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Three Internal Evidences of a Young Earth:

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According to the Gallup Polls, only about 4 in 10 Americans believe God miraculously created mankind, as we currently exist, within the last 10,000 years or so. In the past 30 years, American belief in evolution accounting for mankind's existence has grown 10%.¹ The research goes on to mention that "few scientists would agree that humans were created pretty much in their present form at one time 10,000 years ago, underscoring [an] ongoing discontinuity between the beliefs that many Americans hold and the general scientific consensus on this important issue." In other words, the majority of the scientific community discredits creation and adheres to the evolutionary model, subscribing to a 4.6 billion year old earth. Since the majority of the scientific community adheres to an ancient earth, and is increasingly swaying the general public's opinion, is the matter settled? God forbid! There is external evidence and internal evidence of a young earth and young universe. External evidence is seen through fossils found, carbon-14 dating, comets in the Solar System, to name

a few, evidences outside of Scripture. Internal evidence is found within Scripture, passages in which God gives witness to a young earth, and a young universe, no more than a few thousand years old. I present you with three internal evidences of a young earth.



First, the Decalogue (i.e. the Ten Commandments) actually provide more than just .01% of God's standards, it provides a witness to the age of the earth. We all know, or at least heard of the Ten Commandments, although when asked to recite them, we typically can't name a few of them. However, one the commandments sticks out in light of this topic; the fourth commandment.

The fourth commandment can be found in Exodus 20:8-9, "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:" How does this passage reveal internal evidence for a recent creation? The answer is found in the reason God gave the Israelites for keeping this command: "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:11). Now the Hebrew word for "days" is *yowm*, and can mean a literal 24-hour day, a general period of time, or daytime as opposed to nighttime however, with the specification of the number *six* attached to the *days*, it requires a literal interpretation of six literal 24-hour days, not millions of years.

¹ <http://www.gallup.com/poll/21814/evolution-creationism-intelligent-design.aspx>

² <http://www.biblearchaeology.org/post/2010/02/18/Joseph-in-Egypt-Part-I.aspx>

³ John J. Davis, *Paradise to Prison*. (Salem, WI: Sheffield Publishing Company, 1975), p57

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The second internal evidence is seen through the work of J. Paul Tanner, from Grace Evangelical Society. J. Paul Tanner reveals internal evidence of a YEC on the basis of the genealogy found within Scripture. The following is an excerpt from page 21 of volume 30, number 1, of the Jan/Feb 2015 issue of the Grace in Focus magazine.

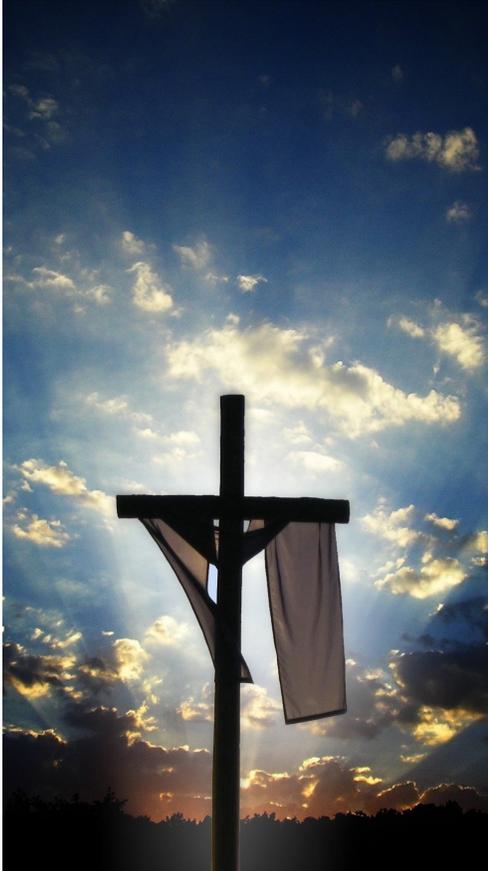
From knowing when Solomon's son, Rehoboam, took the throne as King of Judah (1 Kings 11:41-43), we can backtrack to an approximate year of creation based on key historical events. It is generally accepted that Rehoboam took the throne in Judah around 931 BC, and if he took the throne after his father Solomon reigned for 40 years, then Solomon had to have taken the throne around 971 BC. 1 Kings 6:1 indicates two events, the beginning of the building of the First Temple and the Exodus. Solomon began building the Temple in his fourth year, and since he began his reign in 971 BC, the Temple construction would have begun around 967 BC; from this event, it was 480 years from the Exodus, i.e. 1446 BC. From the Exodus, we understand that the Israelites were in bondage to Egypt for 430 years, Exodus 12:40-41, bringing us to 1876 BC. Prior to the Exodus, the Jews migrated to Egypt, thus bringing us to Joseph. Based upon archaeological evidence, it is believed that Joseph was in Egypt during the Middle Kingdom Period, during the reign of Sesostri II (1897-1878 BC) and then Sesostri III (1878-1843 BC).² Understanding the kingdom period Joseph would be living in, it is then believed that Joseph welcomed his family to Egypt around 1876 BC, during the Sesostri III. According to Genesis 47:7-9, Jacob was 130 years old when he was taken before Pharaoh. If Sesostri III was the actual Pharaoh during this time, we can again trace back 130 years taking us to 2006 BC, the year Jacob was born. Looking at Genesis 25:26, we see that Isaac is 60 years old when Jacob is born, so the date of Isaac's birth (60 years prior to Jacob's birth) brings us to 2066 BC. Abraham was 100 years old when Sarah bore Isaac (Genesis 21:5), 2166 BC. Although it is difficult to date the birth of Abraham's father, Terah, it is believed to be sometime between 2346 BC and 2296 BC, taking the median year, we shall see Terah may have been born in 2321 BC. From here, Scripture records chronology pretty fluidly. From Arphaxad to Terah was 220 years, and Arphaxad was born 2 years after the Flood (Genesis 11:10). Continuing, these 222 years brings us to the completion of the Flood to approximately 2543 BC. We read in Genesis 7 that Noah was 600 years old when the Floods came, bringing us to 3143 BC. From there, genealogy found in Genesis 5:3-32, reveals that from Adam's birth to Noah's birth was 1,056 years, taking us to 4199 BC. If Adam was the first human created by God, then that places the creation of the first man around 4199 BC.

