

“The Creation of Man”

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Questions That Demand an Answer

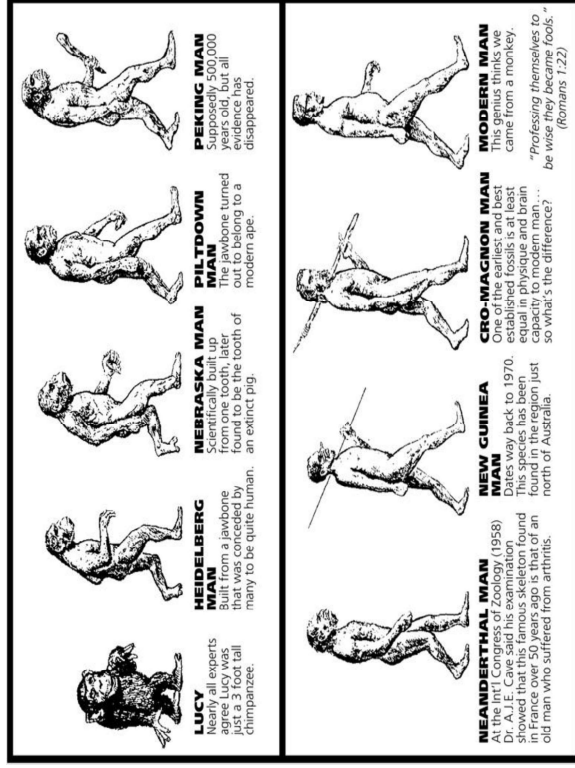
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1. Where did the space for the universe come from?
2. Where did matter come from?
3. Where did the laws of the universe come from (gravity, inertia, etc.)?
4. How did matter get so perfectly organized?
5. Where did the energy come from to do all the organizing?
6. When, where, why, and how did life come from dead matter?
7. When, where, why, and how did life learn to reproduce itself?
8. With what did the first cell capable of sexual reproduction reproduce?
9. Why would any plant or animal want to reproduce more of its kind since this would only make more mouths to feed and decrease the chances of survival? (Does the individual have a drive to survive, or the species? How do you explain this?)
10. How can mutations (recombining of the genetic code) create any new, improved varieties? (Recombining English letters will never produce Chinese books.)
11. Is it possible that similarities in design between different animals prove a common Creator instead of a common ancestor?

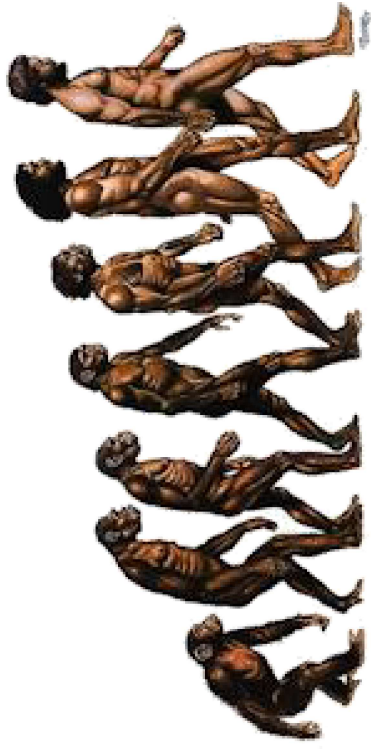
12. Natural selection only works with the genetic information available and tends only to keep a species stable. How would you explain the increasing complexity in the genetic code that must have occurred if evolution were true?
13. When, where, why, and how did:
 - a) Single-celled plants become multi-celled? (Where are the two- and three-celled intermediates?)
 - b) Single-celled animals evolve?
 - c) Fish change to amphibians?
 - d) Amphibians change to reptiles?
 - e) Reptiles change to birds? (The lungs, bones, eyes, reproductive organs, heart, method of locomotion, body covering, etc., are all very different!) How did the intermediate forms live?
14. When, where, why, how, and from what did:
 - a) Whales evolve?
 - b) Sea horses evolve?
 - c) Bats evolve?
 - d) Eyes evolve?
 - e) Ears evolve?
 - f) Hair, skin, feathers, scales, nails, claws, etc., evolve?

