

Creation vs. Evolution



The Biblical Creation Model

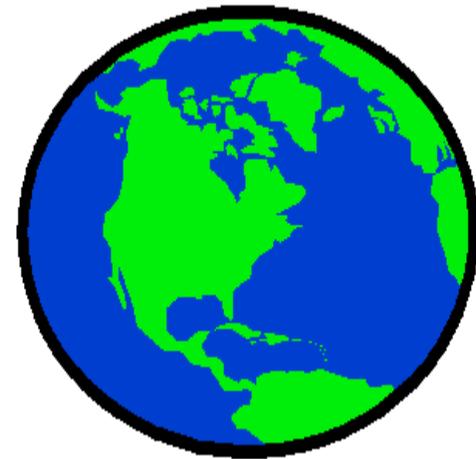
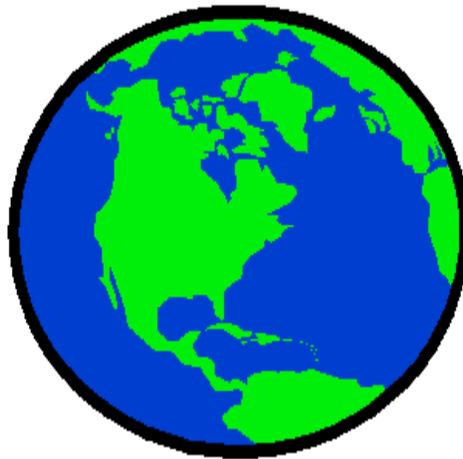
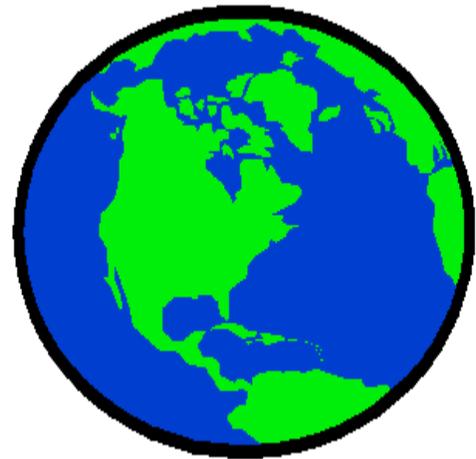


- 1. Special Creation of all things by God in six solar days.
- 2. The Curse on all things because of sin. All things are dying.
- 3. The global Flood of Noah's day. Deposited rocks and fossils.



The Creation Model

- 1. Supernatural origin of all things. Design, purpose, interdependence, information.
- 2. Net basic decrease in complexity over time. Limited horizontal change.
- 3. Earth history dominated by catastrophic events.



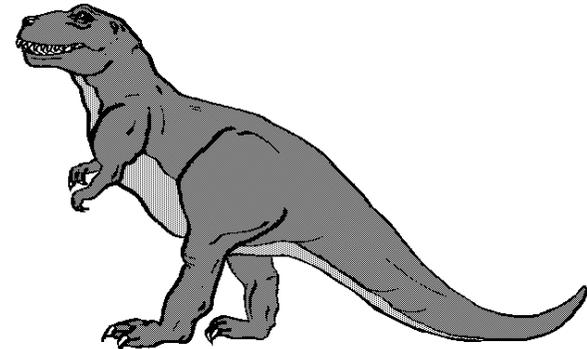
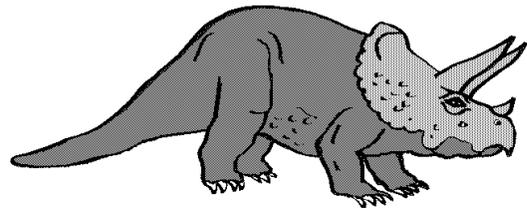
The Evolution Model

- 1. Naturalistic origin of all things. Chance, random mutation, natural selection.
- 2. Net basic increase in complexity over time. Unlimited vertical change.
- 3. Earth history dominated by uniform events. Neo-catastrophism.



