

Gen. 1 & 2: days 24 hour days?

Importance (“So what...?”)

- Man – Gen 1:26-27; 2:7
- Marriage – Gen 2:18,24; Mt 19:4,5; 1Co 11:8,9; 1Tim 2:13
- Sin – Rom 5:12,15
- Death – Gen 3:19,24; 1Co 15:22
- The plan of redemption – Gen 3:15
- Glory to God – Psa 19:1-4; 33:6-9; 148:1-6
- Theory of evolution

I. “Day” – *yom*

Refers to 24 hour day when

- Preceded by number such as “1,” “2,” “3,”
- Used in the plural

“Outside of the Genesis 1 case in question, the two-hundred plus occurrences of *yom* preceded by ordinals all refer to a normal twenty-four hour day. Furthermore, the seven-hundred plus appearances of *yamim* [plural of *yom*] always refer to a regular day.”

Walter L. Bradley and Roger Olsen, “The Trustworthiness of Scripture in Areas Relating to Natural Science,” ed. Earl D. Radmacher and Robert D. Pruess (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Pub., 1984), p. 299 via *Acts & Facts*, May 1998.

2. “Evening and Morning”

use in Moses’ writings = one solar day

- Gen 29:23...25; 49:27; Ex 16:6,7,8,13; 18:13,14; 27:21; Lev 6:20; 24:3; Num 9:15,21; Dt 16:4; 28:67
- *Any other meaning contrary to evidence and an assumption*

Illus: “Weekend”...? (“Sat & Sun, one weekend”)

3. Ex 20:8-11 - “day” / “days”

“...sabbath **day**...six **days** you shall labor...seventh **day** is a sabbath...For in six **days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them...rested on the seventh **day**... blessed the sabbath **day**” Ex 31:15-17

How would THOSE readers understand it?

4. *Natural Import of the Language*

“God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light” **v3**. Compare also **vv 6-7, 9, 14-15, 20-21, 24, 26-27**

Concurs with later Hebrew writings...
Psa 33:6-9; 148:5,6; Heb 11:3

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5. Difficulties with “day” = “ages”

Each “day” had “evening”/“morning,”
“light” /“darkness” (“day/night”) vv 4-5

Plants - 3rd day ... Insects - 5th day
vv 11,13 ...20,23 (Lev 11:20,21,23)

6. *Genesis a Historical Record*

Gen 2:4 compared with 5:1; 6:9, etc.

Paul's writings ...

- 1Co 11:8-9 “from man” and “for man”
- 1Tim 2:13-14 “Adam 1st created, then Eve”
- Rom 5:12-14 through “one man” sin
- 1Co 15:21-22 “by a man came death”
- 2Co 11:3 “serpent deceived Eve”
- 2Co 4:6 “God said... ‘Light shall shine out...’”

Historicity of Genesis ... reliability of the Bible?!

7. *Jesus' Testimony*

Mt 19:4 *“Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female”*

Is Jesus the Son of God or not?!

Evolutionary Time

Geologists differ on the age of the earth by millions of years. No reliable dating methods exist to prove the earth older than what the Genesis record indicates. (hourglass illustration ...)



Using an hourglass to tell time is much like using radiometric dating to tell the age of rocks. There are key assumptions that we must accept in order for the method to be reliable.

1 The **rate** of radioactive decay is known and **has been constant** since the rock formed.

2 There has been **no loss or gain** of the parent or daughter isotopes from the rock.

3 The **amounts** of parent and daughter isotopes **present when the rock formed** are known.

<https://answersingenesis.org/age-of-the-earth/dating-methods/>

1. **Rate constant** (rate valve on neck of timer?)
 - *Assumption* based on uniformitarianism [observation of “50 years out of 5 billion says that we have observed it for say .0000001% of its lifetime” – stock market?]
 - Evidence of changes in rate of decay [see quotes]
2. **No loss or gain** (add salt, remove salt?)
 - Impossible to know the effect of weather, water, gases over millions, billions of years
3. **Amount present when rocks formed** (how much salt to begin with?)
 - Radioactive elements can be inherited from source area (magma/rocks)
 - Samples taken a few feet apart can give ages that differ by many hundreds of millions of years

Evolutionist William Stansfield, Ph.D.,
California Polytech State, has stated:

*"It is obvious that radiometric techniques **may not be the absolute dating methods that they are claimed to be.** Age estimates on a given geological stratum by different radiometric methods are often quite different (sometimes by hundreds of millions of years). **There is no absolutely reliable long-term radiological 'clock'.**"* William D. Stansfield, Ph.D., *The Science of Evolution* (New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1977), p. 84. <<http://christiananswers.net/q-eden/edn-radioactive.html>>

"The age of our globe is presently thought to be some 4.5 billion years, based on radio-decay rates of uranium and thorium. Such 'confirmation' may be shortlived, as nature is not to be discovered quite so easily. There has been in recent years the horrible realization that radio-decay rates are not as constant as previously thought, nor are they immune to environmental influences. And this could mean that the atomic clocks are reset during some global disaster, and events which brought the Mesozoic to a close may not be 65 million years ago, but rather, within the age and memory of man." Frederic B. Jueneman, "Secular Catastrophism," *Industrial Research and Development*, Vol. 24 (June 1982), p. 21.. <<http://christiananswers.net/q-eden/edn-radioactive.html>>

Questions about six solar days of creation

How did God create Eve on the 6th day but yet Adam had to name the animals before determining to make Eve?

- ▶ Much not revealed (how bring? ... names? ... “kinds”/“species”?) **Dt 29:29; Ac 1:7**
- ▶ “All” and “every” (**Gen 2:19,20**) ... “all kinds” (**Gen 24:10; Ac 10:12; 2:17**)
- ▶ How long...? (1 min x 10 = 3000 in 5hrs...?)
- ▶ Purpose! **v20b**
- ▶ “day” = “solar” day! (previous evidences)

Q: “Light” & “darkness” without sun (days 1-3)?

▶ **Jer 32:17** “Nothing too difficult!”

“sunlight”

Plants without seeds?! **v11,12**

▶ **Gen 1:14** “for signs and seasons”

▶ Deny electricity...? airplane...?

Q: The seventh day has not ended ...thousands of years...other “days” in the same way?

Arg. #1 – no statement about the 7th day like other days **vv5,8,13,19,23,31**

Ans: 7th day *different* — no creative work

Clearly, “7th day” = *normal* day **Ex 20:8-11**

Q: The seventh day has not ended ...thousands of years...other “days” in the same way?

Arg. #2 - **Heb 4:1-9** ... God’s Sabbath rest remains for us to enter, therefore His Sabbath is continuing and the seventh day is not considered to have ended.

Ans: Does the text say that the 7th day, the day God rested, is continuing until now?
Beware of assumptions!

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Arg. #3 - **Jn 5:16-18** ... the Father is still observing the Sabbath, therefore it has not ended.

Ans: Does the text say God is still observing the Sabbath of creation?
Beware of assumptions!

The Bible versus Evolution

Which will you believe?

Psalm 19:7-11