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#1 Did God Really Say?

Undermining the Authority of Scripture

The Bible stands as the inerrant, revealed Word of God. As such, the conclusions and speculations of fallible, finite men should be weighed in light of the revelation of an infallible, infinite God – not the other way 'round. Let God be true and every man a liar! [Rom 3:4]

Some claim to take the Bible seriously, but hold the word of men as their true authority – so long as it calls itself science. Where it disputes the Genesis revelation, they denigrate the Word of God to mere Bible stories in the tradition of Aesop's fables. This compromise undermines the authority of the Bible.

- When they state that the Earth and universe are billions of years old and man's existence represents only the tiniest tail-end of that history, they contradict Christ Jesus' affirmation that God created man, male and female, "from the beginning." [Matt 19:4; Mark 10:6]
- When they allegorize the six days of Creation to mean long ages, they forget that the basis of the 4th Commandment rests upon a plain interpretation of Genesis [Ex. 20:11].
- When they try to say that the Noachian Flood was local rather than global, they question the veracity of the apostle Peter's testimony [2 Pet 3:6] and make God a liar since He promised never to destroy all flesh by water again [Gen 9:12] -- yet local floods abound!
- When they call Adam & Eve the product of evolution, an endless cycle of death and mutation, they contradict the Apostle Paul's authority for he said "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin" [Rom.5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22].
- When they call Adam & Eve a teaching myth, they undermine the foundational basis of the Gospel, for if the literal First Adam did not literally Fall there is no need for literal sin debt to be paid by a literal Savior. [1 Cor 15:45]
- When they call a literal Adam and Fall into question, they call into question Our Blessed Hope for the Apostle Paul, in the quintessential chapter on the subject, stated, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." [1 Cor 15:21-22]

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#2 Dragon Legends & Dinosaurs

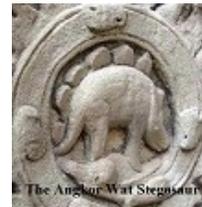
Dinosaurs & the Bible

Some Christians think of dinosaurs as conclusive evidence of evolution and billions of years. Some have even denied they ever existed because they seem to contradict the Creation revelation. They're surprised to find that dinosaurs are mentioned in the Bible.

Job chapter 40 mentions a creature called behemoth. Behemoth is described as eating grass like an ox, as having bones like bars of iron and as strong as brass, as having a tail like a cedar tree. Creationist Bible scholars believe this is a description of a sauropod like Brachiosaurus or Apatosaurus. Some Bible commentaries tell us that this creature was a hippo or an elephant, but who ever saw an elephant with a tail like a cedar tree?! It's important to note that Job 40:15 begins God's commentary on this creature "Behold now behemoth, **which I made with thee.**" This is a clear reference to the Biblical fact that God made man and all land animals on Day 6. Which means that dinosaurs and man lived at the same time! Adam named them. Originally herbivores, they were effected by the Fall.

The Bible contains other references to dinosaurs. Of course, they're not *called* dinosaurs in the Holy Scriptures. The word "dinosaur" wasn't coined until 1842 by Sir Richard Owen. Before that time, they were called dragons. Fossils were seen as evidence of Noah's Flood. The Bible mentions dinosaurs by the word *dragons* several times, notably in Psalm 91:13 and the water-dwelling dragons of Isaiah 27:1. Genesis 1:21 mentions the "great sea monsters" that God created on Day 5. Job 41 mentions Leviathan, a monstrous sea-dwelling creature that could apparently breathe fire.

Dinosaur fossils are a testimony to God's judgment and the world-wide flood, but some dinosaurs survived aboard the Ark. Some question whether they could have fit in the Ark. Most dinosaurs were the size of sheep. It also would make sense for God to send younger animals, since the Ark's voyage took over a year. Also, God sent only 2 of each unclean land vertebrate to the Ark. There are many dinosaur names, but only about 55 different kinds of dinosaurs. The Ark was big enough to contain 522 standard US railroad stock cars!