The Evolutionary View of History

- 1. Most recent “Big Bang,” 10-20 billion years ago.
- 2. Our Solar System, 5 billion years ago.
- 3. Single-celled organisms, 3-4 billion years ago.
- 4. Multi-celled organisms, 1 billion years ago.
- 5. Humankind, 1-3 million years ago.
- 6. Modern Civilization, 5-10 thousand years ago.



The Fossil Record

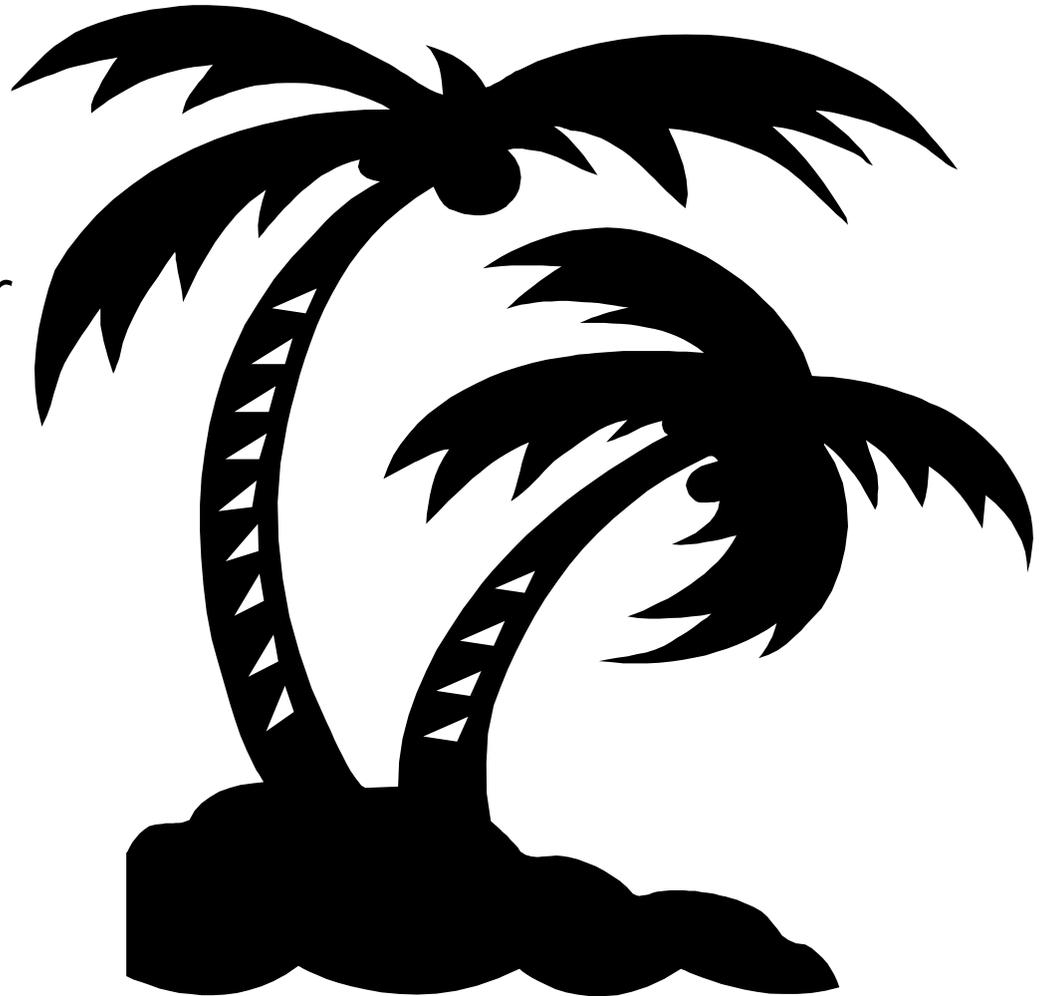
- 95% of all fossils are marine invertebrates, particularly shellfish.
- Of the remaining 5%, 95% are algae and plant fossils (4.75%).
- 95% of the remaining 0.25% consists of the other invertebrates, including insects (0.2375%).
- The remaining 0.0125% includes all vertebrates, mostly fish. 95% of the few land vertebrates consist of less than one bone. (For example, only about 1,200 dinosaur skeletons have been found.) 95% of the mammal fossils were deposited during the Ice Age.
- The fossil record is best understood as the result of a marine cataclysm that utterly annihilated the continents and land dwellers (Genesis 7:18-24; II Peter 3:6).

