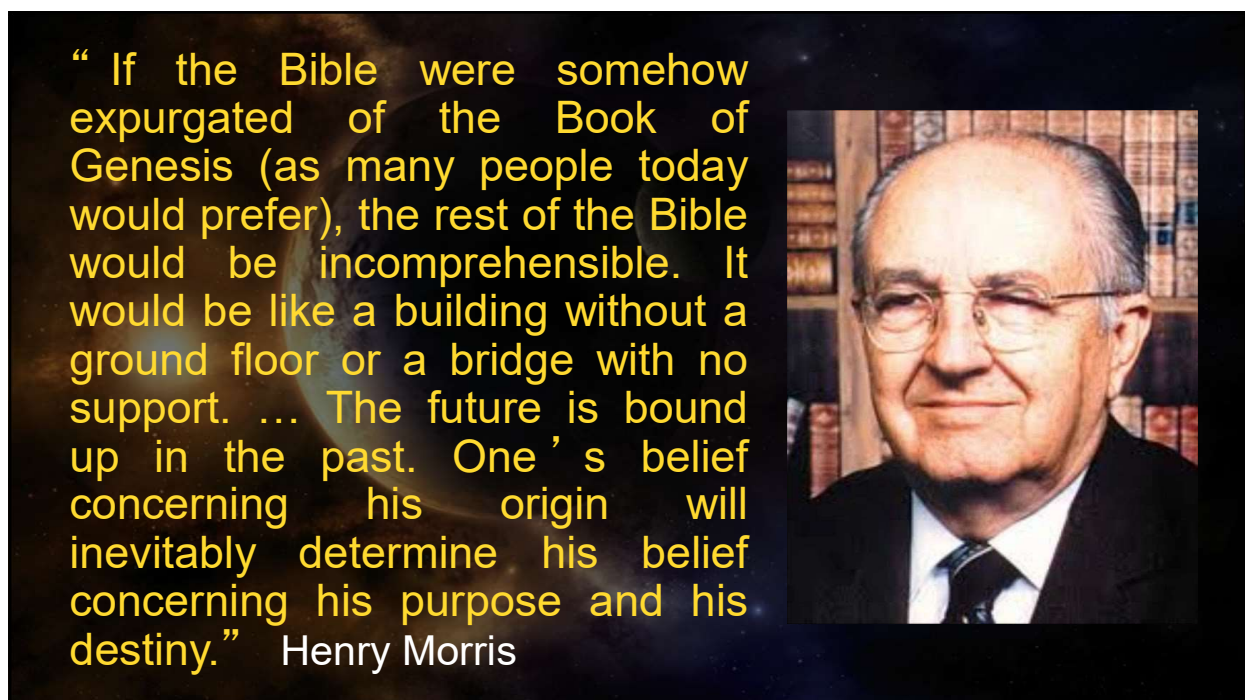
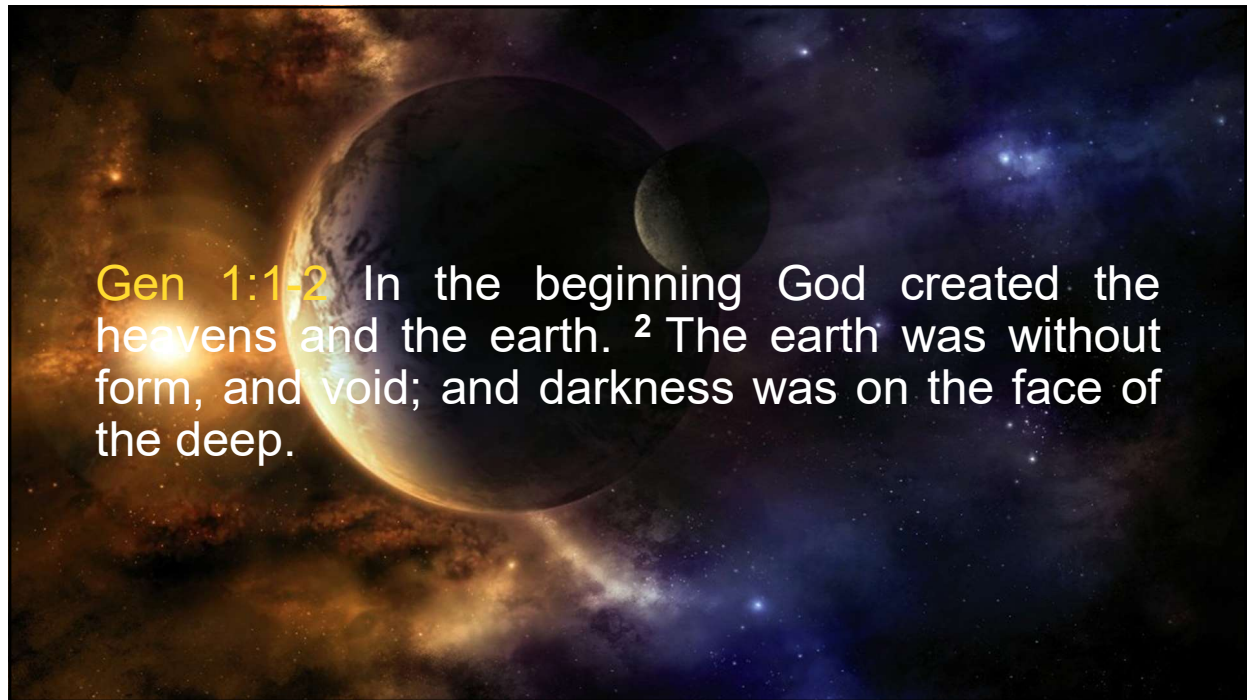