Evolutionists claim dinosaurs and man are separated by millions of years. Yet there are dragon legends the world over, like the apocryphal Bel & the Dragon, St. George and others. An Irishman described a possible stegosaurus, "a beast having iron nails on its tail," hundreds of years before such fossils were uncovered. Petroglyphs all over the world, like those made by American Indians and found at Angkor Wat, testify to the co-existence of man and dinosaurs as the Bible says.

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#3 A World Without Excuse Evidence of an Intelligent Creator

“This is my Father's World/I rest me in the thought/Of rocks and trees/Of stars and seas/His Hand the wonders wrought,” sings the familiar hymn by Maltbie Babcock. Similar hymns echo the Biblical truth of a Creator God clearly evident in His Creation. Unfortunately, modern science has adopted the faulty premise of naturalism: that all problems have a natural explanation. The supernatural is excluded as a possibility from the outset; ironically, scientists then claim that there is no evidence for God. Faulty assumptions lead to faulty conclusions! The truth is that there is plenty of evidence for an Intelligent Creator, if only we are willing to entertain the possibility that He exists!

Arguments from Astronomy: Everything which has a beginning has a cause. The study of red shifts and other evidence point to the fact that the universe had a Beginning, as the Bible says. Some suggest a 'Big Bang' as the uncaused cause of the universe, but the First Cause of the universe had to be greater than the effect of the universe we observe now.

Arguments from Information & Design: No part of a classic mousetrap can be omitted without destroying it. This concept is called irreducible complexity, an indicator of design. Irreducible complexity is found throughout nature, in structures like the wings of birds and organs such as the eye that would be useless until fully formed. Evolutionist can only plead that the world merely *looks* designed, but really isn't. Yet the universe is orderly, containing set constants and following definite laws. Our DNA alone contains more information than all the world's libraries. Experience teaches us that such information, like the arrangement of notes in a symphony or the letters on this page, has an intelligent source. Furthermore, the existence of information implies purpose.

Arguments from Biology & Geology. The Law of Biogenesis, proven by Mendel, states that life can only arise from life. But where did the first life come from? Naturalism has no answer. Also, we observe variation within fixed kinds, but no indisputable transitional forms between created kinds either in present-day biology or in the fossil record. While Darwin's theory predicts numerous transitional forms, the fossil record does not bear this out. Animals appear suddenly, fully formed and looking much as they do today. The missing links are notoriously missing, but this is just what one would expect if the Bible is true. Meanwhile, the world-wide phenomenon of mass fossil boneyards with remains jumbled together like driftwood, the rapid burial required for the fossilization of soft-bodied organisms like jellyfish and the existence of polystrates [fossil trees running through several rock layers allegedly representing long ages] testify to the reality of a catastrophic world-wide Flood.

“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.” Romans 1:20

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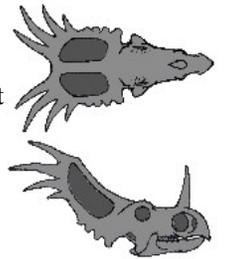
#4 After Their Kind Baraminology & the Bible

In Darwin's day, many Christians had compromised the Bible to accommodate long geological ages. They'd taken the unScriptural position that Noah's Flood was local rather than global, and that God had created all of the animals as they exist today in their present ecosystems. Some Christians still suppose that God created the plants and animals we see today in their present form. This idea has led them to question the feasibility of Adam naming the animals within a day, of how all of the animals could have fit on the Ark and how a loving God could create Nature, “red in tooth and claw.” In doing so, they fail to account for the effects of the Fall, the world-wide Flood itself and the implications of the Biblical term “kind.”

The Bible states that God created plants and animals “after their kind” and told them to be fruitful and multiply “after their kind.” [Gen 1:12,25] This implies variation within fixed limits, which Mendel confirmed in his studies on heredity and which we observe in nature. A dog is still a dog, be it a dire wolf, fox, English bulldog or chihuahua. We can say then that canines are a “created kind.” Baraminology is an exciting new field which studies such “created kinds,” or baramins. God created the original wolf/dog baramin and gave it the potential to adapt to various environments and conditions. Thus, Adam did not have to name all of the different varieties of canines, like wolves, hyenae, foxes, etc; Adam simply had to name the original canine baramin. The same applies to other animals: He only had to name the original feline, ceratopsian dinosaur, horse, chicken and so on.