Why Are Human Bones So Scarce?

- Fossils are formed when buried in sediment beneath moving water.
- Land vertebrates, especially mammals, bloat when dead, and float in water.
- Land vertebrates dismember easily, and fairly quickly disintegrate or are scavenged in a water environment.
- The process acting during the Flood would destroy soft-bodied organisms, and preserve those with hard outer shells.
- The destruction of *mankind* was the primary goal of the Genesis Flood.
- Human bodies have a low fossilization potential.
- Of all living things, humans are among the least in number. (Some estimate that about 350 million people died in the Flood of Noah's day.)
- Even if all were preserved, and evenly distributed throughout the world's 350 cubic miles of Flood sediments, the chance of exposure, discovery, recognition, and reporting of even one human fossil would be extremely remote.

Predictions of the Evolution Model

- 1. Transitional forms
- 2. Beneficial mutations
- 3. Things getting better
- 4. New species



Predictions of the Creation Model

- 1. Separate, distinct kinds
- 2. Intelligent design in nature
- 3. Tendency for decay
- 4. Extinction of species



How to Date a System or Object

1. Observe the present state of the system.
2. Measure a process rate within that system.
3. Assume certain things about the past.
4. Calculate the time necessary for that process to produce the present state.



Assumptions of Radioisotope Dating

- 1. Constant decay rate.
- 2. No loss or gain of parent or daughter.
- 3. Known amounts of daughter present at start.

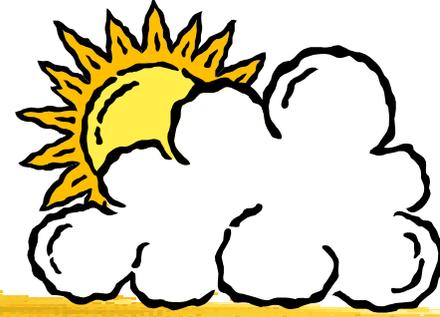


Aspects of a Mature Creation

- Continents with top soil
- Plants bearing seed
- Fruit trees bearing fruit
- Land with drainage system
- Rock with crystalline minerals
- Rocks with various isotopes
- Stars visible from earth
- Marine animals adapted to ocean life
- Birds able to fly
- Land animals adapted to environment
- Plants and animals in symbiotic relationships
- Adam and Eve as adults
- All “very good”



How Long is a Day?



- The word “day” (Hebrew *yom*) can have a variety of meanings.
 - A solar day
 - Daylight
 - Indefinite period of time
- Occurring 2291 times in the Old Testament, it almost always means a literal day.
- When used in the plural form *yamim* (845 times), it always refers to a literal day.
- When modified by numeral of ordinal in historical narrative (359 times in the Old Testament outside of Genesis 1), it always means a literal day.
- When modified by “evening and/or morning” (38 times outside of Genesis 1), it always means a literal day.
- Context of Genesis 1 is a tight chronology.
- Forms basis for our work week of 6 literal days (Exodus 20:11).
- Proper interpretation is a solar day, not an indefinite time period.

