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I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins... you're making the television production of this program possible.

Norma Bixler
The question is NOT what God could do.

But what He said He did do.
Where do you “fit”
The millions of years?

Between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
(gap theorists)

Spread the millions of years out in the six “days”
(progressive creationists and theistic evolutionists)

Day 1: Earth, Space, Time & Light
Day 2: Atmosphere
Day 3: Dry Land & Plants
Day 4: Sun, Moon & Stars
Day 5: Sea & Flying Creatures
Day 6: Land Animals & Man
Uses of "Day"

Outside of Genesis one

"Day" with number
410 times
(in plural or singular)

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together with "day"
38 times

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23 times each

"Night" with "day"
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Genesis 1

5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

8b And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

23 There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

31b And there evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
For in six days the Lord made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
### Time Since First Day of Creation

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Jesus and age of universe

“But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.” Mark 10:6

4,000 years before Christ

Time line for 14,000,000,000,000 years since ‘big bang’

The beginning

‘Adam and Eve’

After beginning (Day 6)

Christ
Evolution

The Bible
Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
Millions of years = DEATH, PAIN, KILLING, DISEASE, THORNS, STRUGGLE, SUFFERING, EXTINCTION
Millions of years = FOSSIL RECORD

DEATH
PAIN
KILLING
DISEASE
THORNS
STRUGGLE
SUFFERING
EXTINCTION
EVOLUTION
Millions of Years

DEATH
Suffering Disease Bloodshed

MAN'S EXISTENCE

CREATION

MAN'S ACTIONS

SIN

DEATH

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Consequences of the Fall

• Serpent judged physically (Gen. 3:14)
• Animals cursed (3:14)
• Eve judged physically with increased pain in child-birth (3:16)
Consequences of the Fall

- Adam and Eve judged physically with the death process beginning (3:19, Rom. 5:12)
- Ground (outside Garden) cursed (3:17)
- Implied: animal(s) killed to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness because of sin (3:21)
If God cursed the earth with thorns AFTER Adam sinned...

Genesis 3:18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you"
WHY do we find **FOSSIL THORNS** from “millions of years ago”?

Psilophyton crenulatum

lower Devonian 360–408 million years
Two Histories of Death

**God's Word**
- Beginning: Man's sin brought Death
- Future: Death will be done away with
- Death is a temporary part of history
- No Death

**Man's Opinion**
- Beginning: Life and death have always been together
- Future: As long as there is life, there will be death.
- Death is a permanent part of history
- Millions and millions of years
Common Factor

- Progressive Creation
- Theistic Evolution
- Framework Hypothesis
- Other Compromise Positions
- Gap Theory
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22
Biblical Evidence of a Global Catastrophic Flood

- Purpose of the Flood
- Character of the Flood
- Depth of the Flood
- Duration of the Flood
Biblical Evidence of a Global Catastrophic Flood

- Purpose of the Ark
- Volume of the Ark
- Landing of the Ark
- Rainbow promise
PAIN
DEATH
KILLING
DISEASE
STRUGGLE
SUFFERING
EXTINCTION

MILLIONS
OF YEARS

PAIN
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FOSSIL RECORD
The age of the earth is **NOT** a salvation issue.

But it is a gospel issue.
Perfect World

Intrusion
- Death
- Disease
- Pain
- Suffering
- Emotional Anguish

Restoration
- New Heaven
- New Earth
FINAL CREATION

INITIAL CREATION
ANIMAL DEATH, DISEASE, VIOLENCE & EXTINCTION, EARTHQUAKES, TSUNAMIS, HURRICANES, TORNADOES, ETC.
FROM THE START!

NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH
FINAL CREATION???

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NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH
6 Creation Days in Your Past

God Sets the Rules

OR

Millions of Years in Your Past

Man Is Authority Relative Morality

Man’s fallible knowledge

My thinking in every area!
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