At the Fall, the earth was cursed, leading to thorns, disease, death and suffering. Originally vegetarian [Gen 1:30], some animals became predatory or venomous sometime afterward, before or after the Flood. This potential was coded into their genes by the Creator. Natural selection, as a conservative force, weeds out harmful adaptations and uses this God-given genetic potential to allow animals to adapt and survive in a Fallen world. The Bible promises that in the future, all will be restored to its Edenic state. [Isaiah 11:6-8]

At the Flood, God sent 2 of each unclean created kind [and 7 of each clean kind] to the Ark. There were only about 55 kinds of dinosaurs. For example, varieties of the ceratopsian dinosaur kind have different arrays of neck frills, horns and knobs, but Noah would have needed only 2 individuals from this baramin. Likewise, Noah wouldn't have needed to bring horses, donkeys, zebras and now-extinct three-toed horse varieties, but only 2 members of the equine kind. John Woodmorappe has calculated that there were probably about 8,000 animal genera [including now-extinct animals] aboard the Ark. Upon leaving the Ark, they again multiplied after their kind [Gen 8:16-19] into all of the varieties we see today.



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#5 The Everlasting Gospel Christ the Creator

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” - Colossians 1:16, 17

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” - John 1:1,3



Many Scripture passages clearly tell us that Christ is our Creator, yet some Christians think of Creation as a side issue, especially in light of the Gospel. Jesus Himself affirmed that “from the beginning of Creation God made them male and female.” [Mark 10:6] He also mentioned that “Noah entered into the Ark, and the Flood came, and destroyed them all.” [Luke 17:27] Speaking of the author of Genesis, He warned, “Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?” [John 5:46-47]

The foundational basis of the Gospel is found in Genesis 3. The Bible tells us that the wages [or deserved earnings] of sin is death [Romans 6:23] and that “by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men.” [Rom 5:12] The Bible notes that death, suffering and thorns are the direct result of man's sin. By contrast, evolution says that man is the result of a long ages of death, suffering and mutation. If evolution were true, this aspect of the theory would have fatal consequences for Christianity. Atheists recognize this:

“ If there never was an Adam and Eve there never was an original sin. If there never was an original sin there is no need of salvation. If there is no need of salvation there is no need of a Saviour.”
[Frank Zindler, *Atheism vs Christianity* video, Zondervan, 1996.]



But Christ did not die in vain! Our conscience and the Holy Ghost convict us of real sin. [John 16:8; Rom 2:15] We know that we do not always act the way we ought! [Rom 7:21] The wages of our sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life! [Rom 6:23] The Good News is that “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures” [1 Cor 15:3] and that He rose again that we might have eternal life! [John 3:16; 1 Cor 15:22] We have this promise that if we confess the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. [Rom 10:9] But there's more! When Christ returns, the dead in Christ will rise and we will be with Him forevermore! [1 Thess 4:13-18] Christ will then restore His Creation and “the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death!” [1 Cor 15:26]

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#6 In Six Days The Biblical Case for a Six-Day Creation

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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 20:8-11

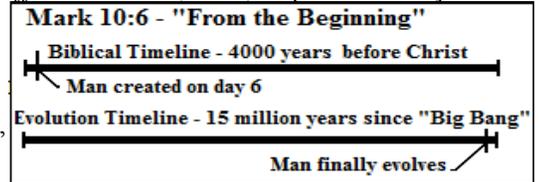


The very basis of our 6-day work week is the 4th Commandment, which in turn finds its basis in a literal 6-day Creation. The word “day” in this passage and in Genesis 1-2 is the Hebrew word *yom*. *Yom* is used in its two literal senses [as a 24 hour day and as the light portion of the light/dark cycle] in Genesis. Every time the word *yom* appears elsewhere in the Old Testament coupled with the words “morning” or “evening” or is specified with a number like first, second or third, it signifies a literal day. It doesn't make sense, nor is it consistent, to say that *yom* is a literal day when used this way, except in Genesis!

One also has to account for the genealogies in Genesis, which begin at Creation. The time frames given in these genealogies are measured from event to event; therefore, there is no possibility of a gap in the record. If we add up all of the years given, allowing an entire year for partial years and gestation periods, the total earth years from the Creation of Adam to the birth of Abraham is no more than 1,985 years.

