

# The Bible and Science Agree on a Young Earth

**A**ccording to a U.S. government website, “modern homo sapiens” evolved 150,000-200,000 years ago from “early ancestors” who lived six million years ago. If this were true, one would expect there to be dateable, physical evidence of people, places and things from that long ago period; it is not true and, therefore, no such evidence exists.

**W**hat exists instead is very strong physical evidence for a “young” earth that dovetails with the Bible’s account of creation. The Bible’s genealogies and chronologies help us understand that the earth is approximately 6,000 years old, not billions of years old. Based on the stated lifespan of our earliest ancestors (reference Genesis chapters 5-7, 11, etc.), the global, cataclysmic flood (reference Genesis chapters 7-8) occurred approximately 4,500 years ago. As such, we would expect that the oldest dateable things would be no more than about 4,500 years old, and that is exactly what the physical record shows. In this context, consider just a few examples of physical evidence:

**E**arth’s Population—One of the most obvious problems with the evolutionist theory concerns the earth’s population and demonstrated rates of population growth over time. The earth currently has a population of about 7 billion persons. According to experts, the population growth rate has historically been at least 0.4 percent with spikes above 2 percent. Using statistical census records from the last few hundred years and assuming a natural logarithmic growth, the eight individuals who were saved aboard Noah’s ark 4,500 years ago would produce almost exactly 7 billion people as of today. Another way of looking at this topic: fewer than 100 generations of 35 years each (i.e., 3,500 years total), in which 3 children

were born to each couple on average, would be more than enough to produce a population of 7 billion. Using the same rates of population growth, if homo sapiens and their evolutionary ancestors had been on the earth only 1 million years instead of the 6 million years as presently conjectured, there would have been 28,570 generations of 35 years each. The population of so many generations, it has been calculated, would result in a population of 105,000 people. To demonstrate the enormity of such a number, “only” about 10100 people could be crammed into the entire known universe. The physical evidence of the earth’s population represents an insurmountable obstacle to a logical belief in evolution.

**O**ldest Civilization—Secular scholars are in general agreement that the earliest known civilization was founded in Mesopotamia, about 3,500 BC, or about 5,500 years ago. It is inconceivable that the oldest civilization could only be a few thousand years old if homo sapiens actually appeared 200,000 years ago. It is highly logical and reasonable to challenge the theory of evolution’s basis in fact when the data shows that there is no known, dateable civilization older than just a few thousand years.

**O**ldest Writing—According to a July 10, 2013 Associated Press article, “The oldest writing in the world is believed to be from Mesopotamia, dating back slightly more

than 5,000 years.” The secularist’s assertion that homo sapiens have been on the earth for as many as 200,000 years when there is no record of any writing older than about 5,000 years stretches credulity to the breaking point. There is no satisfactory explanation for nearly 200,000 years of human development with no evidence of communication progress to show for it.

**R**elatedly, consider Webster’s definition of prehistoric: “of, relating to or existing in the time before people could write.” Without a written record of what has transpired in the past, all that is left is conjecture. As such, evolutionists rely on fanciful flights of imagination for the very reason that there is no written record of what they theorize could have happened in the past; this helps explain why secular scientists’ writings about origins are riddled with expressions of great uncertainty, speculation, and unsolved mysteries. Fortunately, God has left mankind with an easily understood and definitively written history of the universe—beginning literally at Day One—that is not saddled with such weaknesses.

**O**ldest Living Thing—According to experts, the oldest dateable plant on earth is only 5,064 years old; it is a bristlecone pine tree, named *Pinus longaeva*, located in the White Mountains of California. The Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Research group, the organization of scientists that has dated the tree, calculates the ages of trees on the

number of rings and other related criteria. If the world were truly millions of years old, and if the secularists’ theory of uniformitarianism were true, we would expect to be able to find numerous examples of dateable trees that were at least hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of years old.

**T**hose who have a blind faith in the theory of evolution may never accept the reality about our origins, but for those with honest, open hearts who are searching for the truth, just these few examples of physical earth-dating evidence are more than enough to discredit the baseless teachings of secularists. “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them... professing to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:18-19, 22).

**F**riends, if you are searching for the truth about the origins of the universe and a knowledge of its Creator, please let us know. We would be happy to aid your study.

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