

Beginnings – ORIGIN *(Where did we come from?)*

- Only Two Choices
- Realize the Significance
- Is it Faith or Science?
 - LAB - Lookable, Accessible, Breakable
- Guess at the Evidence
- Inspect the Evidence
 - Universe = "Decay"
 - Age of the Earth = "Can't Say"
 - Origin of Life by Chance = "No Way"
 - Evolution of Species and Man = "Lacks Genes and Tweens"
- No Compromise
 - DON'T - Death, Orders of Creation, Names in genealogies, Ten Commandments refer to seven-day week

Intent of Life – LIFE *(Why are we here?)*

- Love - GOD and MAN
- Increase - GROW
- Faithfulness - Time, Talent, Treasure
- Eternity – Past, Present, Future

Authority – POWER *(Who's in charge?)* A God Who is:

- Personal and Loving
- Omnipotent
- Wise and All-Knowing
- Everywhere and Eternal
- Righteous and Reliable

Standards – RULES *(What are the rules?)* God's rules are:

- Revealed supernaturally, not derived by reason
- Universal and apply to everyone, everywhere, all the time
- Loving
- Enforced
- Steadfast

N Names

In Genesis chapters 5 and 11 there are genealogies that run from the time of Adam through Abraham. These are obviously written very precisely to document the exact number of years of each generation. These names would not be meaningful unless the writer intended them to be literal. Those who contend that a "day" could be a million years need to consider these two facts:

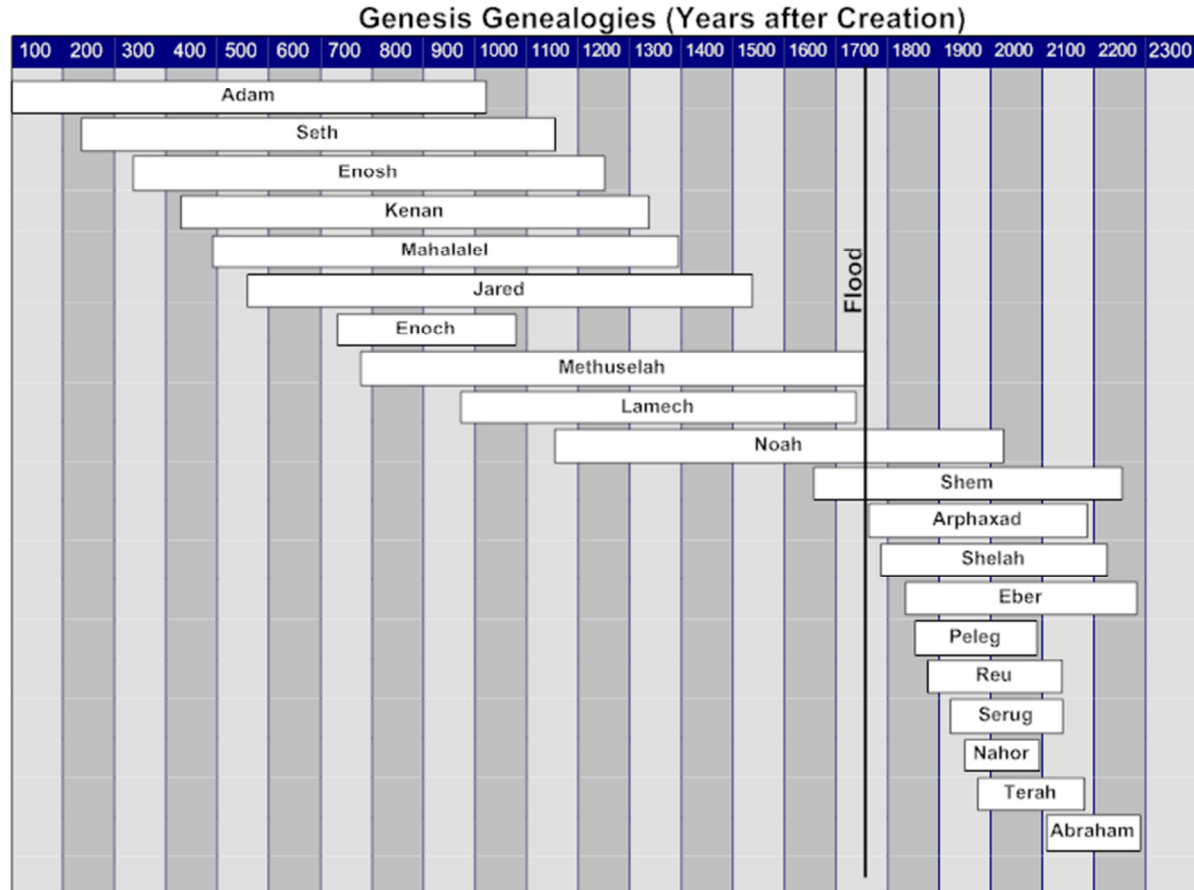
- Adam was created on day six.
- Adam lived through day six, and day seven, and died when he was 930 years old

