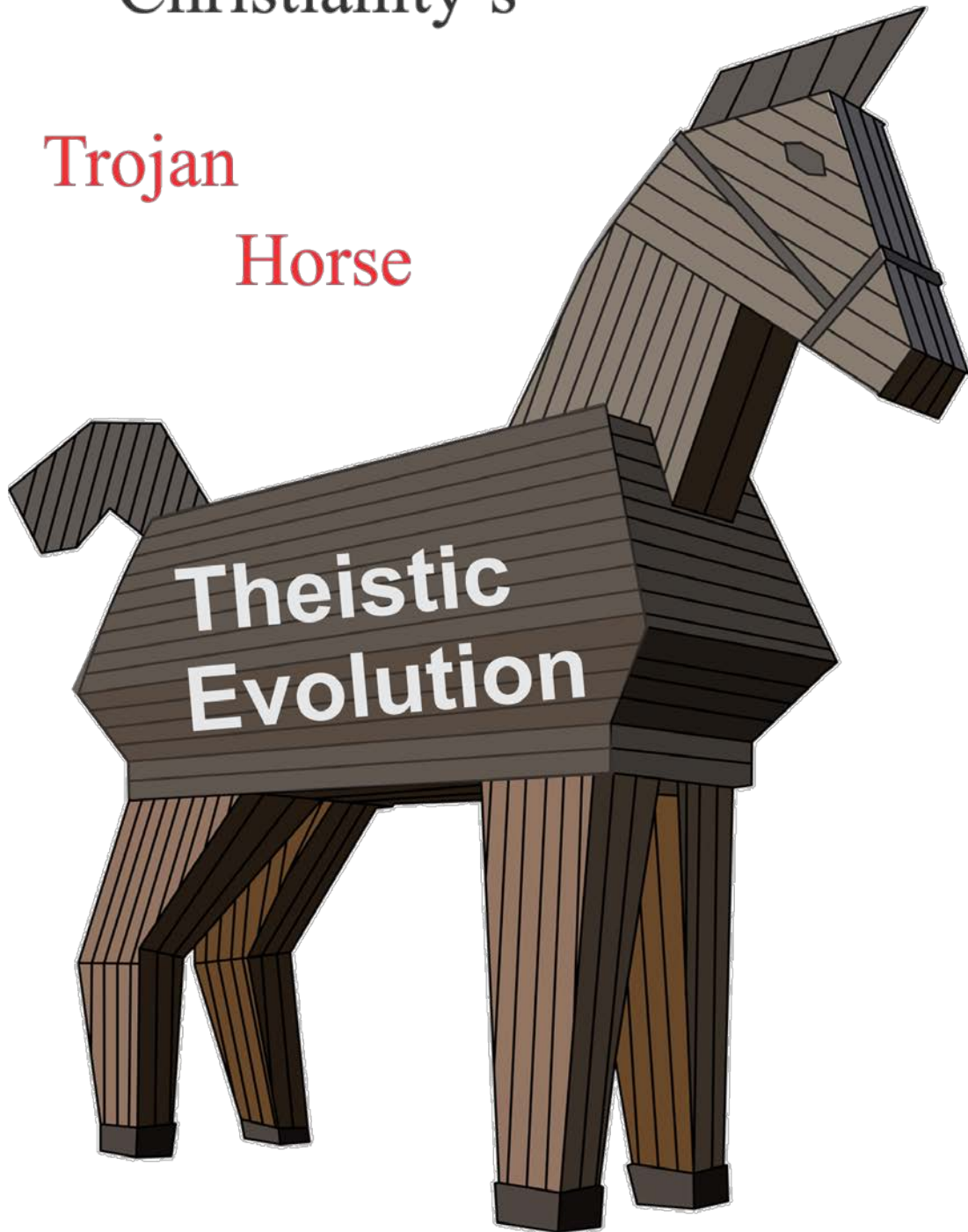


Christianity's

Trojan  
Horse



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The famous story of the Trojan horse tells of the Greeks having laid siege to the city of Troy for ten years. Not being able to conquer the city, they come up with a deceptive plan. They built a wooden horse with warriors inside and then set sail for a nearby island. A Greek, pretending to have deserted, convinces the people of Troy to take the horse inside the city by telling them of the benefit that this would bring them. During the night the warriors open the gates and let the returned Greek army in. Troy is consequently destroyed because they did not listen to those who warned them not to allow the horse inside the city.