"It is apparent that the most straightforward understanding of Genesis, **without regard to the hermeneutical considerations suggested by science**, is that God created the heavens and the earth in six solar days, that man was created on the sixth day, and that death and chaos entered the world after the fall of Adam and Eve, and that all fossils were the result of the catastrophic deluge that spared only Noah's family and the animals therewith." [Pun, P.P.T., *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation* 39:14, 1987; emphasis added.]

The Bible claims to give an account of history from the very beginning [Gen 1:1]. Christ Himself affirmed that God made Adam & Eve “from the beginning.” [Mark 10:6] We ought to judge the opinions and conclusions of fallible, finite men by the revealed, inerrant Word of an infinite, infallible God – not the other way 'round! We can take Him at His Word.



Each year, on the Sunday nearest Charles Darwin's birthday, compromising ministers lead their churches in an Evolution Sunday celebration! Visit CreationLetter.com to find out how you can celebrate a Creation Sunday instead, affirming the historical reliability of God's revealed Word.

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#7 Dating the Earth

The Flaw of Uniformitarian Geology

Some people admit that the plain teaching of the Bible appears to be that God created everything that exists in 6, literal 24-hour days, but they also presume that modern science has somehow proven long ages; therefore, they feel we must re-interpret the Genesis revelation to account for the “fact” of billions of years. It's important to note that the idea of billions of years doesn't come from the Bible. It's an outside idea that's being imposed upon the natural reading of the Bible!

Much of the argument for long ages rests on the flaw of uniformitarianism, or gradualism: the belief that present processes are sufficient to account for the past, that the current rates have not changed at any time, so that present rates of erosion, sedimentation, volcanism, etc, are the key to dating the Earth. Peter prophesied of uniformitarianism [“all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation”] and of a willful ignorance of Creation & the world-wide Flood that coincides with this belief. [2 Peter 3:3-6]

By way of proof, radiometric dating is usually given as providing an “absolute” age for the earth; index fossils and rock layers are presumed to give “relative” ages. We shall address absolute dating methodology. Certain rocks contain radioactive isotopes which decay into isotopes of different elements [i.e.- uranium decays into lead]. In theory, it's possible to measure how much time has passed since the parent isotope began to decay; however, there are three big assumptions one has to make:

- That the present rate of decay has remained constant. Creationists have produced evidence that suggests that decay rates could have been accelerated in the past, possibly during Creation or more likely to accommodate the geological changes which must have occurred during the world-wide Flood.
- That there has been no loss or gain of parent or daughter isotopes at any point. Isotopes can be inherited as igneous rock passes through the mantle and crust. This may be why radiometric dating has given dates of hundreds of thousands of years for igneous rocks known to be less than 50 years old. If such methods can't be trusted to verify the ages of rocks of known age, why do we trust them to get the ages of rocks of unknown age? Also, rocks only feet apart have been known to give dates hundreds of years apart.
- That we know the ratio of parent to daughter isotopes originally contained in the rocks. There's no way to verify this. We're forced to make assumptions.

Of course, the reason we must make such assumptions is because no one was there when the strata were formed—except for the Creator! And God has revealed the world's history of Creation, Curse & Catastrophism through His inerrant Word, so we might know the truth!

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#8 What the Fossil Record Really Shows

Catastrophism: A Record of God's Judgment

Some think the fossil record proves evolution. It doesn't.

Textbooks usually feature a neatly-stacked cross-section of geological strata, labeled to show that each strata represents a specific long age in the Earth history. Each slice features a representative fossils to show how life progressed through stages. First worms, jellyfish, trilobites; next, fish; then amphibians & early reptiles; dinosaurs; mammals; and finally man. Nice and neat. Of course, it's just a drawing. It's only their interpretation of what the fossil record means. They weren't there. Here's what these charts don't tell you:

- These geological strata don't always play ball with their claims. Quite often the early strata are flip-flopped with later ages, so that allegedly younger fossils are found below older fossils. Their neat strata-age chart only exists in textbooks!
- All of the missing links are missing. "The history of most fossil species includes two features particularly inconsistent with gradualism: 1. Stasis. Most species exhibit no directional change during their tenure on earth. They appear in the fossil record looking much the same as when they disappear; morphological change is usually limited and directionless. 2. Sudden appearance. In any local area, a species does not arise gradually by the steady transformation of its ancestors; it appears all at once and fully formed." (Gould, Stephen J. [Professor of Zoology and Geology, Harvard University, USA], "Evolution's Erratic Pace," *Natural History*, Vol. 86, No. 5, May 1977, p.14).
- The dots are only connected in their minds, not in the fossil record. Fossils don't come with pedigrees, birth certificates or ID tags of any sort, so no one can state that one fossil creature is descended from another with absolute certainty. They can speculate, but evolution doesn't spring forth naturally from the evidence.
- The fossil record abounds with examples which illustrate that the animals were swept up in some catastrophe and buried almost instantly!
 - Fish fossilized in the act of eating another fish
 - An ichthyosaur that died in the middle of giving birth
 - Mass graves the world over where dinosaur fossils are jumbled together like so much flotsam after a flood—and little wonder if the Bible is true!
 - Soft-bodied animals, like jellyfish, and delicate structures like dragonfly wings, buried quickly enough to imprint in mud before decay could set in.
 - Polystratic tree fossils, which run vertically through several strata of rock and therefore several long ages?!



These anomalies are easily accounted for by the Young Earth Biblical Catastrophic model.

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#9 The Foundation of Science Creationism – Not Evolution

“How can you reject the same science that put man on the moon?” scoffers sometimes ask. The irony is that it was a Creationist rocket scientist, Wernher Von Braun, who got us to the moon. He did it without need of evolution.

Observable, testable, repeatable science has given us many benefits and innovations. Many inventions and discoveries are the work of Bible-believing scientists. The Scientific Method itself is credited to one of these Bible-believing scientists, Sir Francis Bacon, and is based on the idea that we have an orderly universe that may be rationally understood because both it and our minds were designed by an Intelligent Creator. We have a biblical mandate to study the world to subdue it. [Gen 1:28]

The founders of modern science – men like Bacon, Pasteur, Newton, Kepler and Boyle - were Creationists who wanted to “think God’s thoughts after Him.” Most of the scientific disciplines were founded well before Darwin or by scientists, like Mendel, Owens and Agassiz, who actually rejected Darwin’s theory - even within the biological sciences! In fact, Creationist Edward Blythe proposed the idea of Natural Selection well before Darwin did, though he saw it as a conservative force rather than a creative one.

“Contrary to what is widely assumed by evolutionary biologists today, it has always been the anti-evolutionists, not the evolutionists, in the scientific community who have stuck rigidly to the facts and adhered to a more strictly empirical approach.” [Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, Burnett Books, London, 1985, pp 353-354]

When evolution is conflated with science, science stalls. For generations, our appendixes and tonsils were summarily removed because of an evolutionary belief in vestigial organs. Today, we know the function of nearly all so-called vestigial organs. Gregor Mendel’s work in heredity went largely ignored for decades, considered a waste of time in light of Darwin’s explanation--and also because Mendel’s research contradicted Darwin’s common descent, suggesting that speciation has fixed limits which actually prevent molecules-to-man evolution. Speaking of evolution in the Introduction of the 1956 edition of Darwin’s *Origin of the Species*, Professor W. R. Thompson lamented, “This situation, where scientific men rally to the defense of a doctrine they are unable to define scientifically, much less demonstrate with scientific rigor, attempting to maintain its credit with the public by the suppression of criticism and the elimination of difficulties, is abnormal and unwise in science.” If our children are to have a proper understanding of science, evolution’s mortal flaws must be published. It should be placed under the microscope instead of being carefully guarded from criticism or falsification. It must be held to the same standards as any other theory - even if it means evolutionary theory must die so that true science may advance.