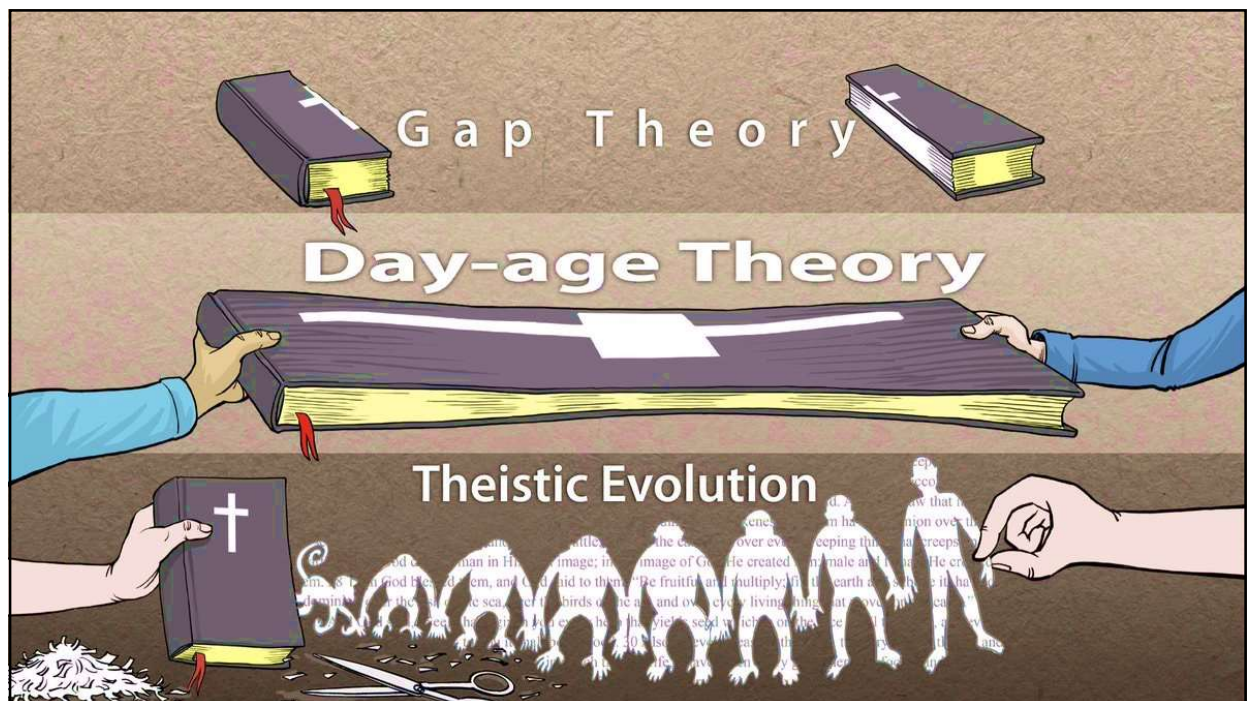
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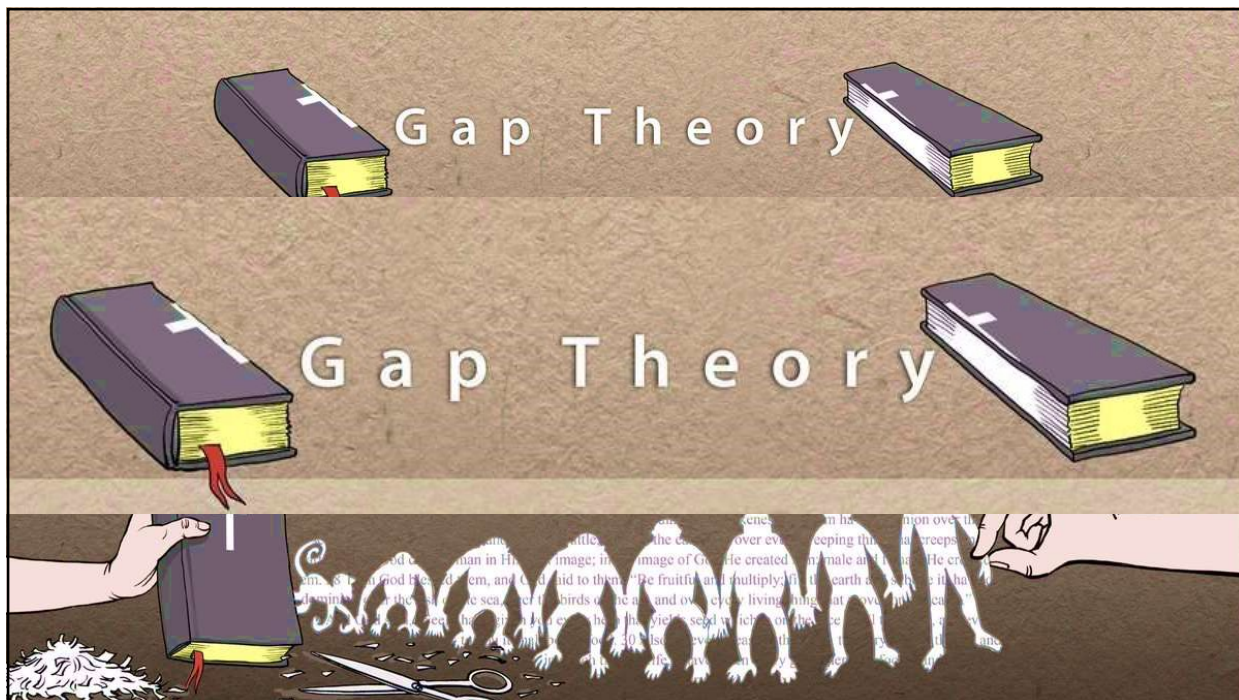