Christianity has much the same story as it has been attacked using the evolutionary theory. The real problem came though when Christian leaders, philosophers and theologians were deceived and bought into this theory and did not realize how this would destroy Christianity by removing the accuracy, reliability and most importantly, the authority of Scripture. This also applies to other versions of trying to fit millions and billions of years into Scripture such as progressive creation, the gap theory and the day age theory.

While believing in a young universe is not a requirement for salvation, and a lot of people did not necessarily think about whether the earth is young or old when they accepted Jesus as their Savior, old earth theology fundamentally undermines the teachings and authority of the Word of God. It also does not take into account the many scientific evidences that support a young earth and speak against an old earth. While “old earth” creationists do acknowledge that the universe and life could not have come about without God, the teaching is contrary to the Word of God. Each of these theories of trying to fit long ages into the Biblical account have different problems. There is lots of information on this on websites like [Answers in Genesis](#), [Is Genesis History](#), [Creation Ministries International](#) and [Associates for Biblical Research](#).

Article by Terry Mortenson: [Inerrancy and Biblical Authority: How and Why Old-Earth Inerrantists Are Unintentionally Undermining Inerrancy](#)

Let's do a little test here. Check which of these events that are recorded in the Bible are true.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
God created the universe and everything in it in 6 literal days	Gen 1, Ex 20:11		
God destroyed all living things on the earth by a worldwide global flood (aside from Noah and those with him on the ark)	Gen 7:1-24		
God confused the language of the people at the tower of Babel	Gen 11:1-9		
God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone from heaven	Gen 19:24		
The Lord appeared to Moses from a burning bush that was not consumed by the fire	Ex 3:1-3		
God sent plagues on Egypt to compel Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. (these were not just natural events that happened)	Ex 7:1-12:31		
God divided the Sea to allow the Israelites to pass through and drowned the Egyptians when they followed	Ex 14:21-28		
God provided Manna for the Israelites to eat for 40 Years while they were in the wilderness	Ex 16:35		
The ground opened up and swallowed rebellious people	Nu 16:30-33, Jud 1:11		
A donkey spoke to rebuke a non-Israelite diviner	Nu 22:28		
The Jordan river was divided so that the Israelites could cross	Jos 3:15-4:18		
The walls of Jericho fell	Jos 6:15-20		
The sun and moon stood still for a day	Jos 10:12-14		
Elijah raised a child from the dead	1 Ki 17:17-24		
Elisha raised a child from the dead	2 Ki 4:18-37		
The angel of the Lord put 185,000 Assyrian soldiers to death in the night	2 Ki 19:35		
Jonah was swallowed by a fish and remained there 3 days	Jon 1:15-17		
Three Israelite young men were thrown into an extremely hot furnace and did not suffer any harm	Dan 3:20-28		
Daniel was in a lion's den overnight and was not harmed	Dan 6:14-24		
Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born by the Virgin Mary	Mat 1:18-25		
Jesus is God	Jn 1:1-3, Col 2:9, etc.		
Jesus is human (also described in the genealogies in Matthew and Luke – In Luke it goes right back to Adam)	1 Co 15:21 Heb 2:17-18, Col 2:9		
Jesus healed people and drove out demons	Mat 4:23-24 etc.		

Jesus raised some people from the dead	Mat 9:18-25, Lk 7:12-15, Lk 11:43-44		
Jesus fed 5000 people at once with only five loaves and two fish	Mat 6:38-44		
Jesus walked on water	Mat 6:47-50		
Jesus was crucified by the Romans	Jn 19:17-19 etc.		
Jesus was raised from the dead by God	Mat 28, Mk 16, Lk 24		
Jesus ascended to heaven	Act 1:7-11		
Peter raised a woman from the dead	Act 9:36-41		
Paul raised a boy from the dead	Act 20:9-12		
Death came by the sin of one man	1 Co 15:21, Ro 5:12,18		
At the final judgement, everyone will stand before the throne and everyone whose name is not in the book of life will go to eternal damnation	Rev 20:12-15		
All Scripture is the result of men being moved by the Holy Spirit speaking from God	2 Pe 1:20-21		
Scripture is not a matter of one's own interpretation	2 Pe 1:20		
All Scripture is inspired by God	2 Tim 3:16		
Jesus said that the Scriptures cannot be broken	Jn 10:35		
Jesus considered all Scripture to be true and authoritative	Various, especially in dealing with Satan		
All things came into being through Jesus	Jn 1:3		
Jesus considered Adam to be the first man, made at the beginning of creation	Mk 10:6-8		
Jesus considered the global flood of Noah's time to be true and that all that were not in the ark were destroyed	Mat 24:37-39, Lk 26-27		
Jesus confirmed the account of Jonah being in the fish for 3 days	Mat 12:39-40, Lk 11:29-32		
The writer of the Hebrews considered the flood of Noah to be real	Heb 11:7		
Peter stated that only Noah and those with him on the ark were saved	1 Pe 3:20, 2 Pe 2:5		
Enoch is a real person and the 7 <sup>th</sup> from Adam (Gen 5:21-24)	Heb 11:5, Jud 1:14		