The charts below illustrate how much the lives of these early generations overlapped (Adam lived for 153 years after Methuselah was born!). When we combine the fact that Adam was created “very good” (genetically perfect) with the fact that these men lived a long time alongside the men of previous generations, it is easy to understand how mankind achieved cities, metalworking, music, and other advancements within the first few generations.

The Bible details how long the key men lived in the first generations after Creation, and this is totally inconsistent with the millions of years that evolution says were required to create man.

Interesting Points to Note on the Charts:

- Notice how quickly the life spans decreased after the flood
- Some people believe that Methuselah’s name means “when he dies, it shall be sent.” Methuselah died the same year the Flood happened (1656 After Creation). Some even suggest that Methuselah’s godly father, Enoch, may have been given a prophecy by God that led to that name. If so, the fact that Methuselah had the longest recorded life is a sign of God’s long-suffering patience during the time of Noah (1 Peter 3:20).
- Adam was still alive until Noah’s father Lamech was 56 years old.
- Noah died just 2 years before Abraham was born.
- Shem was still alive during the life of Abraham. Abraham could have spoken to Shem (Noah’s son), who probably knew his great-grandfather Methuselah, who in turn could have spoken to Adam, the first man.
- Abraham was 150 years old before Shem died.



Genesis Genealogies (A.C. is After Creation)			
Name	Born	Died	Life Span
Adam	0 A.C. (Day 6)	930 A.C.	930 years
Seth	130 A.C.	1042 A.C.	912 years
Enosh	235 A.C.	1140 A.C.	905 years
Kenan	325 A.C.	1235 A.C.	910 years
Mahalalel	395 A.C.	1290 A.C.	895 years
Jared	460 A.C.	1422 A.C.	962 years
Enoch	622 A.C.	(*God took him away in 987 A.C.)	365* years
Methuselah	687 A.C.	1656 A.C.	969 years
Lamech	874 A.C.	1651 A.C.	777 years
Noah	1056 A.C.	2006 A.C.	950 years
Flood came in 1656 A.C.			
Shem	1558 A.C.	2158 A.C.	600 years
Arphaxad	1658 A.C.	2096 A.C.	438 years
Shelah	1693 A.C.	2126 A.C.	433 years
Eber	1723 A.C.	2187 A.C.	464 years
Peleg	1757 A.C.	1996 A.C.	239 years
Reu	1787 A.C.	2026 A.C.	239 years
Serug	1819 A.C.	2049 A.C.	230 years
Nahor	1849 A.C.	1997 A.C.	148 years
Terah	1878 A.C.	2083 A.C.	205 years
Abram (Abraham)	2008 A.C.	2183 A.C.	175 years

I Ten Commandments

The entire Bible is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21), but a few verses are physically inscribed by God. The Ten Commandments were written by God on tablets of stone, so they certainly should be of interest to anyone who desires to know what God thinks. In Exodus 20 God speaks the Ten Commandments. In Exodus 31 God gives Moses the tablets.

The Fourth Commandment is relevant to our discussion of origins. When God says to work six days and rest on the seventh He says that we are to follow the pattern He established at Creation.

“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exodus 20:11).

God wrote on tablets of stone that our week is patterned after the first week of Creation. For us to say that God really means that our week is patterned after seven indeterminate periods of geologic ages is ludicrous and is not a credible position from Scripture.

The Bible says that God created in six days and that He Himself wrote this down on tablets. To deny that the six-day creation is true is to call God a liar and to discredit the entire Word of God.

So if you are tempted to take a compromise position that denies a literal six-day creation in which God spoke everything into existence out of nothing, just remember.....**DON'T**.