

Day-Age Theory

Premise: The “days” of creation were not literal 24-hour days but eons of time.

Conclusion: The earth is millions or billions of years old.

Purpose of this theory: To be able to reconcile the Creation account in Genesis 1 to the old Earth view.

Questions for those holding this view:

1. Where is the textual evidence to assert that God meant for the Hebrew word *yom*, which means day, to be taken figuratively rather than literally?
2. If God meant eons of time rather than days, why didn't He just use the Hebrew word *dor* which means long periods of time?
3. Why isn't the Hebrew word *yom* used anywhere else in the Bible to refer to long periods of time?
4. Each day of creation had an evening and a morning. What kind of eon has an evening and a morning?
5. Why does a numerical modifier in front of the Hebrew word *yom* always refer to a normal 24-hour day except in Genesis 1 (i.e., first day, second day, etc.)?
6. God divided the light from the darkness and called the light Day (eon?) and called the darkness Night. If Day means eon in this verse, then what does Night mean?
7. God said He put the lights in the heaven to divide the day (eon?) from the night for signs and seasons and days (eons?) and years. If days means eons in this verse, then what does years mean?
8. God made the sun and the moon. The sun was to rule the day and the moon was to rule the night. Does it make sense to change the meaning of *yom* here? Then the verse would say that the sun was to rule the eon and the moon was to rule the night.
9. God made vegetation on the third day but did not make the sun until the fourth day. If it was millions of years between these days, how did the vegetation survive without the sun for millions of years? How did the vegetation survive without pollination from insects when living creatures were not made until the fifth and sixth day?
10. Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day. They lived through the seventh day (the day that God rested and called the Sabbath Day). They were still alive on the eighth day because they sinned at some point but not on the Sabbath Day. That means when they did finally die, if they had lived during the sixth, seventh, and eighth days, wouldn't they have been millions of years old by then? But Genesis 5:5 says Adam only lived to be 930 years old.

11. How does Exodus 20:11 and 31:17 make any sense at all if God did not create everything in six literal days?
12. How does Jesus' statement in Mark 10:6 make sense when He said that God made Adam and Eve in the beginning of the creation? Since God did not create Adam and Eve until the sixth day (which would be millions of years after the first day), how is that the beginning of creation?