

Biblical Interpretations of Creation

Type of Evidence	Young Earth Theory (Creationism)	Gap Theory (Ruin-Reconstruction)	Day-Age Theory (Progressive Creationism)	Theistic Evolution Theory
Basic statement	Earth and the universe were created in six literal 24-hour days.	The earth and the universe are old; earth was destroyed when Satan fell, then was re-created in six literal 24-hour days.	The universe was created in the big bang. The six days of genesis represent six ages of creation over a long period.	God created the universe in the big bang. The universe evolved to what it is now under God's guidance.
Method of Interpretation	Literal	Literal	Allegorical	Allegorical
Origin of human life	Instantaneous creation	Instantaneous creation	God specially created various non-spiritual hominid forms over time. Adam was instantaneously created	Human life evolved from earlier forms
Believed since	Ancient times	Ancient times	Ancient times	Darwin's Origin of Species
When and where dominant	Early church to present in RC and protestant churches	Early 19 th to mid 20 th Century in protestant churches	Not dominant, but widely held in protestant churches since late 20 th century	Dominant in mainline protestant denominations and official RC church in 20 th century
Organic life appeared	6,000-10,000 years ago	3+ billion years ago	3+ billion years ago	3+ billion years ago
Human life appeared	6,000-10,000 years ago	Millions of years ago	2-4 million years ago	200,000-1.6M years ago
Adam appeared	6,000-10,000 years ago	6,000-10,000 years ago	10,000-100,000 years ago	200,000-1.6M years ago
Death existed	After Adam fell	When Lucifer fell	All during creative process	All during creative process
Lucifer fell from Heaven	Sixth day of creation	Gen 1:2	Before tempting Eve-indefinite	Allegorical
Age of the Universe	6,000-10,000 years	13.7 billion years	13.7 billion years	13.7 billion years
Age of the Earth	6,000-10,000 years	4.5 billion years	4.5 billion years	4.5 billion years
Type of Creation	Catastrophism	Uniformitarianism/ Catastrophism	Uniformitarianism/ Catastrophism	Uniformitarianism
Big Bang	Didn't happen	Happened	Happened	Happened
Speed of light	Slowing down	Constant	Constant	Constant

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Noah's Flood	Global. 100% of earth	Global or Regional	Universal, not global	Regional
Websites supporting	http://www.gotquestions.org http://www.christiananswers.net http://www.answersingenesis.org http://www.icr.org http://www.apologeticspress.org http://www.biblearchaeology.org/ http://www.creation.com http://www.globalflood.org http://www.trueorigin.org/ http://nwcreation.net/ http://www.godvsevolution.co.uk http://www.drdino.com/ http://www.creationoutreachministries.com/	http://kjv bible.org/ http://creationdays.dk/ http://www.biblestudy.org/basicart/what-is-fascinating-history-of-creation-of-earth.html http://www.thegaptheory.com/ http://the-gap-theory.blogspot.com/ http://www.creationdebate.org/articles/creation/modified_gaptheory.html http://victory-baptist.net/ http://gracethrufaith.com/as-k-a-bible-teacher/more-on-the-gap-theory/#more-13723	http://www.reasons.org http://www.godandscience.org http://www.answersincreation.org/ http://creationevolutiondesign.blogspot.com/2006/05/re-progressive-creation-common-descent.html http://efsint.org	http://thankgodforevolution.com/ http://www.lightandmatter.com/evolution/ http://www.thegreatstory.org/ http://www.biologos.org/ http://www.faithandevolution.org http://god-created-evolution.com/ http://evolutionandgod.com/ http://godofevolution.com/ http://www.faithreason.org/ http://www.orthodoxytoday.org/OT/view/morelli-the-laws-of-nature-are-also-the-laws-of-god-evolution-a-psychospiri http://theistic-evolution.org/ http://www.theistic-evolution.com/
Organizations supporting	Institute for Creation Research, Creation Research Society, Creation Ministries International, Answers in Genesis, Southwest Radio Church	None	Reasons to Believe	American Scientific Affiliation (member survey)

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Advocated by	James Ussher, Ibn Ezra, John Calvin, Martin Luther, Scaliger, Johannes Kepler, Isaac Newton, John Lightfoot, George McCready Price, Henry M. Morris, John C. Whitcomb Jr., John Woodmorappe, Harry Rimmer, Ken Ham, Kent Hovind, Albert Mohler, Jonathan Sarfati, Chuck Missler, Jonathan Gray	Thomas Chalmers, Simon Episcopius, William Buckland, Sharon Turner, Edward Hitchcock, E.W. Bullinger, C.I. Scofield, Jimmy Swaggart, G.H. Pember, L. Allen Higley, Arthur Pink, Donald Grey Barnhouse, Clarence Larkin, Arthur Custance, Harry Rimmer, Joseph Bryant Rotherham, Arno Gaebelin, Johann Kurtz, James Gray, William Evans, Louis Talbot, Campbell Morgan, Henry Thiessen, Erich Sauer, Lewis Sperry Chafer, David Reagan, Gene Scott, Gregory of Nazianzen	William Jennings Bryan, William Bell Riley, Charles Lyell, Arnold Guyot, John William Dawson, George Frederick Wright, James Dwight Dana, Gerald Schroeder, Hugh Ross, Norman Geisler, Zola Levitt, Augustine, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, John H. Mears, Steven Jones, Wilbur M. Smith, George Stanley Faber, Hugh Miller, Bernard Ramm, Kenneth Taylor, Fazale Rana, Basil, Thomas Aquinas, Gregory of Nyssa, John Ankerberg	Michael Dowd, Connie Barlow, Francis Collins, Steven Pinker, Michael Behe, Ben Crowell, Karl Giberson, Marty Hewlett, Ted Peters, John H. Walton, Richard Colling. Darrel Falk, Tim Keller, Mark Sprinkle, Dennis Venema, George Murphy, Randy Isaac, Jay Richards, Brian McLaren, Teilhard de Chardin, B.B. Warfield, Billy Graham, Thomas Jay Oord, Michael Lodahl, J.B.S. Haldane, Carl Drews
Strength	Literal understanding of scripture; possible ultimate agreement with science	Literal understanding of scripture; agrees with science and ancient literature	Agrees with most modern science	Agrees with most modern science, including Evolution Science
Weakness	Appearance of age in creation	Many Biblical scholars disagree with Gap Theory	“Created in 6 days” passages (Ex 20:11)	“Created in 6 days” passages (Ex 20:11)