15. Which evolved first (how, and how long, did it work without the others)?

- The digestive system, the food to be digested, the appetite, the ability to find and eat the food, the digestive juices, or the body's resistance to its own digestive juice (stomach, intestines, etc.)?
- The drive to reproduce or the ability to reproduce?
- The lungs, the mucus lining to protect them, the throat, or the perfect mixture of gases to be breathed into the lungs?
- DNA or RNA to carry the DNA message to cell parts?
- The termite or the flagella in its intestines that actually digest the cellulose?
- The plants or the insects that live on and pollinate the plants?
- The bones, ligaments, tendons, blood supply, or muscles to move the bones?
- The nervous system, repair system, or hormone system?
- The immune system or the need for it?



Where is the missing link?



Intelligent Design

- Intelligent Design** – the belief that by studying the evidence in the universe from the stars down to the cell, the best and most logical explanation is that it was assembled by an intelligent designer.
- ID comes to this conclusion apart from Scripture. It only looks at science and the scientific data available.
- The belief therefore is a scientific one and not a religious one.
- ID is based on scientific evidence and reasoning.
- ID is saying to the evolutionist, "Your theory, based on the evidence, is impossible and makes no sense."
- ID's purpose is to get people to think. That thinking should bring people to a belief in an intelligent designer (God).
- ID provides a place for the atheistic scientist to go when he realizes evolution is false and ID makes sense. He can therefore believe in ID without having to bow the knee to the God and Creator of the universe, Who is not only Creator but also Law-Giver, and Moral Judge of all of mankind.
- What we need to realize is that a belief in ID brings no one to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. You can believe in ID, reject the gospel, and end up in Hell. However, ID can be a stepping stone that God may use to bring someone eventually to Christ.

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- Man's home is set – land, sky, sea. Totally filled.
 - Now for the grand finale – **THE CREATION OF MAN!**
 - It begins with the same 3 words – "Then God said, . . ."
 - It is no different than the past 5 ½ days. It will be instantaneous, by God speaking, and complete when finished.
 - The next words however mark a great difference with past creative acts.
- "Let us . . ."** It is no longer God simply giving a command.
- It is now "we". Used 2 ways here:
 - Majestic plural** – though it may be coming from a singular person, it uses the pronoun "we." (Ex. – "We don't do it that way around here." Only 1 person but uses "we.")
 - First hint in Scripture of the Trinity. Will be developed more extensively in the NT.
 - It is the entire Godhead that came up with the plan.

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"make man" – man will be created as a mature adult, not as a baby or infant. Fully functional.

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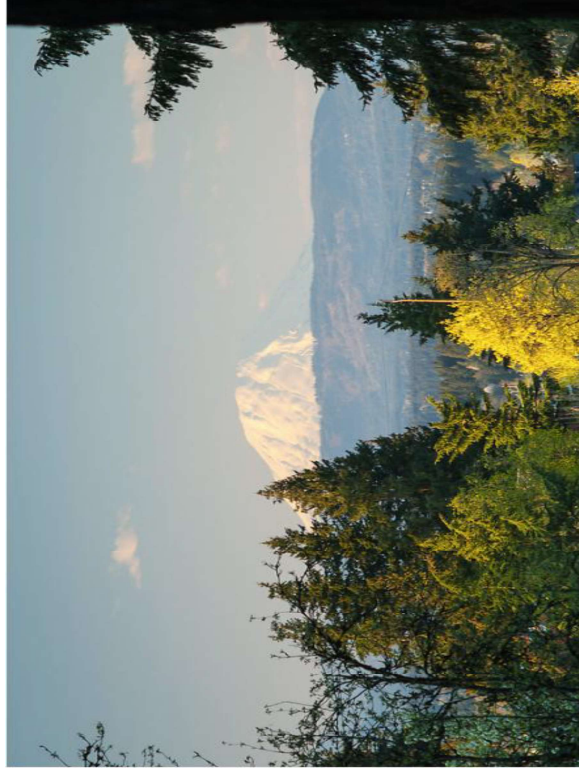
Adam