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#10 The World-wide Flood Global, not Local

When well-meaning Christians impose long ages onto the Bible, one of the first effects of this compromise is that they must reject a universal Deluge. They suppose that the fossil record is explained by the long ages required of gradual uniformitarian processes rather than the year-long Catastrophist dynamics implied by the Biblical Flood. Assured this is the case by pro-evolution modern science, they’re left with the conclusion that the Noachian Flood was only local – otherwise it would have left some geological evidence! This dizzying logic is the result of taking man’s finite opinion over God’s revealed Word. False presumptions lead to false conclusions!

But a local Flood raises several questions about the Biblical account. If the flood was local rather than global, why was an Ark needed at all? Why didn’t everyone just walk over to the next mountain? Why was Noah required to take animals and winged creatures who could have escaped the local flood or were found elsewhere in the world? Birds could have flown to safety. A local flood of the Mesopotamian Valley, first proposed by John Pye Smith in 1839, wouldn’t require the preservation of animals found elsewhere in the world. In fact, nothing on the scale of the Biblical Ark [450 feet long, 75 feet wide & 45 feet high – roughly the size of a modern cargo ship] would have been required; It would’ve been overkill! The Biblical Flood described in Genesis would have covered much more than the local Mesopotamian Valley. The Word records that “windows of heaven” opened and the “fountains of the deep” broke up so that the mountains were covered in water [Gen 7:19-20], all flesh perished, save Noah and those aboard the Ark [Gen 6:17; 7:17-24; Luke 17:27; 2 Peter 3:3-7] and the Ark later came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. [Gen 8:4]

There are other problems as well. When they try to say that the Noachian Flood was local rather than global:

- They question the veracity of the apostle Peter, who testified that “the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished,” [2 Peter 3:6] that God “spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.” Peter also stated that, as the world was once destroyed in a judgment of water, it is now reserved for judgment by fire. [2 Peter 3:7]
- They question the authority of Jesus Christ and call His omniscience into question, for He affirmed that “they did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.” [Luke 17:27; cp. Matt 24:38-39]
- They make God a liar since He promised never to destroy all flesh by water again [Gen 9:12] — yet local floods abound!

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#11 Noah's Ark: Beyond Flannelgraph Examining God's Blueprint for the Ark

A lot of people have serious reservations as to whether the Ark Noah built was big enough to hold all of the animals God sent him to save from the world-wide Flood. This is largely the fault of the image of a cute, little bathtub Ark over-stuffed with adorable animals, often with a pair of giraffes sticking out of the top. This well-intended Sunday School image stays with us as adults. The Bible gives a much different picture.



Two Ark Designs Consistent with Biblical Dimensions with 'Sunday School' Ark for Comparison

Genesis 6:13-22 states that God told Noah that He would send a Flood “to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath.” He told Noah that he was to “Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch... The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt

thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.” He was to bring his wife, his son's and their wives and two of every creature, male and female, “after their kind.” He was also to take food for himself and the animals.

In his book, *Noah's Ark: A Feasibility Study*, John Woodmorappe has offered that only about 16,000 animals would have been needed to fulfill God's command to bring in two [or seven of the “clean” animals] of every land-dwelling, air-breathing animal, creeping thing and winged creatures. Using a conservative short cubit of 18 inches, Dr. Woodmorappe believes that “less than half of the cumulative area of the Ark's three decks need to have been occupied by the animals and their enclosures.” [p.16] In today's measurements, the Ark would be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high which means that it was big enough to contain 522 standard US railroad stock cars! In fact, the Ark has the same proportions as a modern cargo ship. A 1993 Korean study headed by Dr. Seon Won Hong found no fault with the Ark's dimensions. Such a vessel would have been seaworthy and able to handle waves as high as 100 feet. God's blueprints were more than adequate!

Interestingly, the Hebrew word for Ark (tebah) is used only one other time in the Bible, as the name of the basket that carried baby Moses down the Nile. Some scholars think tebah is more accurately translated “lifeboat.” The Ark was certainly the only lifeboat available to survive the judgment of the Flood. This is a picture of Christ, our lifeboat from the judgment of sin. As there was only one door on the Ark, Christ is the only Way by which men can be saved from the judgment to come! [John 10:9; 14:6; Acts 4:12] Yet Jesus is able to save us to the uttermost, as sufficiently and reliably as the biblical Ark [Heb 7:25]

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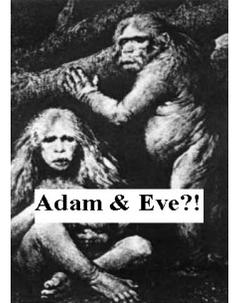
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#12 Men in Caves Ape-men and Cave men

“What about cavemen?” It's one of the most common questions asked of creation speakers. There are two short answers.

