

## DO CREATION *DAYS* MEAN OUR DAYS OR EONS?

### Review relevant principles for interpreting Scripture.

• **Accept what the Scriptures say before teachings, traditions and personal ideas which cannot be confirmed in Scripture. Use only the Scriptures to determine truth and necessary practice. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you through your spirit.** Belief in the Genesis account of the creation in six days is difficult for people long schooled in the theory of evolution, but the Holy Spirit can teach your heart (spirit) to believe the truth. (*As a few weeks old believer I woke up one morning believing in Adam & Eve despite my biology degree and what I believed going to bed.*)

**Col 2:8** - Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

• **Read with *precision* by assuming that the original author's choice of each word was purposefully inspired by the Holy Spirit.** No place in Scripture indicates the word *day* might mean an eon, though it could mean time, as in *my day of distress* (Gen 35:3). Back in Gen 8:22 God said, *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.* These are the regular day and nights making one day as we know days to be.

• **Interpret Scripture appropriately for its various genres (the Law, history, poetry, prophecy, narrative, doctrine, reproof, parables, lyrics, wisdom).** Accordingly, interpret historical events as facts, not merely as fictional events that represent spiritual truths as you would for events in parables.

• **Recognize and interpret figures of speech (idioms, similes, metaphors, personification and symbolism) by the intended literal meaning of the analogy rather than the unintended literal meaning of the words.** Nothing in the Gen 1 account of creation or other Scriptures indicates figures of speech are used in Gen 1 definition of *day*.

• **Recognize and accordingly interpret literary devices (allusion, flashback, foreshadowing (prophetic), hyperbole, irony, sarcasm and stereotyping).** Nothing in the Gen 1 account of creation indicates literary devices are used.

• **Interpret Scripture so it agrees with the whole of Scripture.** *Eons* does not agree with Scripture.

• **First find the one original meaning intended for and understandable by the original recipient or audience.** Is there any reason why people of Moses' time would think *day* meant eons?

• **Consider the author's purpose (to encourage, inform, correct, praise God).** God through Moses is informing. This information must be true, or trust in the rest of God's Word fails.

• **Rather than reading *into* God's Word what we *hope* it says, we must read *out* of His Word what it *does* say. We must draw conclusions from Bible evidence, not interpret the Bible with our own or outside ideas.** Modern conjectures and teachings of science must never take precedence over the teachings of Scripture.

• **Keep the basic laws of logic about *things considered at the same time in the same way*.**

**Law of Identity**—Everything is what it is. Days are days, not eons. Definitions should be well-established to promote understanding.

**Law of Non-Contradiction**—No statement can be both true and false. Of two contradictory statements, at most one is true, and both could be false. Only the *day* equals a day or the *day* equals an eon could be true, so we have to decide which is true instead of “halt between two opinions (1King 18:21).”

## Draw conclusions from Bible evidence.

1. God implies two definitions for *day*: light, and the time of an evening followed by a morning (sunset to sunset).

*Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

2. God created everything by speaking (fiat), “*Let there be \_\_\_\_\_*,” so eons were not necessary to accomplish creation. The need for eons comes from the need for time for alleged evolution to have taken place. By the Law of Noncontradiction, either the Genesis account or the evolution account could be correct. God gave us the Genesis account, so we should hold to it.

3. God created every living thing in a mature state (the chicken, not the egg!), so eons are not even required to bring any alleged evolved creatures into being. “After his/their kind” implies evolution was not involved, so eons were not involved. “After his/their kind” also implies the living things were like kinds known to God (like God told Moses to build the tabernacle after the pattern in heaven; like the tree of life by the street and river of life at God’s throne of Rev 22 and the living creatures of Eze 1—what God created on earth was similar to what was in heaven).

*Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

*Gen 1:20-23 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl [that] may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*

4. God will not break His covenant with the fixed order of heaven and earth at the regular *time* of day and night (ordinances) any more than He would break His covenant with David to bring Jesus Christ to the throne, so the day and night must be the same now as has continued from Gen 1.

*Jer 33:19-21 HCSB - The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: 20 "This is what the LORD says: If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night so that day and night cease to come at their regular time, 21 then also My covenant with My servant David may be broken so that he will not have a son reigning on his throne, and the Levitical priests will not be My ministers.*

*Jer 33:23-26 HCSB - The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: 25 This is what the LORD says: If I do not keep My covenant with the day and with the night and fail to establish the fixed order of heaven and earth, 26 then I might also reject the seed of Jacob and of My servant David -- not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

5. It is necessary that the days of creation not be eons because the lives of the first few generations were not eons long, but rather lives of countable days. Rom 5:12-18 tell of the two Adams: we live by one man, Jesus Christ, (who lived an earthly life of days, not eons) because we died in one man, Adam, who lived a life of days, not eons. The two lifetimes need to correspond so that the two are similar human beings so the last Adam (1Cor 15:45), Jesus, can represent humanity.

**Discover that much of “so-called science” is merely fiction.**

*1Tim 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.*

Richard Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*, ©2006, who makes regular media appearances as an atheist discussing the science and reasoning against creationism and the Creator, uses (1) assumptions and (2) a fantasy civilization instead of scientific facts to prove his points in an interview with Ben Stein:

Stein: How did it [the universe] get created? ...how did it start?

Dawkins: **Nobody knows** how it got started. We know **the kind of event** that it **must have been**. We know **the sort of event** that **must have happened** for the origin of life.

S: And what was that?

D: It was the origin of the first self-replicating molecule.

S: Right, and how did that happen?

D: I told you, **we don't know...**

S: What do you think is the possibility that Intelligent Design might turn out to be the answer to some issues in genetics or in Darwinian evolution?

D: Well, it **could come about** in the following way. It **could be** that at some earlier time, somewhere in the universe, a civilization evolved, **probably** by **some kind** of Darwinian means, **probably** to a very high level of technology, and designed a form of life that they seeded onto **perhaps** this planet. Um, now that is a **possibility**, and an intriguing **possibility**. And I **suppose** it's **possible** that you **might find** evidence for that **if** you look at the details of biochemistry, molecular biology, you **might find** a signature of **some sort** of designer.

And that designer **could well be** a higher intelligence from elsewhere in the universe. But that higher intelligence **would** itself **have had to have come about** by some explicable, or ultimately explicable process. It **couldn't have** just jumped into existence spontaneously. That's the point.

True, the “universe” *couldn't* have just jumped into existence spontaneously, but neither could the “universe” have a designer not in it until it already existed! This kind of thinking wrapped in a great deal of propaganda through all media from early childhood causes people to believe information from “scientists” is more trustworthy than the Creator's Word, the Bible!

*God's fiat creation took days. An atheistic something-happened-to-nothing-for-no-reason big bang requires evolution which requires eons.*