- Meaning: A human being, a person, an individual, man, mankind.
- Man was created fully mature and functional like all of the plants, trees, animals, sea creatures, and birds. The entire universe was a totally fully functional universe right from the beginning.
- God did not plant seeds, or create eggs, or embryos, or babies.
 1. Trees had fruit and trees had rings.
 2. Animals were fully grown, not eggs or embryos.
 3. Stars had light already reaching the earth so they were able to be seen. Why can't God, not only create the stars and the earth but also create the light between the stars and the earth?
 4. Adam was not a baby or infant but an adult capable of reproduction, walking, talking and carrying on a conversation, reasoning, naming the animals and working in the garden.

If you examined Adam, you would say he was a mature adult.

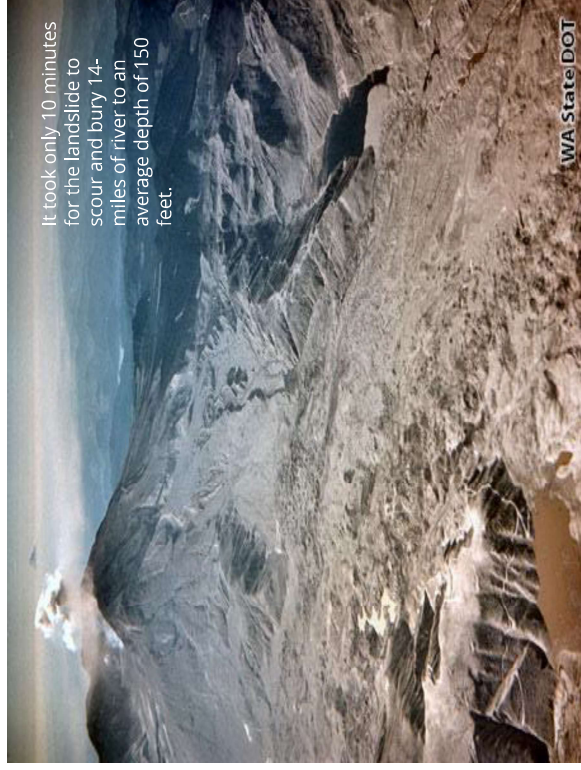
Perhaps 20-30 years old, even though he was created 5 minutes ago.

- Everything had the appearance of being mature.
- Adam didn't look old, just mature. Appearance of maturity.
- Example: Mt. St. Helens



May 18, 1980 - Erupted

- 540 million tons of ash and debris.
- Ash cloud carried ash to east coast.
- 100 layers of sediment formed in 3 hours 9 PM – 12 midnight.
- Geologist went in after it was safe and tested the rocks with their instruments. What did they find? The rocks which had been formed only days earlier, were 340,000 to 2,800,000 years old.



It took only 10 minutes for the landslide to scour and bury 14-miles of river to an average depth of 150 feet.



Geologists examine the canyon formed by a 1982 lahar, revealing layered deposits from 1980 and 1982 eruptions.

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“Because of the Mount St. Helens eruption, scientists know that sedimentary rock layers and steep-walled canyons can form in only hours, rather than millions of years. The documented evidence is undeniable. Mount St. Helens revealed to the world that both thick and thin layering can happen fast. Millions of years are not needed to form sedimentary rock or stratigraphic layering. Sedimentary layers hundreds of feet thick formed within hours during the eruption itself, and then hardened into rock soon after the water drained from them.”

- Brian Thomas
Institute of Creation
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Application

1. Man is the pinnacle of God's creation. Everything else created is to serve mankind.

Rom 1:22-23

- 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
2. Don't be intimidated when anyone says the Bible can't be true because it would take millions if not billions of years for the universe to arrive at its present state.
3. Man is the result of a carefully thought-out and planned creative act by the Godhead of the universe. You are not here by accident. You have purpose and a destiny. Make sure it is with God.