Yes, men have lived in caves. After Babel, man dispersed each according to his new language. Some lived in caves during the Ice Age that followed the Deluge. Some Flood legends even mention people living in caves as they traveled to their eventual homeland.

If by “cave man” you really mean ape-man, they've never existed outside of textbook illustrations, museum exhibits and the fertile imaginations of evolutionists [& Hollywood!] Ernst Haeckel was among the first to describe the proposed ape-man: “The form of their skull was probably very long, with slanting teeth; their hair woolly; the color of their skin dark; ... The hair covering...was probably thicker...; their arms comparatively longer and stronger; their legs, on the other hand, knock-kneed, shorter and thinner, with entirely under-developed calves; their walk but half-erect” [Haeckel, 1868, In McCown & Kennedy, 1972, p. 143] Since then, they've set out to find what they expect. Despite evolution hopes and claims, all ape-men have been true apes, true humans, mistakes or outright frauds! A few examples should suffice to illustrate this point.



- Eoanthropus [the “Dawn Man”], who appeared in textbooks for decades, is better known as a deliberate hoax, Piltdown Man. Shamefully, someone put a human skull and an ape jaw together, filed down the ape teeth to make them seem more human and stained the whole forgery to make it appear ancient.
- Hesperopithecus [“Western Ape”], better known as Nebraska Man, was used famously as evidence in the Scopes Monkey Trial. Though Clarence Darrow and his expert witness affirmed that an entire race of men had lived in Nebraska a million years prior, the entire evidence for his existence was a single tooth. And not even a man's tooth, as it was later found, but rather a peccary [an extinct pig]!
- Similarly, Ramapithecus was only bits of jaw and teeth; though hailed as a missing link between man and ape, he's now recognized as an extinct ape. Australopithecus, more famously known as “Lucy,” has some “human-like” features, but is mostly apish. Charles Oxnard has classified it as a unique form of extinct ape with no direct lineage to man.
- At one time, Cro-magnon Man and Neandertals were hailed as ape-men, but DNA evidence and comparisons of cranial capacity have confirmed that they were simply men. Homo erectus also turned out to be fully human, though of a smaller brain size and stature. Apes are apes. Men are men. The Bible stands.

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#13 One Blood

Racism & the Origin of Differing People Groups

The sin of racism is hatred in its vilest form and respect of persons in its mildest. Jesus specifically denounced hate as murder during the Sermon on the Mount in the same way He denounced lust as adultery (Matt.5:21,22). John goes on to famously say that “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (1 John 4:20).” James also notes that he that commits respect of persons commits sin (James 2:8,9), which only stands to reason since God Himself is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34; Rom.2:11). Genesis states that God created mankind in His own image (Gen.1:27); therefore, racism is an affront to God Himself!

Still, some claim that the Bible says that dark-skinned men resulted from the “curse of Ham,” an idea derived from a false interpretation of Genesis 9:25, that God marked Cain by giving him black skin after he killed his brother Abel or, bizarrely, blacks are the offspring of demons. None of the passages they use to try to justify their racism so much as mention skin color. As regards interracial marriage specifically, some maintain that miscegenation caused Israel to be judged by God; however, when God forbade Israel to intermarry with the Canaanites, the issue was not racial purity. A careful reading of these passages reveals that God warned them that if they married peoples of other faiths, they would forsake God for idol worship — which is exactly what occurred!