Paul considered Adam to be the first man created and that sin and death entered the world through him	Ro 5:14-19, 1 Co 15:22, 1 Co 15:45 1 Tim 2:13-14		
Some people distort the Scriptures	2 Pe 3:15-17, Act 20:28-30		

Think about the ramifications if any of the answers are False. A False answer anywhere in this list will make Jesus and the writers of Bible out to be wrong – essentially calling them liars. Jesus and the writers of the New Testament all considered the Old Testament as authoritative and used it to teach and confront wrong teachings. If Jesus was wrong in anything, then He is not God. If He is not God and sinless, then He could not atone for mankind and therefore everyone would still be destined for eternal punishment. If Jesus or any of the writers of the New Testament were wrong, then we could not trust them on any point. Who would determine which passages were true and which are false? Jesus having been raised from the dead after being crucified is put forward as proof of the Gospel. This is just as much of a miracle, if not more, than any of the other items on the list. The Bible would lose all authority and would just become a book from which some good teachings could be gleaned. Consider Genesis, where Satan tempted Eve by saying “*you will be like God*” (Gen. 3:5). How arrogant of man to think that he can judge God, His Word and determine what is right and wrong.

- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, (Rom. 1:20-22)*
- *For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. (2Co 11:4)*

## Scriptural Truths

Scripture is not man made, it is God speaking through people and is **not** a matter of one’s own interpretation.

*But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (2 Pet. 1:20-21)*

All Scripture is stated to be useful and therefore true.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)*

*And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph. 6:17)*

Jesus is God and the Word. These verses and others demonstrate this.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. (Jn. 1:1-2)*

Jesus considered Adam and Eve to be real people at the beginning of Creation.

*"But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE". (Mar 10:6)*

The Apostle Paul in several passages talks of Adam and being the first created (not evolved) man

*For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. (1 Tim. 2:13)*

Also, Rom 5:14, 1 Cor 15:22, 1 Cor 15:45, 1 Tim 2:14

Jude, in his letter references both Adam and Enoch

*it was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, (Jude 1:14)*

Jesus, the writer of Hebrews, and Peter all attest to the historicity of Noah and the flood which destroyed everyone except for those with Noah in the Ark. This is definitely not a local flood.

*"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Matt. 24:37-39)*

See also, Luk 17:26-27, Heb 11:7, 1 Pet 3:20 and 2 Pet 2:5

Sin entered the world through one man, which was Adam. This is when death entered the world.

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-- (Rom. 5:12)*

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. (Rom. 5:14)*

*So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. (Rom. 5:18-19)*

## Genesis

Let's examine the backdrop and purpose for Genesis. (I deal with this subject in greater detail in "[Why the Pentateuch](#)").

Genesis is written by Moses during the 40 Years of wilderness wanderings after the Exodus from Egypt. The main cultures at the time were all polytheistic with different creation accounts and different timelines. They all had numerous gods right from the chief god(s) down to household gods. They used divination, magic and spells. They believed in the underworld and a continuation of the person there. The sun and stars represented gods.

*"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or*

*one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; (Deut. 18:10-12)*

God, through Moses, established the truth about Creation, the identity of God, the date of creation and the process of creation. It is really obvious from the way that the birthdate, date of the descendant and the remaining years are given in the Genesis 5 and 11 genealogies, that the intent was to provide a true chronological account in years and eliminate the possibility of gaps or any other extended time period from the creation of the universe to Abraham. Moses and the Israelites would have understood all the time frames provided as being literal days and consecutive years. He also provided the account of the global flood and the destruction of all living things on the face of the land. (Gen 7:23) The "Table of Nations" provides a list of Noah's descendants with an emphasis on those people that Israel will be involved with. We have the genealogical record from Adam, the first created man, right through to Abraham and the Patriarchs. Essentially, we have the account of all history right up to Jacob and his family going to Egypt.

