Six Literal Days or Millions of Years?

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Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.



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DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE





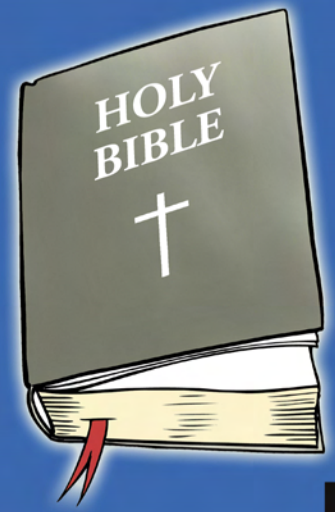








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"DAY"

IS USED

2,301 TIMES

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



"YOM" = "DAY"

WHY ONLY QUESTION GENESIS?

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HUNDREDS OF PHYSICAL PROCESSES SET LIMITS ON THE AGE OF THE WORLD

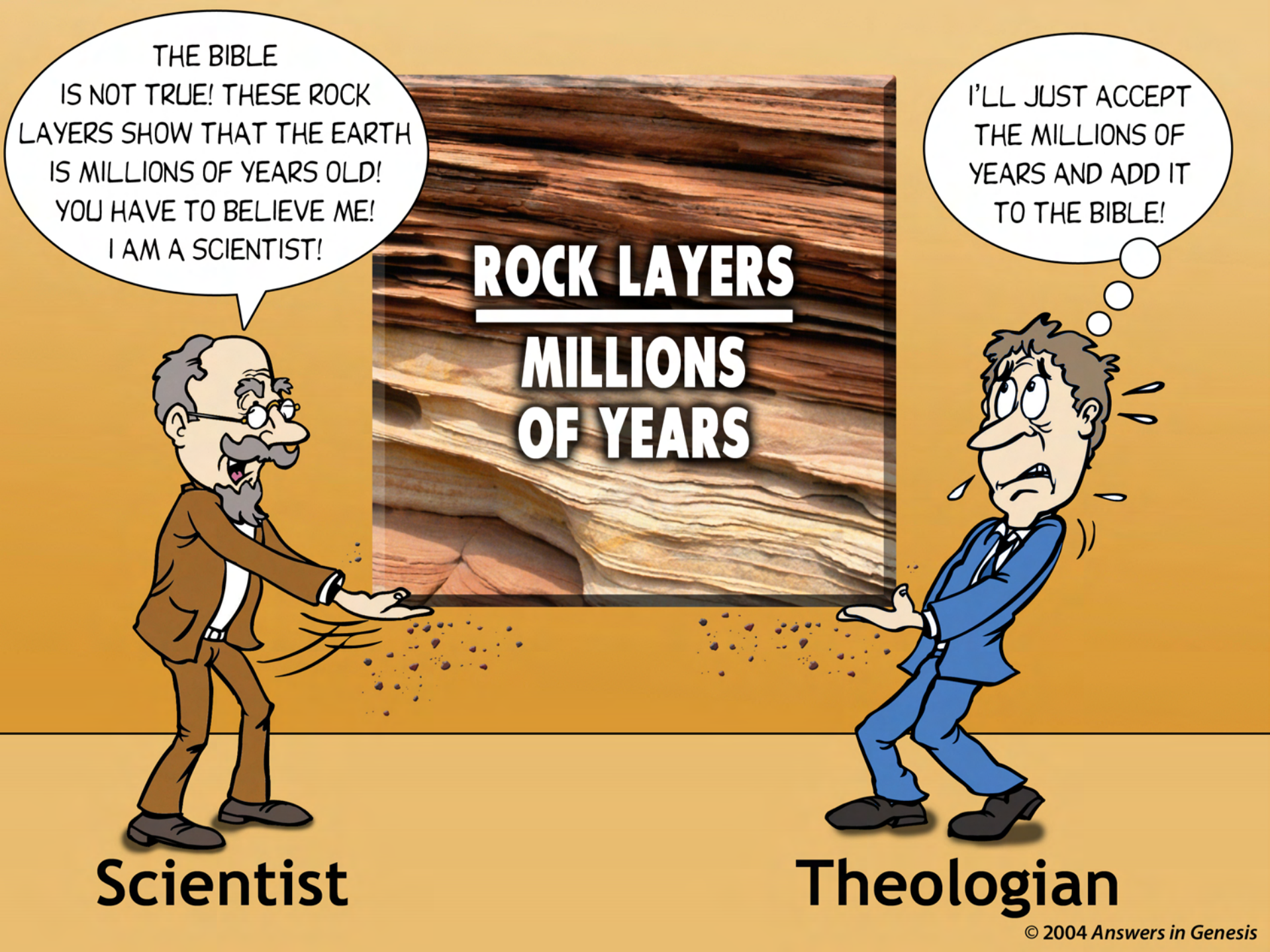
1. Helium in atmosphere
2. Helium in ground
3. Meteor dust
4. Buildup of carbon 14
5. Human population
6. Natural plutonium
7. Sodium in sea
8. Sediment in sea
9. Erosion of continents
10. Earth's magnetic field
11. Oil leaks in Earth
12. Natural gas in Earth
13. Orphan radiohalos