	AB	Ab	aB	ab	EVE
AB	AA BB	AA Bb	AA BB	Aa Bb	Another example of Scripture-twisting is this claim that since God made everything “after its kind” that we should maintain “racial purity.” However, a Biblical baramin, or “created kind,” has the ability to interbreed, which people of differing ethnicities can clearly do. A baramin has no reference to skin color. According to the Genesis record, we are all the genetic offspring of Adam and Eve (cf. Gen.3:20; Deut.32:8; Luke 3:38) and of Noah and his wife. The biblical view is of one human race, who were separated into different language groups at Babel (cf. Gen.11:1-9). As they dispersed and certain physical traits became isolated, the various cultures and people groups of the world developed. The Punnet square at left shows the range of skin color coded into the gentic potential of two middle-skinned people.
Ab	AA Bb	AA bb	Aa Bb	Aa bb	
aB	Aa BB	Aa Bb	aa BB	aa Bb	
ab	Aa Bb	Aa bb	aa Bb	aa bb	
	ONLY DARK AABB	ONLY MEDIUM AAbb or aaBB		ONLY LIGHT aabb	

God does not judge us by the color of our skin, but by the condition of our heart (1 Sam.16:7). All, regardless of race or culture, are guilty before God and in need of a Savior (Rom.3:23; Gal.3:22). All sinned in our father Adam, but the Good News is that anyone of Adam's bloodline may be saved through the shed blood of Christ. [John3:16; 1 Cor 15:22]

Each year, on the the Sunday nearest Charles Darwin's birthday, compromising ministers lead their churches in an Evolution Sunday celebration! Visit CreationLetter.com to find out how you can celebrate a Creation Sunday instead, affirming the historical reliability of God's revealed Word.



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How To Celebrate a Creation Sunday

All that's required is a willingness to dedicate a service to the doctrine of Creation. Here are a few suggestions:

1. **Scripture Reading.** Many Christian traditions regularly incorporate Scripture readings into worship services including responsive readings, where a worship leader reads one verse and the congregation reads the next in response. Some recommended Scriptures are:

- Genesis 1:1
- Genesis 1-2
- Job 38-41
- Psalm 8
- Psalm 19:1-6
- Psalm 104
- Psalm 148
- Proverbs 8:22-31
- Isaiah 45:18
- John 1:1-14
- Acts 17:22-31
- Romans 1:16-25
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, 45
- Colossians 1:14-20
- Revelation 21

2. These Scriptures could also be included in **your church programs/bulletins.**

3. **Music.** Many of the church's hymns are expressions of worship of the Creator God.

Some recommended selections include:

- All Creatures of Our God and King
- Fairest Lord Jesus
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!
- How Great Thou Art
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Morning Has Broken
- My God is There Controlling
- Our God is an Awesome God [by Rich Mullins]
- This Is My Father's World
- We Sing the Greatness of Our God

4. **A Sermon upon the Topic of God's Creation.** Use one of the Scripture texts provided above. Some of the points you'll want to make are:

- We do not follow cleverly devised fables, but rather the revealed Word of God.
- The Genesis record describes a literal 6-day Creation, affirmed by Exodus 20:11
- The Creator God is evident through His Creation [Psalm 19:1-6], so the world is without excuse [Romans 1:16-25].
- Christ Jesus' affirmed that God created man, male and female, “from the beginning.” [Matt 19:4; Mark 10:6] and also affirmed the Flood [Matthew 24:38-39]
- The idea that Man is the product of evolution, an endless cycle of death and mutation, contradicts the Biblical doctrine that “by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin.” [Rom.5:12; also 1 Cor. 15:22, 26].
- Doubting the historicity of the Fall [Genesis 3] undermines the foundational basis of the Gospel, for if the literal First Adam did not literally Fall there is no need for literal sin debt to be paid by a literal Savior. [1 Cor 15:45]
- To doubt a literal Adam and Fall is to question Our Blessed Hope. [1 Cor 15:21-22]

5. **Show a Creation DVD.** *Answers* magazine suggests “a church might show a DVD on the relevance of Genesis during the morning church service while the children watch a DVD on dinosaurs during Sunday school. Evening service, churches might show DVDs on dinosaurs and the origin of races. Participants then have an opportunity to discuss what they saw. At the same time, the church can make other resources available and show what's available in the church library.” [*Answers* magazine. Jan-Mar. 2009, p.14]

6. **Invite a Creation Speaker.** A Creation speaker can offer presentations that capture the congregations attention and provide specific answers to the scientific and Biblical issues.

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