Contradiction in Order Between the Biblical View and the Secular View

■ Biblical Order of Appearance

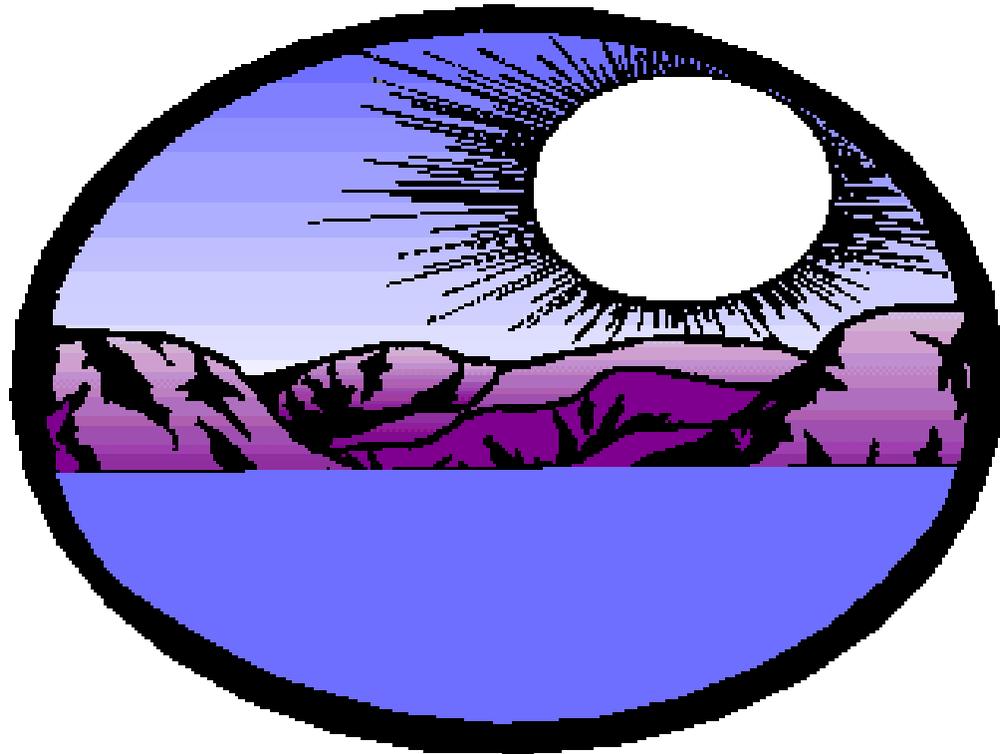
- 1. Matter created by God in the beginning
- 2. Earth before the sun and stars
- 3. Oceans before the land
- 4. Light before the sun
- 5. Atmosphere between two water layers
- 6. Land plants, first life forms created
- 7. Fruit trees before fish
- 8. Fish before insects
- 9. Land vegetation before sun
- 10. Marine mammals before land mammals
- 11. Birds before land reptiles
- 12. Man, the cause of death

■ Evolutionary Order of Appearance

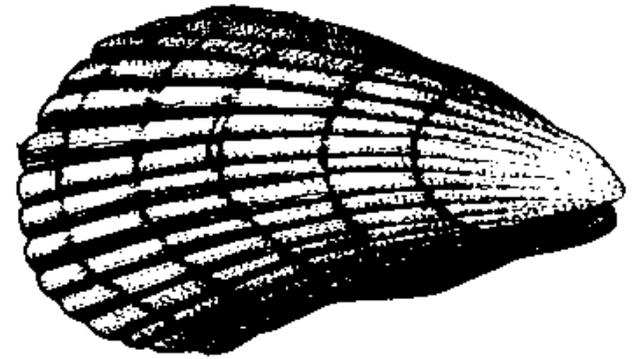
- 1. Matter existed in the beginning
- 2. Sun and stars before the earth
- 3. Land before the oceans
- 4. Sun, earth's first light
- 5. Atmosphere above a water layer
- 6. Marine organisms, first forms of life
- 7. Fish before fruit trees
- 8. Insects before fish
- 9. Sun before land plants
- 10. Land mammals before marine mammals
- 11. Reptiles before birds
- 12. Death, necessary antecedent of man

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Quiz



- 1. What three basic beliefs make up The Biblical Creation Model?
- 2. What three basic beliefs make up The Evolution Model?
- 3. Where are 95% of all fossils found?
- 4. According to the Bible which was created first, the sun or land vegetation?
- 5. According to evolution which appeared first, the sun or land vegetation?
- * Name two aspects of a mature creation.