21. Coral reef growth
22. Oldest living plants
23. Human civilizations
24. River delta growth
25. Undersea oil seepage
26. Uranium in sea
27. Neutrons and lead
28. Rotation of spiral galaxies
29. Interstellar gas expansion
30. Carbon 14 in meteorites
31. Decay of comets
32. Interplanetary dust removal
33. Lifetime of meteor showers

41. Peat bog growth
42. Multi-layer fossils
43. Hardening of rocks
44. Decay of Saturn's ring
45. Potassium in the sea
46. Titan's methane loss
47. Internal heat of Io
48. Leaching of chlorine
49. Radiogenic lead
50. Niagra Falls
51. Stone age burials
52. Seafloor calareceous ooze
53. Uranium decay

More than 90% of these processes give an age less than billions of years

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THE BIBLE IS NOT TRUE! THESE ROCK LAYERS SHOW THAT THE EARTH IS MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME! I AM A SCIENTIST!
ROCK LAYERS
MILLIONS OF YEARS
I'LL JUST ACCEPT THE MILLIONS OF YEARS AND ADD IT TO THE BIBLE!
Scientist
Theologian
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THE GAP?

- Millions or billions of years
- Geologic ages
- Lucifer's Flood

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

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Meant to
FILL

Today



Means to
REFILL

מלא

Hebrew word
in Genesis 1:28
means

**TO FILL,
TO FILL UP**

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WHERE DO YOU "FIT" THE MILLIONS OF YEARS?

Somewhere?

Between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
(gap theorists)

Spread the millions of years out in the six "days"
(progressive creationists and theistic evolutionists)



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Back in my father's day,



it took 10 days to drive across



the Australian outback during the day



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USES OF "DAY" OUTSIDE OF GENESIS ONE

"DAY" WITH NUMBER
410 times
(in plural or singular)

"EVENING" & "MORNING" TOGETHER WITHOUT "DAY"
38 times

"EVENING" OR "MORNING" TOGETHER WITH "DAY"
23 times each

"NIGHT" WITH "DAY"
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Genesis One

verse

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

8b And the evening and the morning were the second day.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

31b And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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SIX DAYS?
YEP!
SIX TRULY REALLY DAYS?
YEP!
YOU'RE SURE IT SAYS SIX DAYS?
YES!
I WONDER WHY HE TOOK SO LONG!
!
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Exodus 20:11