Let's take a look at the creation account in Genesis:

❖ Day 1

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. (Gen 1:1-5)*

On day 1, the universe is created, light was created and separated from darkness and the word "day" is defined as a 24-hour period (one rotation of the earth). At this point, there is only water on the surface of the earth.

❖ Day 2

*Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. (Gen 1:6-8)*

On day 2, the waters are separated into those above and below.

❖ Day 3

*Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day. (Gen 1:9-13)*

On day 3, the land comes up and vegetation is created.



❖ Day 4

*Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. (Gen 1:14-19)*

On day 4, the sun, moon and stars are made.

❖ Day 5

*Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. (Gen 1:20-23)*

On day 5, all the sea creatures and birds were created.

❖ Day 6

*Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Gen 1:24-31)*

On day 6, all the land animals were created and then God created man. At this point in time, all the animals and mankind were to eat only plants.

❖ Day 7

*Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 2:1-3)*

On day 7, God has completed all the work that He has done in creating everything. The seventh day is blessed and sanctified.

We can see that there is no place to insert long ages. In verse 1:5, a day is defined as a 24-hour day. In verses 2:1-3, it explicitly states that by the seventh day, God had completed all the creation work. This is very explicit in stating that all of the creating was done in the first 6 days. Also, consider the following verses

*Then God spoke all these words, saying, (Exo 20:1)*

*"For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the 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.*

*(Exo 20:11)*

God Himself says that he created everything in 6 days and relates it to the sabbath being the 7<sup>th</sup> day.

The "Brown, Driver, Briggs" Hebrew lexicon defines day as a normal 24-hour day "*d. day as defined by evening and morning Gn 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31<sup>1</sup>*"

Jesus, among other things also stated

*"But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. (Mar 10:6)*

Jesus therefore affirmed that mankind was created at the beginning of creation, not eons later.

Another thing to remember is that our normal laws of physics did not apply during the creation week as God was creating everything. The whole act of creating did not follow our physical laws since creation itself violates the laws of physics. The most likely scenario is that as each creation event was completed, the laws pertaining to that creation started to apply.

In light of this then, we need to assess everything on this basis. If the secular world view tells us that something is very old, we need to check these things out and see if it is really true. We will find that the explanations that the "young earth creation" scientists have provided really make more sense and confirm God's account of creation.

## The Flood account – local or global?

Let's examine the Scriptures to see:

*The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered. All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark. (Gen 7:19-23)*

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<sup>1</sup> Francis Brown, Samuel Rolles Driver, and Charles Augustus Briggs, [\*Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon\*](#) (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1977), 398.

*... when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. (1Pe 3:20)*

*"And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. (Luk 17:26-27)*

*and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; (2Pe 2:5)*

It is quite obvious in both the original account in Genesis and the New Testament accounts, that the flood was worldwide and that the only people that survived were Noah (along with the animals with him) There is no way to make this a local flood and be true to Scripture.

## Science

Science is the “god” of this present age. Everything is measured by how “scientific” it is and everything other than science is ridiculed and persecuted. Let’s look at some of the scientific facts then. First of all, the dictionary definition of science is “*the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.*”<sup>2</sup> Experiments have to be repeatable and the outcome needs to be verifiable as either true or false. So, what observations can we make here based on the definition of science.

1. It is limited to the natural world.
2. It requires repeatable experiments to be conducted.
3. The outcomes of the experiments have to be verifiable as being either true or false.
4. It is very useful in the fields of observable science and technology

What claims has science made about this universe

1. This universe has a beginning which is generally pegged around 13.8 billion years ago, Space, time, material and energy all started at time point.
2. Life basically started from a chemical soup by accident.
3. That life form then “evolved” through a process where the living organisms develop into more complex and useful organisms totally by chance. All living things on earth came from this first living cell.
4. All processes have been uniform throughout all of history.

So how do the claims stack up against the definition and what issues do we come up against?

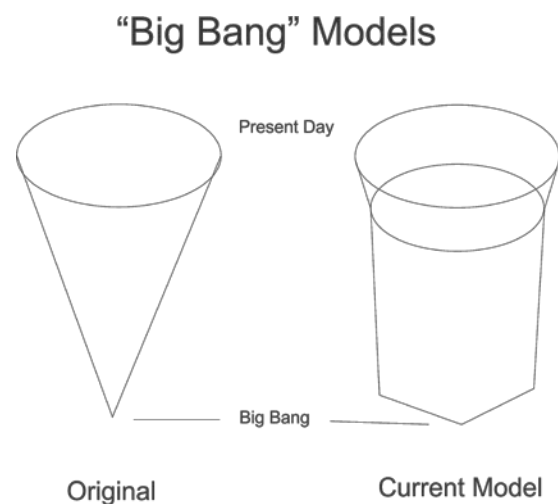
1. The universe is finite, it has a beginning. Since the universe is finite, there must be an eternal being to create it.
2. Science is limited to the natural world; it cannot be used for the “supernatural” world. Since the natural world had a beginning, as both science and the Scripture say, the explanation of the beginning of the world cannot lie with science, it has to come from the “supernatural”.

