



How Long Were the Days of Creation? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

That there has been a "beginning" Of the Creation, none seems to dispute. In human experience, we know that everything in our world must have had a beginning. And in Scripture, this is completely true:

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and 1 End,' says the Lord, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty' (**Revelation 1:8**)

Only God pre-dates the Creation,

You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail. (**Hebrews 1:10-12**, quoting **Psalms 102:25-27**).

1. Jesus Christ believed in the "beginning," because:

1) He was there as the "Word" of God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made (**John 1:1-3**).

2) Jesus had un-wavering confidence in Moses' written account, for He said,

"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female?'" (**Matthew 19:4**).

With that statement, He was quoting the text in **Genesis 1:27**: "so God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

3) Jesus also said that "the devil" "was a murderer from the beginning" (**John 8:44**), thus endorsing the **Genesis 3** record of Adam and Eve's sin, that it was

Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men (**Romans 5:12**).

2. The Apostle Paul believed in the "beginning," when he wrote of Jesus Christ:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth,

visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities Or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (**Colossians 1:15-17**)

3. **Even "scoffers" of the Word Of God believe in a "beginning,"** for Peter wrote:

Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation' (**2 Peter 3:3-4**)

There is only one eye-witness, written account of the Creation, and that from God through His agent, Moses.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (**Genesis 1:1-2**)

Then follows, in **Genesis 1:3-2:3**, a day-by-day organization of the Earth and its life forms. **According to its use in this passage, "day" must refer to 24-hour periods of time for the following reasons:**

1. **When ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.) are attached, "day" is uniformly used of 24-hour periods.** God gave Israelites their Passover that began on a "first day," (**Exodus 12:14-15**). Jesus emphasized that, commonly, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" (**John 11:9**), leaving room for the "night" that God had divided from the light (**Genesis 1:3-5**). The first Creation day consisted of both a "night" and a "day" (**Genesis 1:3-5**).
2. **"Evening and morning" is consistently used for all 7 "days."** From Day 1 when "Day" was divided from "Night" (**Genesis 1:3-5**), through Day 3 when the "greater light" was put in place to rule the day and "lesser light" put in place to rule the night (**Genesis 1:14-19**), till Day 7 when God "rested" (**Genesis 2:1-2**), the same exact phrase is used. In other words, no day described in this text of the Creation is any longer, or shorter, than any other day. All are described in terms of solar time.
3. **A "sabbath" ("rest") day was given on Mount Sinai through Moses for them to remember the 7th day of Creation.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath Of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it (**Exodus 20:8-11**). (see also **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**)

God "blessed" His 7th day when He rested on it, but Sinai was the time, place, and how that God "sanctified" His Creation day of rest (**Genesis 2:3**). Why would God give a 24-hour "day" to commemorate His Creation "rest" day, if the Creation days were eons of time?

4. Vegetation on the 3rd day could not have survived elongated time periods.

The "dry land" God called "Earth" (**Genesis 1:9-10**) and it appeared and began producing all of its vegetation. Light is necessary for such to survive, because of the photosynthetic process, itself. If Creation "day three" was required to last millions of years for plants to "evolve," how did those original plants survive the evening hours? If you say, "God could have made them last," indeed, that could have been done. But, why? And that is pure speculation and goes against the only descriptive text we have from the only eye-witness of the event: God, Himself! Why would God inject a miracle that takes Himself out of the Creation and make allowance for a speculative theory spun by unbelievers?

5. God doesn't need longer days — Evolutionists do! The Evolutionary Doctrine of Creation replaces "God" with "time." Evolution, in fact, teaches that the matter of the "heavens and the earth" have always existed and, that "time" and "chance" have done the creating! The Bible says:

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man— and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things (**Romans 1:20-23**).

God's Creation demonstrates God in a way that should cause everyone to seek to know more about Him. By taking "God" out of His Creation, Evolution elevates the Creation so that it replaces Him as the uncaused first cause! It is described in **Romans 1**. Did God "need" seven 24-hour days in which to accomplish Creation? No, but by taking only a week:

- 1) He has established a most impressive time frame for us to read;
- 2) He give us a completely scientific look at Earth's development; and
- 3) He established a universal order of time for human calendars everywhere that is a reminder of our beginning!

6. Adam was 930 years old at his death (Genesis 5:5), no more! If the 6th day Of Creation had required eons of time for humans to accidentally develop, Adam's age could not have been only 930 years when he died. Also, how could Adam & Eve have lived past God's day of rest on the 7th Day? When the Bible text gives Adam's death age, it shows us that since the Creation the human timeline has been in use.

According to Scripture, there is no room for, or need of, more than 24-hour days during the week of Creation. The confusion has been caused by those who seek "eternal time" for this Creation to occur without the eternal God. "Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar" (**Romans 3:4**).

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