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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

**The GAP?**

Billions of years?  
Lucifer's Flood?

**Genesis 1:2**  
And the earth ~~was~~ <sup>become</sup> 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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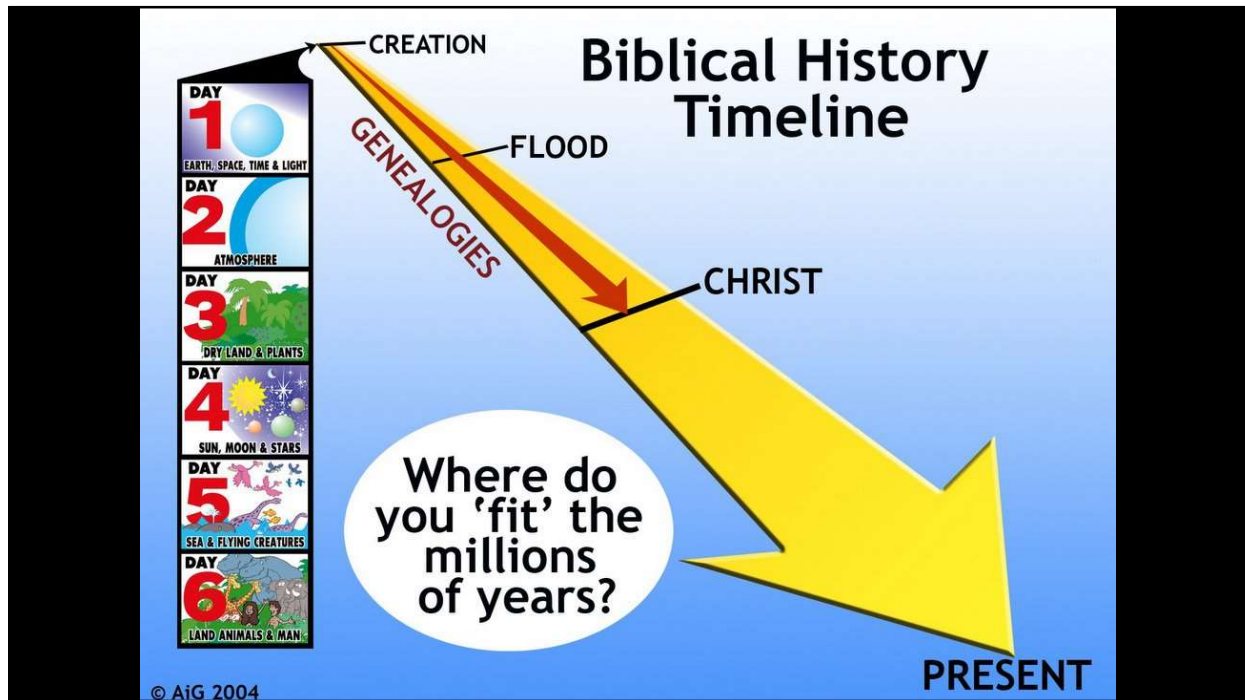