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

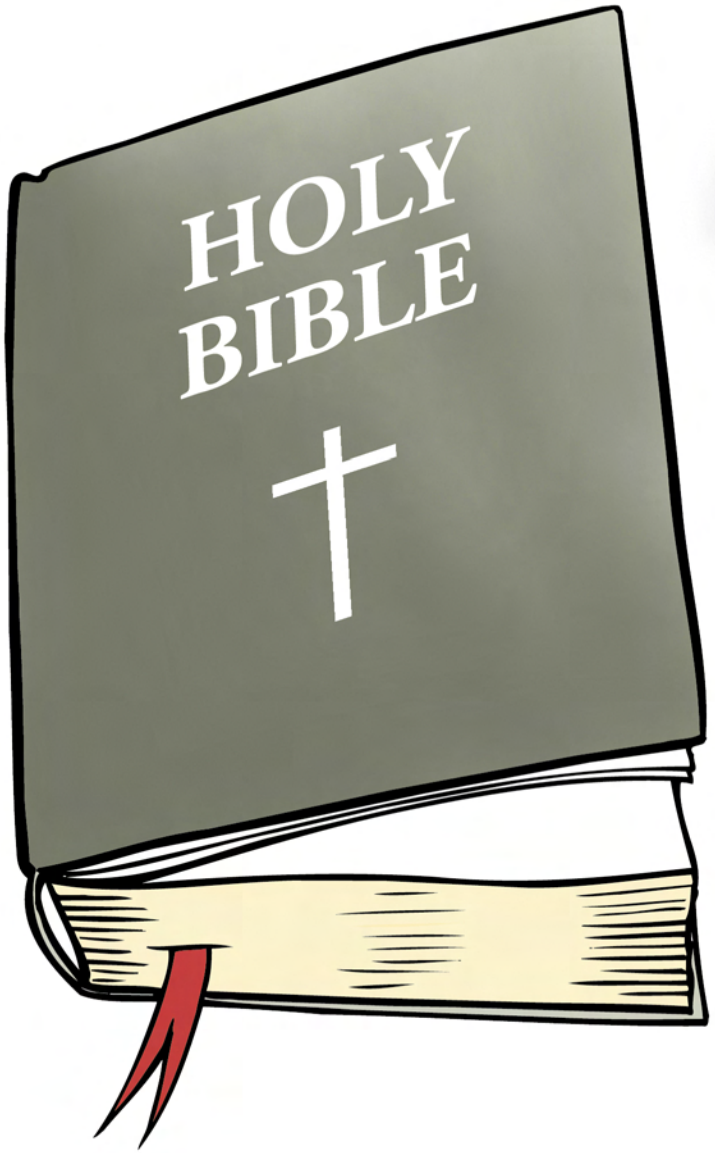


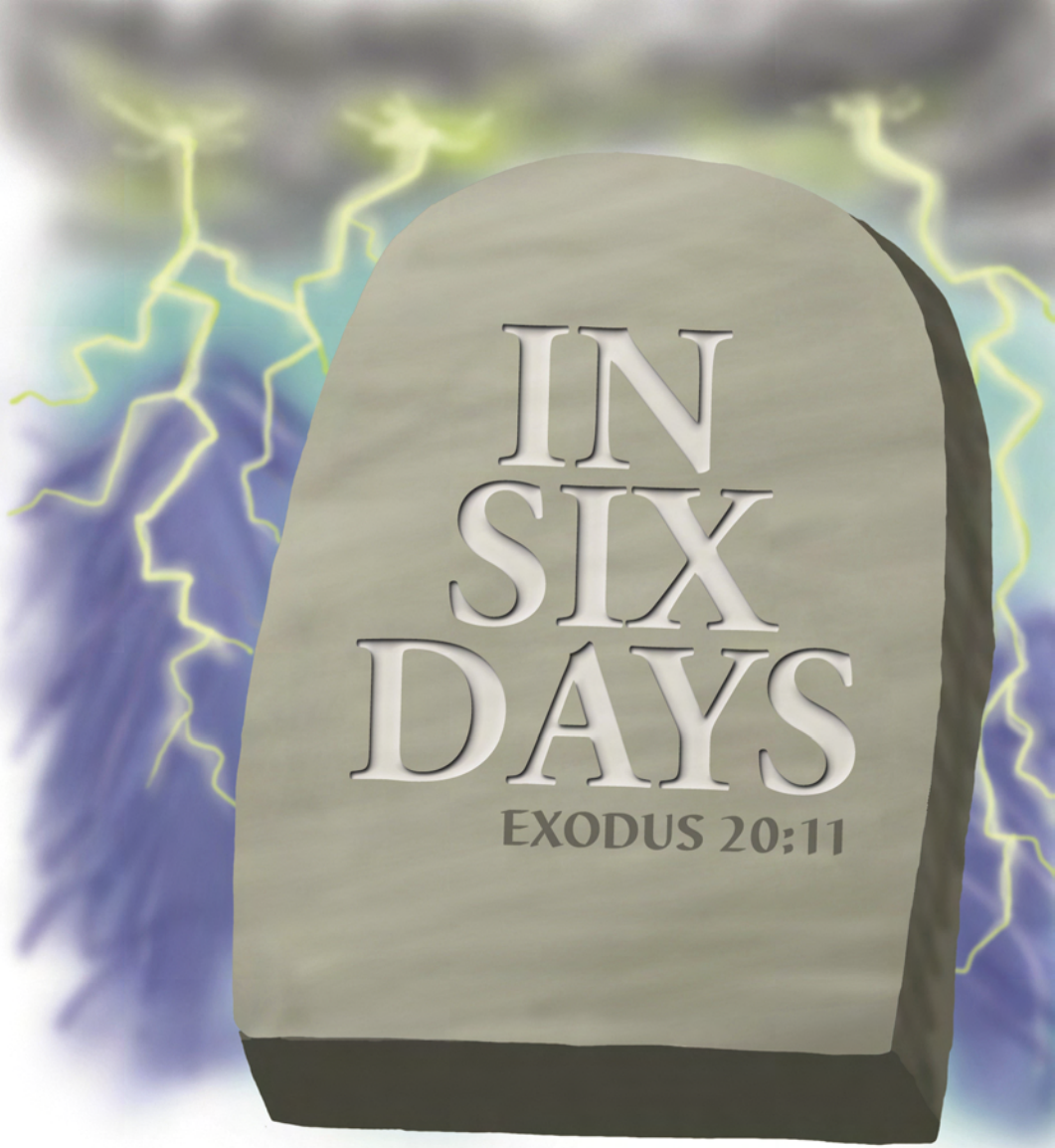
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ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