It is the year 2016, if these dates are accurate, that means that *mankind* is only 6,125 years old, not the 200,000 years old that evolutionist ascribe to evolutionary biology. Of course, there could be discrepancies in the dating of some of the aforementioned events, because God doesn't record the amount of years from one event to the other. However, even if we are off by numerous years in many of those events, it still cannot account for the hundreds of thousands of years to the beginning of human evolution. But the discussion isn't about how old *mankind* is, but rather, how old is the earth. Seeing the creation of Adam to a mere thousands of years, according to Scripture, we now turn to the words in red, the recorded words of Jesus Christ.

The words of Jesus, in Mark 10:6, is the third internal evidence. In this verse, Jesus clearly mentions the creation of Adam and Eve at the *beginning of creation*. The Greek word for beginning is *archē*, and in this context refers to the beginning, origin, at the start. The question must be asked, the beginning of *what*? Jesus mentions the beginning of *creation*. The word used for creation here is the Greek word *ktisis*, and is used of the beginning of God's creation, i.e. Genesis 1:1 seen also in Mark 13:19, Romans 1:20, and 1 Peter 2:13. What Jesus is stating is that from the beginning of creation, God made Adam and Eve. One would logically conclude that if, as according to the evolutionary model, the universe began 13 billion years ago, and mankind didn't begin evolving until 200,000 years ago, more than 12 billion years have passed, certainly not the beginning of creation that Jesus is mentioning. A literal, logical reading of Mark 10:6 reveals Jesus taught that Adam was created a mere six days after God created the "heavens and the earth."

It's extremely unfortunate that the YEC battle seems to have been losing ground in society, as well as the scientific arena. While there are many YEC advocates in academic circle, we would do well to equip ourselves with the knowledge to know what Scripture says about the issue. In the end, although one's view of the age of the earth is not necessarily essential for salvation, it is essential for the foundation of our faith. As John J. Davis states "if biblical truth must be sacrificed at the altar of scientific acceptability, we are left with no hope whatsoever and are reduced to a world and life view of empty materialism."³ God forbid that be the case! Let us study the Scripture and the evidence all around us which supports the internal evidence of YEC.

Be Sure Heaven is YOUR Home!



1. Recognize YOUR Condition: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

No one is good enough to go to heaven on his/her own merit. No matter how much good we do, we still fall short.

2. Realize the PENALTY for Sin: "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

Just as there are wages (payment) for good, there is punishment for wrong. The penalty for our sin is eternal death in a literal, real place called Hell.

3. Believe Jesus Christ Died for YOU: "But God commendeth His love for us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Jesus Christ's great love for us was shown when He died on the cross to pay our debt.

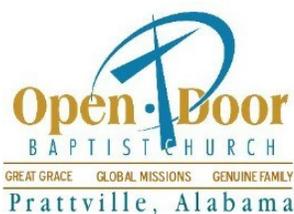
4. Trust Christ ALONE as Your Savior: "...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Everlasting life is a gift purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ and offered freely to ALL those who call upon Him by faith.

Let us help you word a prayer. (Realize it's not the words that save, but your genuine faith in Jesus Christ):

Pray: Dear Jesus, I know I'm a sinner. Please forgive me for my sins. I ask you Jesus to cleanse me from my sin and save my soul from hell. I'm trusting you alone for eternal life and to take me to heaven when I die. Thank you for your sacrifice on the cross for my salvation, Amen!

If you prayed that prayer, and sincerely meant it, please contact us here at Open Door.



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