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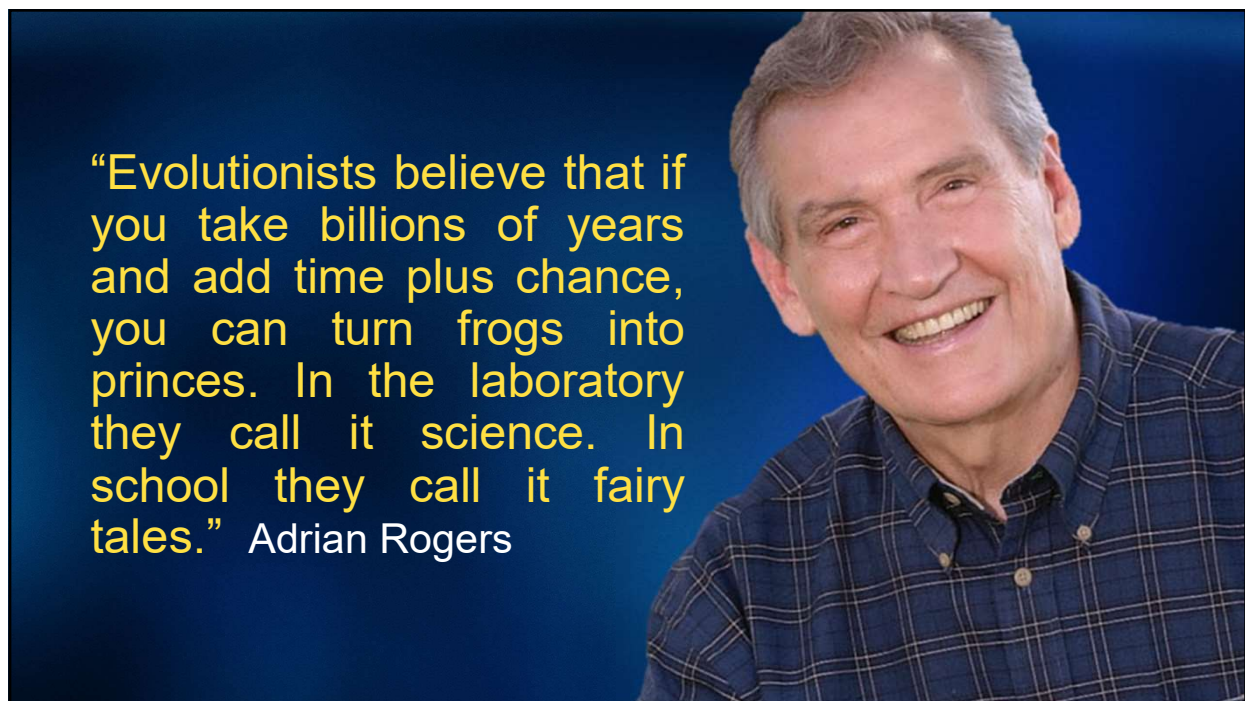
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# So, how old is the earth anyway?



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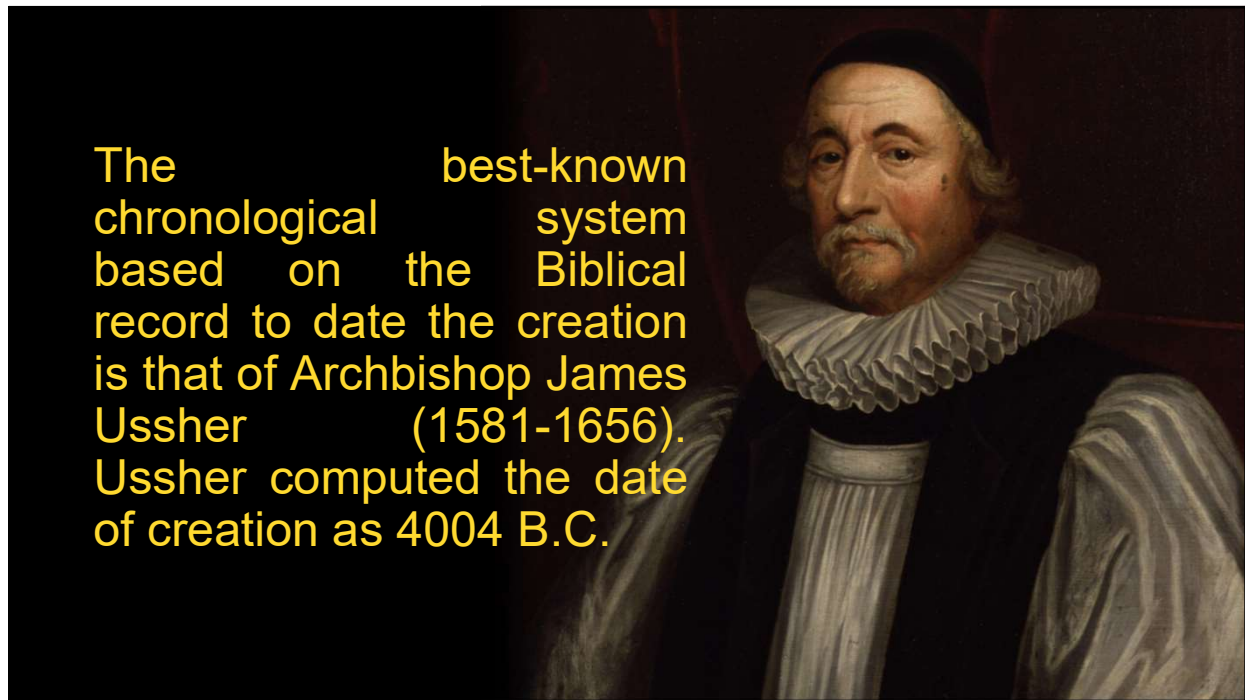
**Gen 1** gives the time from the creation of the universe to the creation of man