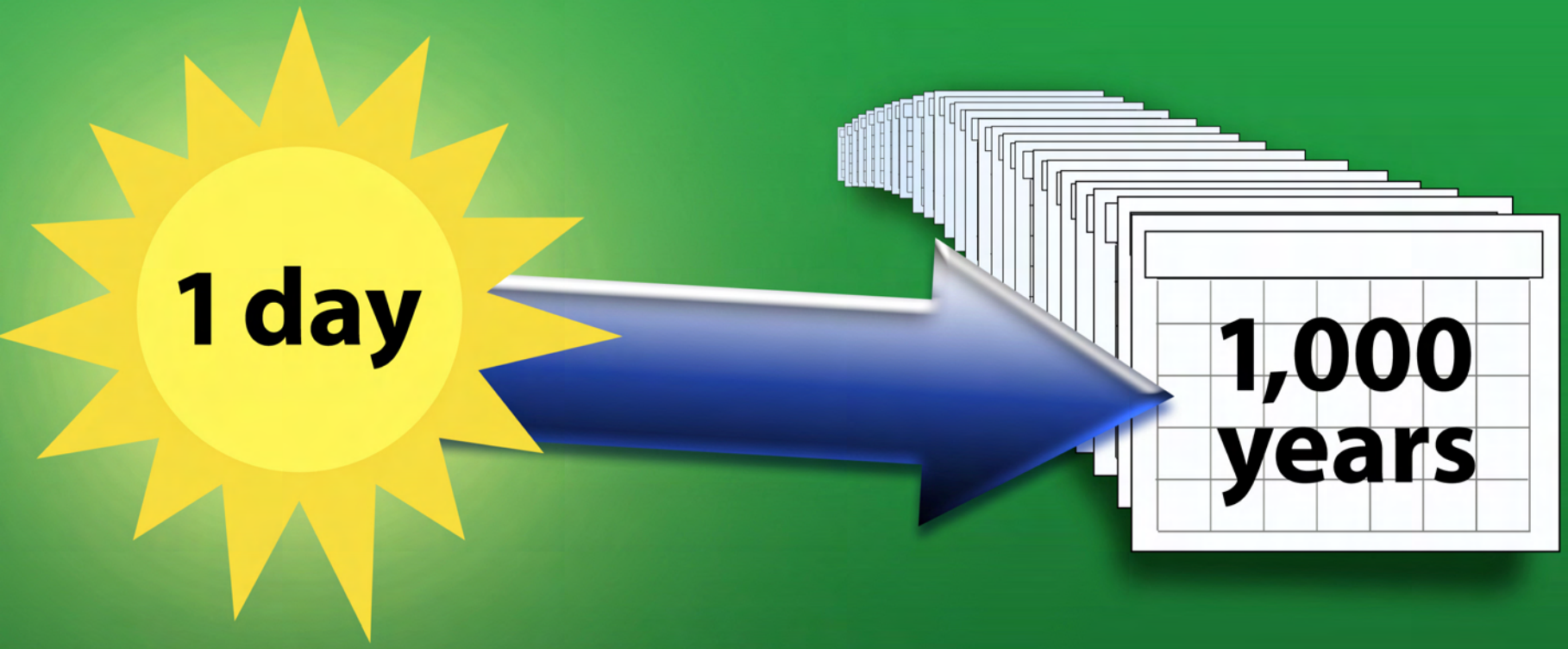




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2 Peter 3:8

