

The Age of the Earth

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First, we need to establish firmly that the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, declare that the earth was created by God at a point in time. It did not evolve over some long period of time. Here are some Scriptures:

Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...*

Genesis 2:1, *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. And **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.*

Notice, **by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done**. Creation was at a certain time, and it was completed at that time, it did not evolve over a long period of time.

Psalm 33:6-9, *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.*

Psalm 104:24-25, *O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. There is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.*

Isaiah 40:21-22, *Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.*

Isaiah 40:28, *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.*

Isaiah 45:18, *For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is God!), who formed the earth and made it (He established it; He did not create it empty, He formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other."*

Revelation 4:11, *Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.*

The New Testament also specifically names Jesus as the agent of creation:

John 1:1-3, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.*

Colossians 1:16-17, *For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

Clearly, the Bible declares that the world was created by God at a certain point in time. It did not evolve over a long period of time. But when was that time? If you add up all the ages given in the Bible, you arrive at the year 4004 B.C. Some believe there are gaps in some of the biblical genealogies, and suggest a date for creation would be more like 10,000 B.C.

But that is irrelevant to the evolutionists. Evolution claims that the earth is 4.5 billion years old. They claim the “Big Bang was 13.8 billion years ago,” although the images received by the new James Webb Telescope have caused many scientists to question the big-bang theory altogether. Nonetheless, they hang on to the claim that the earth is 4.5 billion years old. If that is true, then many things we observe do not make sense. Here are five easy-to-remember reasons why the earth cannot be as old as the evolutionists say it is.

1. There Is Not Enough Salt in the Sea

If the earth was here for 4.5 billion years, its oceans should be filled with vastly more salt than the oceans contain today. Some 458 million tons of sodium mixes into ocean water each year, and only 122 million tons (27% of it) are removed by other natural processes. After 4.5 billion years, we would expect the oceans to be like the Great Salt Lake or Dead Sea, where there is no life at all.

The actual amount of salt in the oceans is what we might expect after thousands, not billions, of years.

2. There Is Not Enough Silt on the Ocean Floor

Every year, water and wind erode about 20 billion tons of dirt and rock debris from the continents and deposit them into the oceans. Water evaporates from the oceans and other bodies of water. Then the water vapor condenses over the land in the form of rain. The rain falls on the land, washing dirt and debris into rivers and streams, all of which eventually flow into the ocean, depositing 20 billion tons of dirt and rock debris.

If the evolutionists are correct, the Mississippi River would have filled the Gulf of Mexico with soil, and the Nile River would have filled the Mediterranean Sea. The tiny deltas we see today at the mouths of the Mississippi and the Nile rivers are more indicative of thousands of years of sediment deposits, not millions and certainly not 4.5 billion years of soil deposited into the oceans.

3. There Is Not Enough Topsoil

The same argument as above applies to topsoil. The topsoil globally reflects thousands, not millions, and certainly not billions, of years of decomposition. For example, the Amazon Jungle has dense foliage that dies and adds to the topsoil regularly, and it should be very thick, yet it is amazingly thin. [*soil-net.com*] Ecologists and soil conservationists are concerned about mudslides and erosion problems along the Amazon because the topsoil is so thin. If the earth was around for 4.5 billion years, there should be at least hundreds of meters of topsoil along the Amazon.

4. There Are Not Enough People on the Earth

The world population currently doubles every 40 years or so. For example, the world population in 1960 was 3.022 billion people, and in the year 2000, the population was 6.162 billion. In 2020, the population was 7.856 billion. Today’s population of over 8 billion is just about right for the ~4500 years since Noah’s Flood. But if we assume that humans have been around for 50,000 years, and if we were to use the known standard calculations for population growth, there would have been 332 doublings, and the world’s population today would be a staggering