**Gen 5** contains chronological data from the time of the first man to the great Flood

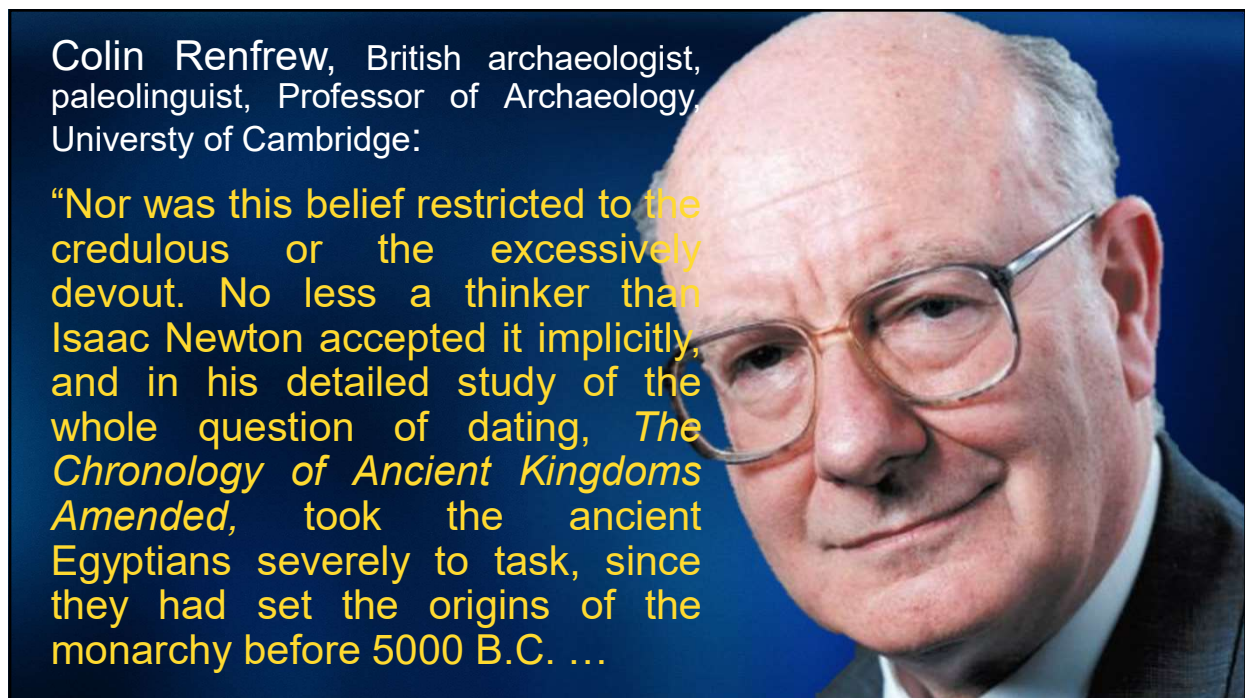
**Gen 11** summaries the chronology from the Flood to Abraham, the founder of the Hebrew nation.



