

Series: The Doctrine of Creation  
"The Answers are in Genesis"  
"Overview" # 1  
Gen. 1:1a  
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What would you say to someone who told you the following?

1. I believe in Evolution not creation.
2. I believe God used evolution to create.
3. I believe the earth is millions or billions of years old.
4. I believe dinosaurs existed before man and became extinct.
5. I believe man evolved from a monkey.
6. I believe fossils are millions of years old.
7. "Days" in Genesis speaks of thousands of years and not 24 hour days.

**TT-** I want to present 5 questions in this overview.

### **I. What Does "In the beginning" Mean?**

Gen. 1:1 settles the debate between creation and evolution and that the theory of evolution is a lie. There was nothing before creation but the eternal Godhead.

The "beginning" refers to the beginning of the creation of the world. Young earth creationists fix the time as 4004 B.C., and no further than 10,000 b.c. Evolutionists suggest 4,500,000,000 B.C.

God simply states His creation as fact without any defense.

God does not explain His existence; neither does He explain His creating work. He just states, "In the beginning God."

I will not present the theory of evolution or study creation and evolution side by side, but simply present creation as God presents it. Here we have God's eyewitness account to Moses and Moses to us.

Genesis chapter 1 teaches us that God created the entire universe and then formed and filled it all in six-24 hour days. More about "Days" later.

Someone said, "God created heaven for those who believe verse 1, and hell for those who don't believe verse 1."

It basically comes down to believing one of two beliefs, either one believes in Eternal matter or Eternal God. Either one believes in creation or he doesn't.

### **Let me share some Scriptures:**

**Ps. 33:6**, By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Ps.148:5**, Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

**John 1:3**, All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**Col. 1:16**, For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Heb. 11:3**, Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

**I. What Does "In the beginning" Mean?**

**II. How did God create?**

"Created" (1:1) means "Bara" to create out of nothing. The Eternal God created matter out of nothing. Nothing existed before God spoke it into existence.

Note 1:3, 6, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26

The Latin word "Ex-Nihilo" means God willed it and then spoke it into existence out of nothing. "God said" or "let there be."

There was no matter before God created matter. There was nothing but God before the Beginning and He used nothing to create.

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**III. How Old is the Earth?**

We are young earth creationists and believe the earth is 6,000 years old, but no later than 10,000 years old. Let's add it up in Genesis!

Creation to man is 6 days.

Gen. 5: Adam to the flood 1656 years

Gen. 11: Flood to Abraham 250 years

Gen. 12: Abraham to Babylonian captivity and return 1500 years

End of OT 400 years

NT. to now 2017 years.

Creation around 4004 BC and 6,000 years old. A young earth creation.

"Moon dust" Scientist though when Neil Armstrong jumped onto the moon he would be swallowed in moon dust because of there figures of the age of the earth. If you remember he barely kicked up dust supporting a young earth if you go by their calculations.

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**IV. Where Did Fossils Come From?**

Fossils are dead bones that were embedded or captured in sediment rocks at the flood and give appearance of millions of years old. You have the extinction of every animal on land and water that were not on the Ark, occurred at the flood.

Mount St. Helens- This catastrophic geologic event not only shocked the world because of its explosive power and made headline news, but challenged the foundations of evolutionary theory. Rapid sediment layers and fossil bed were formed overnight, not in billions of years. **Let me explain.**

1. No death before the fall of Man in Gen. 3. (Rom. 5:12).
2. God created a fully mature earth with appearance of age.
3. Dinosaurs were created on day six with man and not in a Pre-Adamic race and world that were destroyed between v. 1 and v.2.
4. Note vs. 1-5- All Day one. Just as there was not millions of years between v. 1 and v. 2, neither was there millions of years between v. 2 and v. 3.

## **V. What About the Geological Ages?**

HMSB states, "To Accommodate supposed geological ages certain theologians come up with the Gap Theory in which they propose a period of millions and billions of years between Gen. 1:1 and 1:2. In here you have the fall of Lucifer and a cataclysmic judgment of the earth and God started over again. Let me ask you, do you see any of this between v. 1 and v. 2?"

Evolutionists have never seen anything evolve so they had to stretch out the time to accommodate the 4.5 billion year.

The answer is in Noah's flood which provided sedimentary rocks and fossil beds and confirmed a recent creation and young earth. The water was upon the whole earth that's why fossils are found where we have land now.

The answers are in Genesis! **Next week-** What was God doing before the beginning of creation?