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# **Age of the Earth**

**Is it a Young Earth After All?**



# AFTER EDEN

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I JUST TURNED 969 YEARS OLD AND PEOPLE KEEP TELLING ME HOW OLD I AM. I TELL THEM I'M NOT OLD! THE EARTH IS OLD! IT'S ALMOST 700 YEARS OLDER THAN I AM!

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Methuselah believed in an “old earth”.



**Pet Theory: Do Not Question**

## **Two Foundational Introductory Matters**

- 1. The matter of authority: who's the boss?**
  - Reason**
  - Experience**
  - Combination**
  - Intuition**
- 2. Interpretation: How do we really know what God meant?**

# The Basis of Knowledge

	<b>SYSTEM</b>	<b>STARTING POINT</b>	<b>METHOD</b>
<b>Autonomous Systems of Perception</b>	<b>RATIONALISM</b>	Innate ideas Faith in human ability.	Independent use of logic & reason
	<b>EMPIRICISM</b>	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	<b>MYSTICISM</b>	Inner, private experience; intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable.
<b>Divine Viewpoint</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

An open Bible is shown in a close-up, slightly blurred view. The pages are white with black text. A red tassel bookmark is visible on the right side, resting on the page. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the binding.

**Do we evaluate experience by the Bible?**

**Or,**

**do we evaluate the Bible by our experience?**

IF I HADN'T **SEEN** IT,  
I WOULDN'T HAVE **BELIEVED** IT

VS.

IF I HADN'T **BELIEVED** IT,  
I WOULDN'T HAVE **SEEN** IT

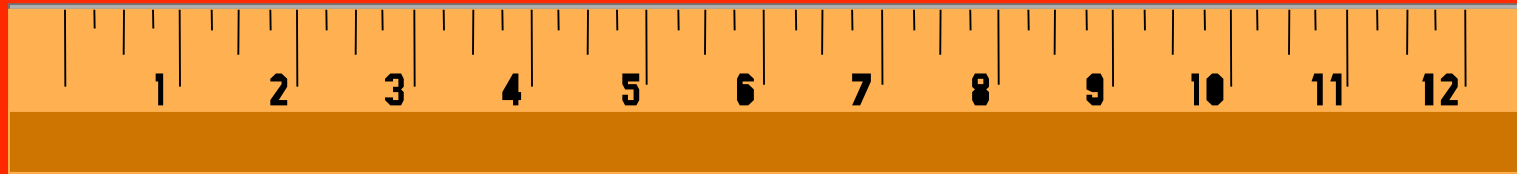




**Reason/Rationalism is only a calculating tool.  
Calculator does not explain the origin of the data.  
But before you calculate some data has to go into it.**



# Golden Rule of Interpretation



**When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context indicate clearly otherwise.**

**“The allegorical method was not born out of the study of the Scripture, but rather out of a desire to unite Greek philosophy and the Word of God. It did not come out of a desire to present the truths of the Word, but to pervert them. It was not the child of orthodoxy, but of heterodoxy.”**

**–J. D. Pentecost**

**“The Syrian school fought Origen in particular as the inventor of the allegorical method, and maintained the primacy of the literal and historical interpretation.”**

–Bernard Ramm, *PBI*, 49

**“It is apparent that the most straightforward understanding of Genesis, without regard to the hermeneutical considerations suggested by science, is that God created the heavens and the earth in six solar days, that man was created on the sixth day, and that death and chaos entered the world after the fall of Adam and Eve, and that all fossils were the result of the catastrophic deluge that spared only Noah’s family and the animals therewith.”**

**–PPT Pun, *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation***

# Accommodationist Views

- **The Old Earth Gap View**
- **The Day-Age View**
- **Progressive Creationism**
- **The Framework Hypothesis**

**Evolution: Suffering, death and pain are normal.**

- 1. Definition: Everything in the universe developed from nothing by pure chance. You are a cosmic accident.**
- 2. Evolution means change. But what kind of change?**
- 3. **Micro evolution** is the change and development of various species and kinds within certain boundaries. God did this deliberately so all the kinds could get on the ark.**



- 4. Macro evolution is the change and development of species across boundaries where fish eventually crawl out of the water and develop lungs instead of gills, become reptiles, and reptiles eventually become mammals which eventually develop into birds, and land animals, and eventually the human race.**
  
- 5. Evolution logically necessitates polygenesis, which means one race began in one location and another race in another location. Darwin's *Origin of Species* was originally subtitled: *by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*).**

# Definitions of Evolution

**TIME + CHANCE = ORDER, INTELLIGENCE, COMPLEXITY**

**OR**

**NOTHING + NO ONE = EVERYTHING**

**“The fact of evolution is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory—is it then a science or a faith? Belief in the theory of evolution is thus exactly parallel to belief in special creation—both are concepts which believers know to be true, but neither, up to the present, has been capable of proof.”**

**(Dr. Harrison Matthews, the evolutionist writer of the introduction to *Darwin’s Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*).**

**“Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact.”**

**–Dr. T. N. Tahmisian of who served on the Atomic Energy Commission stated in an interview (1959)**