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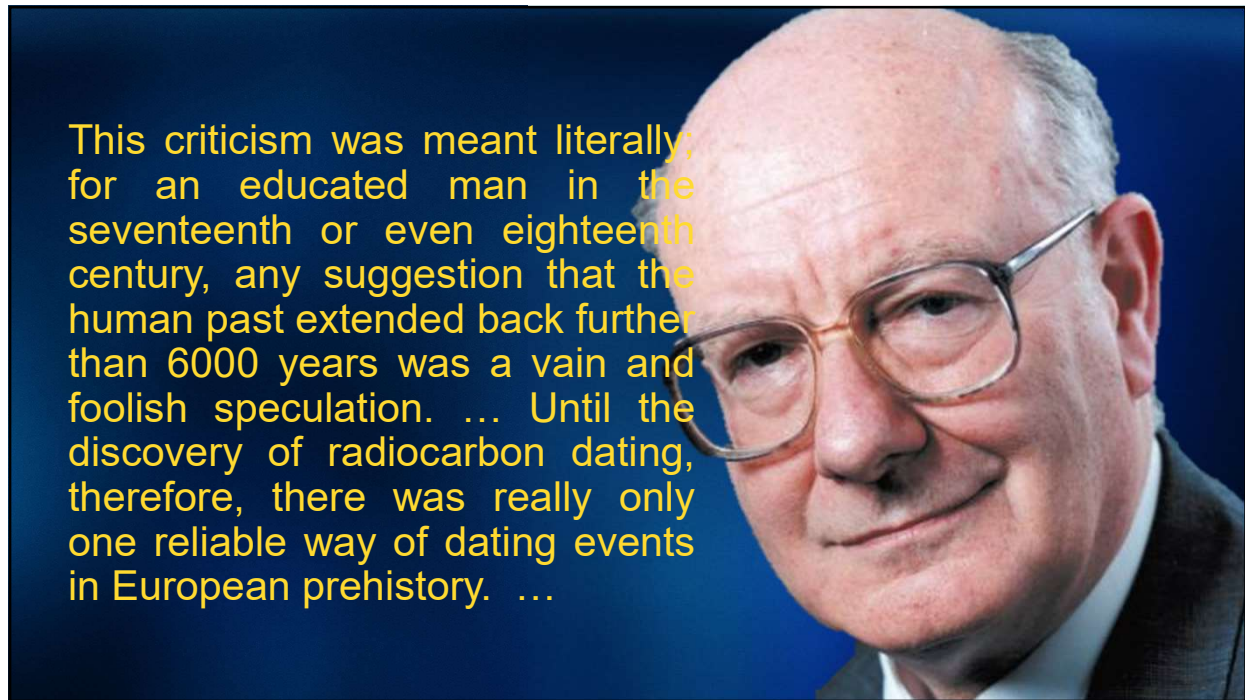


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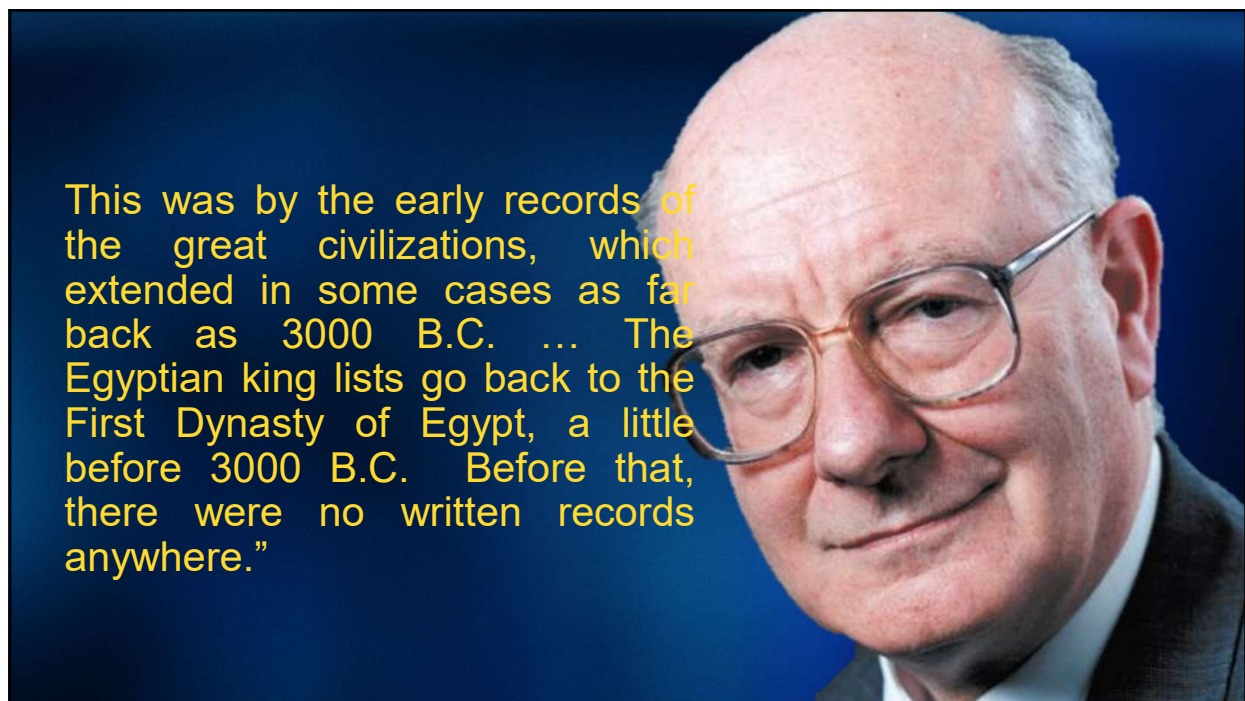


