

Four theories of creation:

| Two Categories | Evolutionism | | Creationism | | |
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| Four Theories | Darwinism | Theistic Evolution | Old Earth Creation | | Young Earth Creation |
| Main Tenant | | | Intelligent Design | | Fiat Creationism |
| | <p>1859: Darwin's Origin</p> <p>Charles Darwin publishes <i>On the Origin of Species</i>, putting forward his theory of evolution by natural selection.</p> | <p>Allegorical Poetic representation</p> <p>The Genesis account tells us THAT God created not HOW God created. Science provided a mechanistic explanation of life in terms of evolution.</p> | <p>1802: A Watch, a Watchmaker</p> <p>In <i>Natural Theology, or, Evidences of the Existence and Attributes of the Deity</i>, William Paley argues that just as the workings of a watch are evidence of purposeful design by a watchmaker, complex living organisms are evidence of design by an intelligent Creator.</p> | <p>Fundamental Literalism</p> <p>Insists on a twenty-four hour creation day throughout Genesis 1 and demands a young Earth of approximately 6,000 years of age. The appearance of age, sediment layers, and fossil record are all due to the global flood as found in Genesis 7.</p> <p>Psalm 148:5 <i>Fiat</i> Latin for "Let it be so"</p> | |
| Stages | V ariation | In the beginning God created... | Gap Theory | Progressive Creationism | DAY 1 Light and Darkness |
| | I nheritance | Then He just let everything evolve | 1814 Presbyterian Pastor Thomas Chalmers proposed the gap theory | 1823 Anglican Theologian George Faber advocates day-age theory | DAY 2 Heaven, the expanse (firmament) |
| | S election | | Gap of innumerable time between Gen 1:1 and 1:2 | Each Day is not a literal 24 hour day but an age | DAY 3 Earth and seas, vegetation |
| | T ime | | Gaps between the days of creation | 2 Peter 3:8 | DAY 4 Lights in the expanse, Sun, moon and stars |
| | A daptation | | Gaps in the genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11 | | DAY 5 Sea creatures and birds |
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The age of the Earth issue:

Biblical genealogies = 6000 years

- Usher and Jones 4004 BC
- 32 other chronologists from 5501-3836 BC

Other regions of the world

- William Hales accumulates creation dates from many cultures ranging from 6984 to 3616 BC

Old Earth Proponents

- Beginning in 1779 Comte de Buffon 75,000 years old (Earth was once hot molten rock and cooled over a long period of time)
- 1786 - 1 million years
- 1795-1812 Long unspecified period
- 1830s millions of years
- 1862-1899 20-100 million
- 1913 1.6 billion
- 1956 4.5 billion

Why the rapid increase in ages? Because evolution is unattainable without long periods of time

- R.C. Sproul Not a Chance
- Carl Baugh Why do men believe Evolution Against All Odds?