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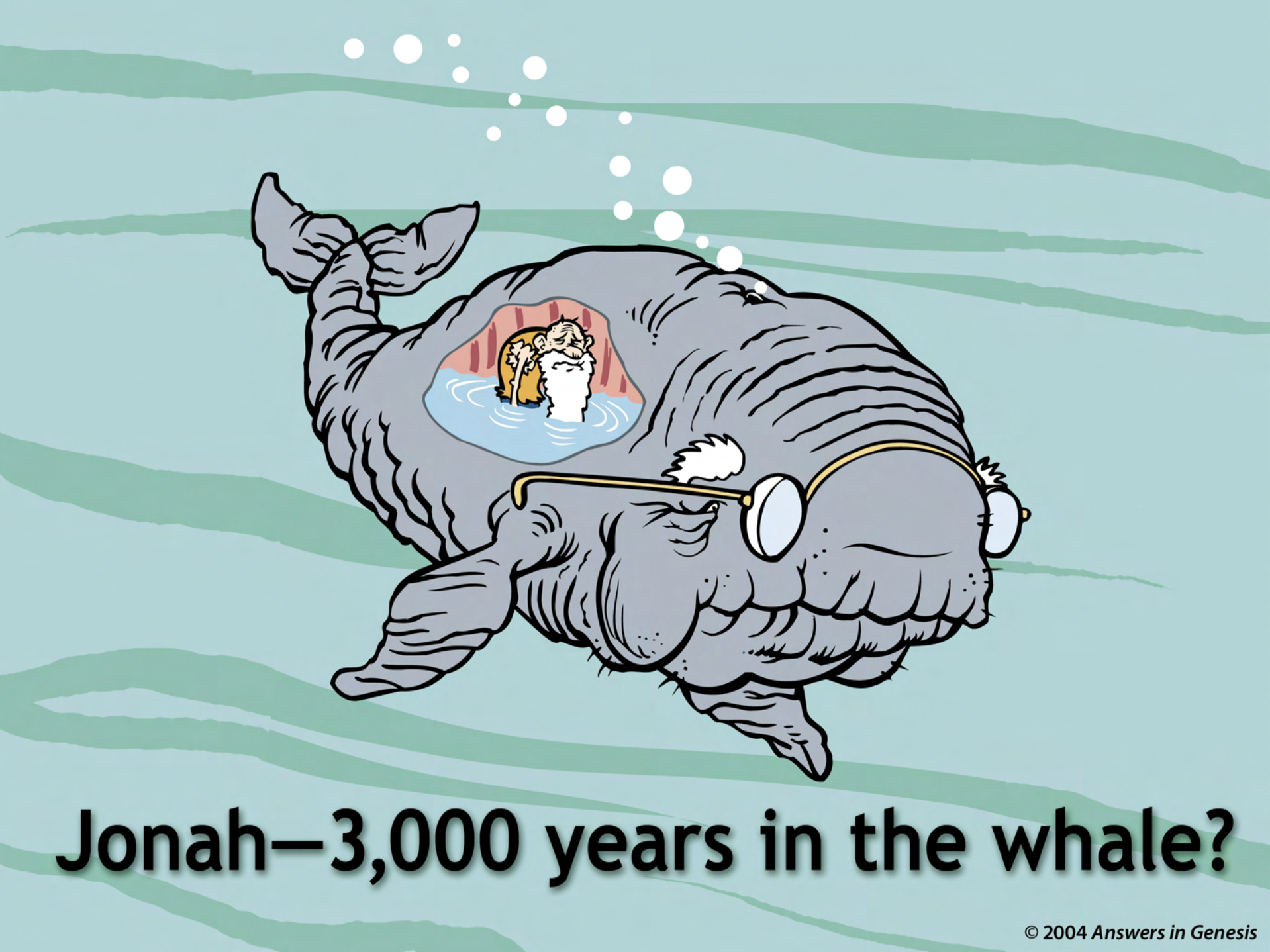