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## In addition to Ussher's date of 4004 B.C.:

**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.

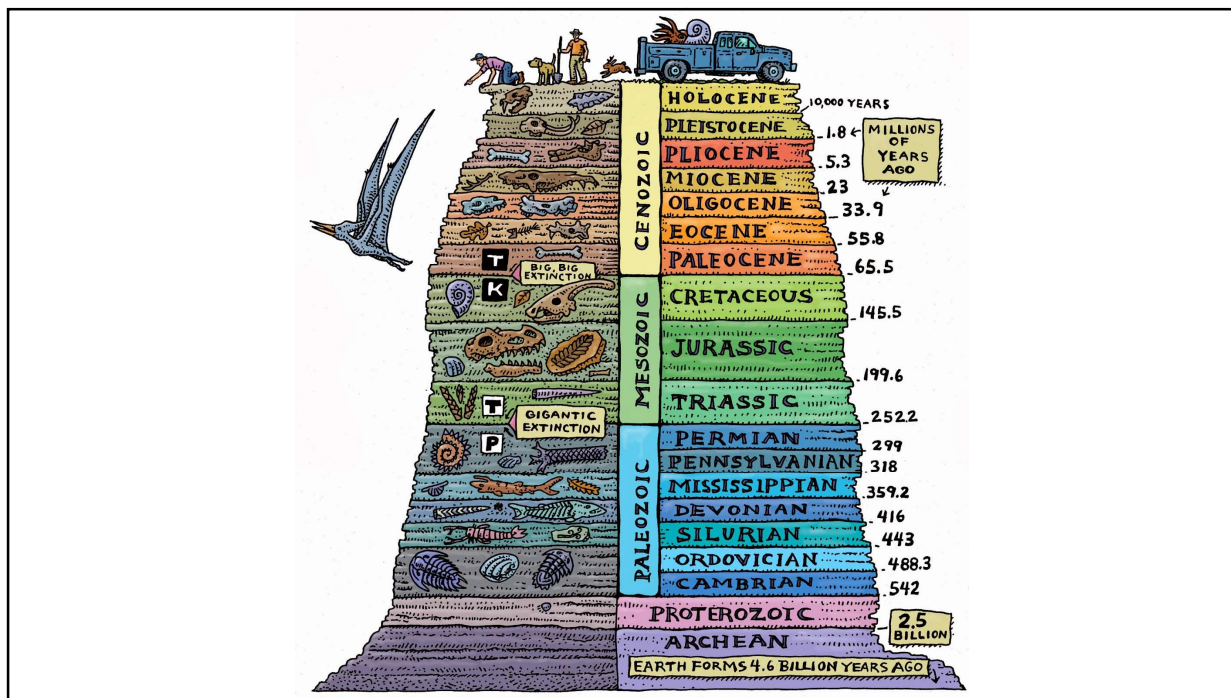
**Martin Luther** (the great reformer) – 3961 B.C.