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<sup>2</sup> Catherine Soanes and Angus Stevenson, eds., [\*Concise Oxford English Dictionary\*](#) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004).

3. There are no repeatable tests that can be performed to emulate the “big bang”, so science cannot be used here.
4. The experiments to create life from a chemical soup have failed. So, even with “intelligent intervention”, scientists have not been able to create life. The evidence is against the required atmosphere for this to occur. Also, where would the operating system come from for this organism? Information always comes from information; science has no way of explain how information came to be in a purely naturalistic fashion. Dr. Werner Gitt has written a book on the subject called “In the beginning was information”.
5. The fossil record does not attest to a gradual evolution of living beings from simple to complex. In fact, in the Cambrian explosion, we see the fairly instantaneous appearance of many animal forms, including some very complex ones. Also, the creatures that are in the fossil record do not substantially change over the time of their existence.

6. Uniformity over time. Initially, with the “big bang” theory, a cone shaped model was envisioned, but with continued observation this is being changed to something that looks different. What we see here is that we do not have uniformity over time anymore, which is a foundation that science is based on. It has also been documented that Carbon 14 ( $C^{14}$ ) dating is only accurate to about 1400 BC. After that time, offsets have to be used. Obviously, here again, we see that something was not uniform. The further back we go, the more the offset. That begs the question on the shape of the offset curve, is it linear or exponential? What is the cause of that? Carbon dating has a theoretical maximum dating of about 100,000 years, since the amount left at that point would not be detectable, yet we get readings of  $C^{14}$  in dinosaurs, diamonds and others that are supposed to be many millions of years old. Another interesting observation about dating and time is related to mount St Helens (and other sites as well). We know when the eruption occurred in 1980. When the rocks that formed were dated, the results were up to 2.8 million years old.



What we see here is that science has totally struck out and is not usable for the determination of the origin of the universe and all life that is on the earth.

## Consequences of Theistic Evolution in Christianity

The authority and reliability of the Bible is now relegated to a subservient position to science, even though we have just determined that science does not give us an accurate account of this universe. Who determines what part of Scripture is true? Theistic Evolution removes or re-interprets everything from creation to the flood at a minimum. What do we do with all the Scriptures that specifically relate back to Adam and Eve, Satan’s deception and the fall of man? Who were Adam and Eve? Death before the fall? What happens to Jesus’ reference to Adam and Eve, Noah and the flood? Since Jesus is the Word, is He now a myth or a part myth? Was he born of a virgin? Was He really crucified? Did he really rise from the dead? Jesus and the writers of the New Testament all considered Genesis to be true, so, what effect

does that have on the doctrine of the Inspiration of the Scriptures? (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Virtually all of the foundational truths of the Word of God are jeopardized.

- Creation did not occur as God said.
- The fall did not occur as God said.
- There was death before the fall.
- Is Jesus really the Divine Son of God and Word of God?
- The whole doctrine of Sin and Salvation is tied back to a historical Adam and Eve.
- The inspiration of the Scriptures falls.
- The authority of the Scriptures falls.

We would thus be left with nothing but a book from which we can choose what we would like to believe and one which would have no authority for us or anyone else. The whole evolutionary, scientific way of thinking relegates God to something that is just in the imagination of people and who is not real in any way. A dictionary definition of faith is “**1**complete trust or confidence.**2** strong belief in a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof. - a particular religion.”<sup>3</sup> This shows us how the world views Christianity, even “old earth” Christians. It is no wonder that so many people are leaving the church, since they are being told that parts of Scripture are not true and you can re-interpret them to fit your own ideology. This is why it is so important to keep the Bible as the authoritative Word of God and defend it with the scientific evidence that supports the Bible as it is written and not try and fit it into the secular world view. Secular people will reject Christianity regardless of whether we try and accommodate millions of years or not. Rejecting the truth of Scripture as God wrote through the human authors only undermines the faith of Christians.

The truth is that God created the universe and all that is in it just as He described in Genesis.

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, (Rom. 1:18-22)*

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