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

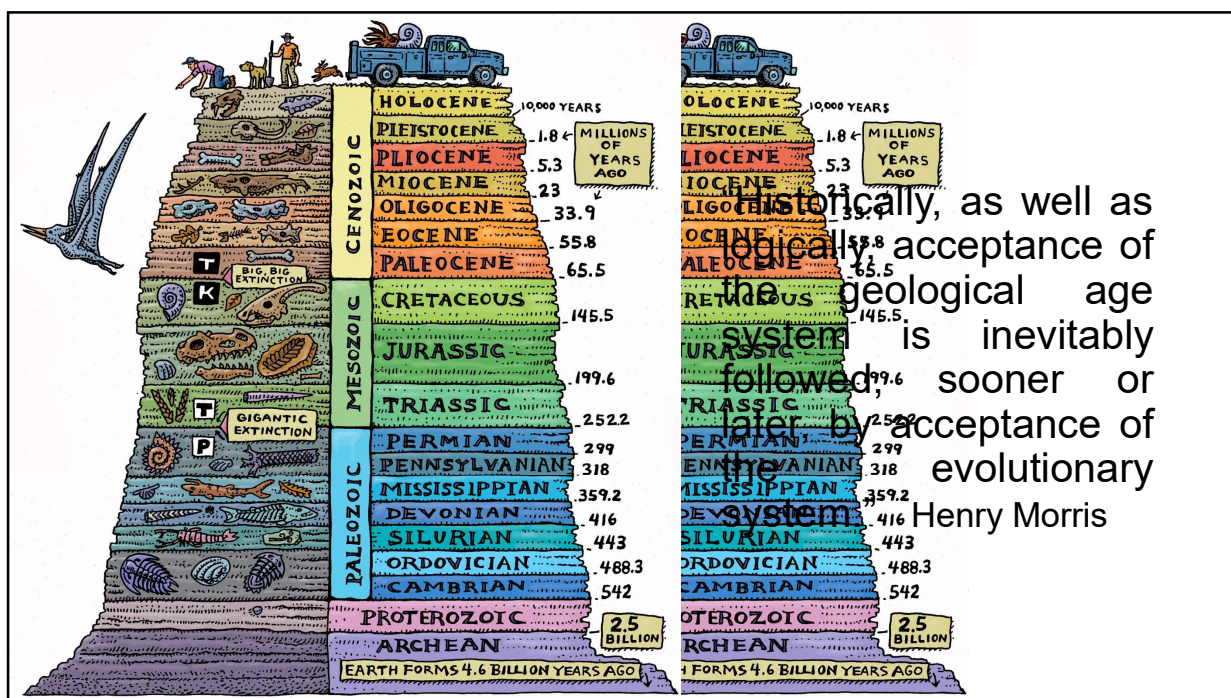
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“[Gaps in the creation account] cannot be stretched sufficiently to accommodate modern evolutionary chronology, which places the origin of modern man at about 3,000,000 B.C., rather than 4000 B.C. At the outside, it would seem impossible to insert 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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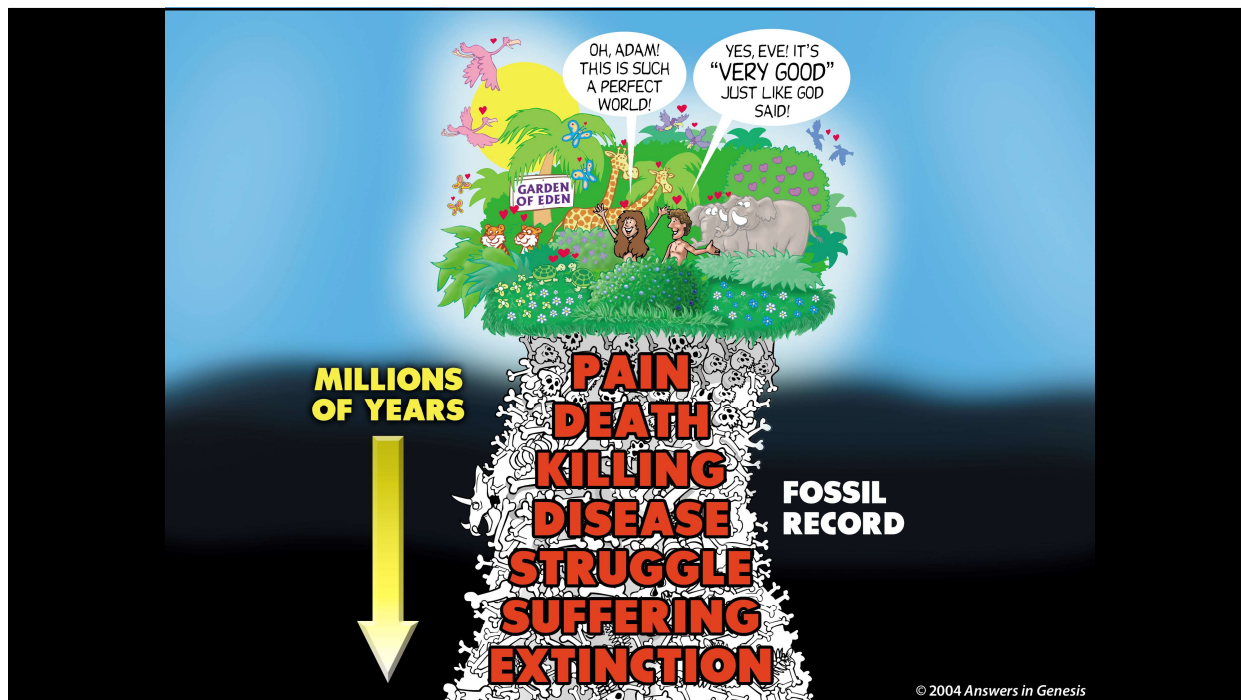


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This lies in the face of Scripture:

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. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; <sup>26</sup> While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primal dust of the world. <sup>27</sup> When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> 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,