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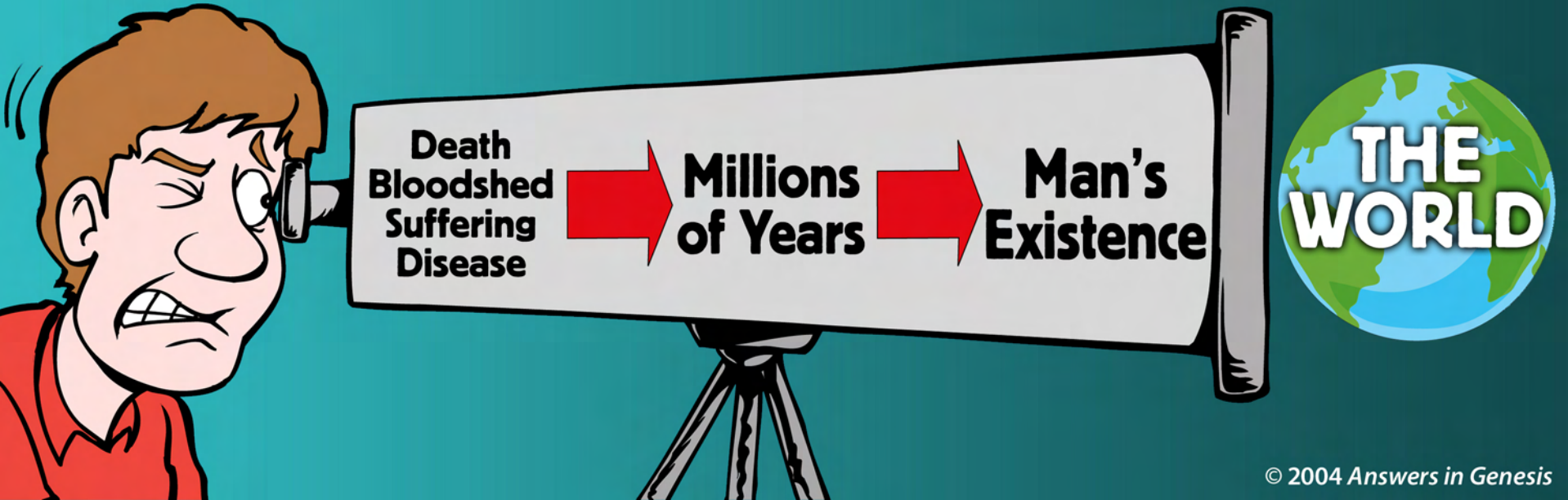
But the sun was not created until the fourth day; so was the first "day" really a day? I don't know.

James Dobson, response from Tessa Camp, Focus on the Family correspondence department, November 11, 1997.

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EVOLUTIONIZED WORLDVIEW



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Christians are often inclined to take the young-earth position simply because it appears to be the plainest reading of the Bible.

Don Stoner, *A New Look at an Old Earth*, 1985, page 37.

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It is apparent that the most straightforward understanding of the Genesis record, without regard to all of the hermeneutical considerations suggested by science, is that God created heaven and earth in six solar days, . . .

Pattle Pun, "A Theology of Progressive Creationism," *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, volume 39, number 1, March, 1987. Q167

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From a superficial reading of Genesis 1, the impression would seem to be that the entire creative process took place in six twenty-four-hour days. If this was the true intent of the Hebrew author … this seems to run counter to modern scientific research, which indicates that the planet Earth was created several billion years ago.

Gleason Archer, *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction,* page 196.

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It is of course admitted that, taking this account by itself, it would be most natural to understand the word [day] in its ordinary sense; but if that sense brings the Mosaic account into conflict with facts, and another sense avoids such conflict, then it is obligatory on us to adopt that other.

Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology,* volume 1, 1871, pages 570–571.

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We have to admit here that the exegetical basis of the creationists is strong. … Data from various disciplines point to a very old earth and an even older universe.

James Boice, *Genesis: an Expositional Commentary,* volume 1, 1982, pages 57 and 60.

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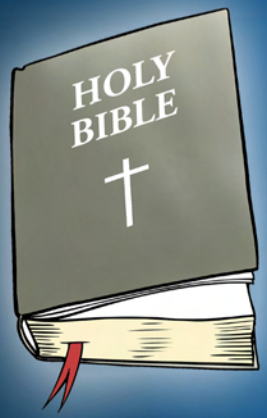
The study of paleontology has rendered it virtually impossible for a serious scientist to make a case for a six day creation about six thousand years ago, as Christians would once have believed without question.

Milton Keynes, *Salt Magazine: for All Ages,* January–March, 1998, page 29.

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BIBLE SAYS SIX DAYS



Infallible



Fallible

MILLIONS OF YEARS MEANS NOT SIX DAYS



Infallible



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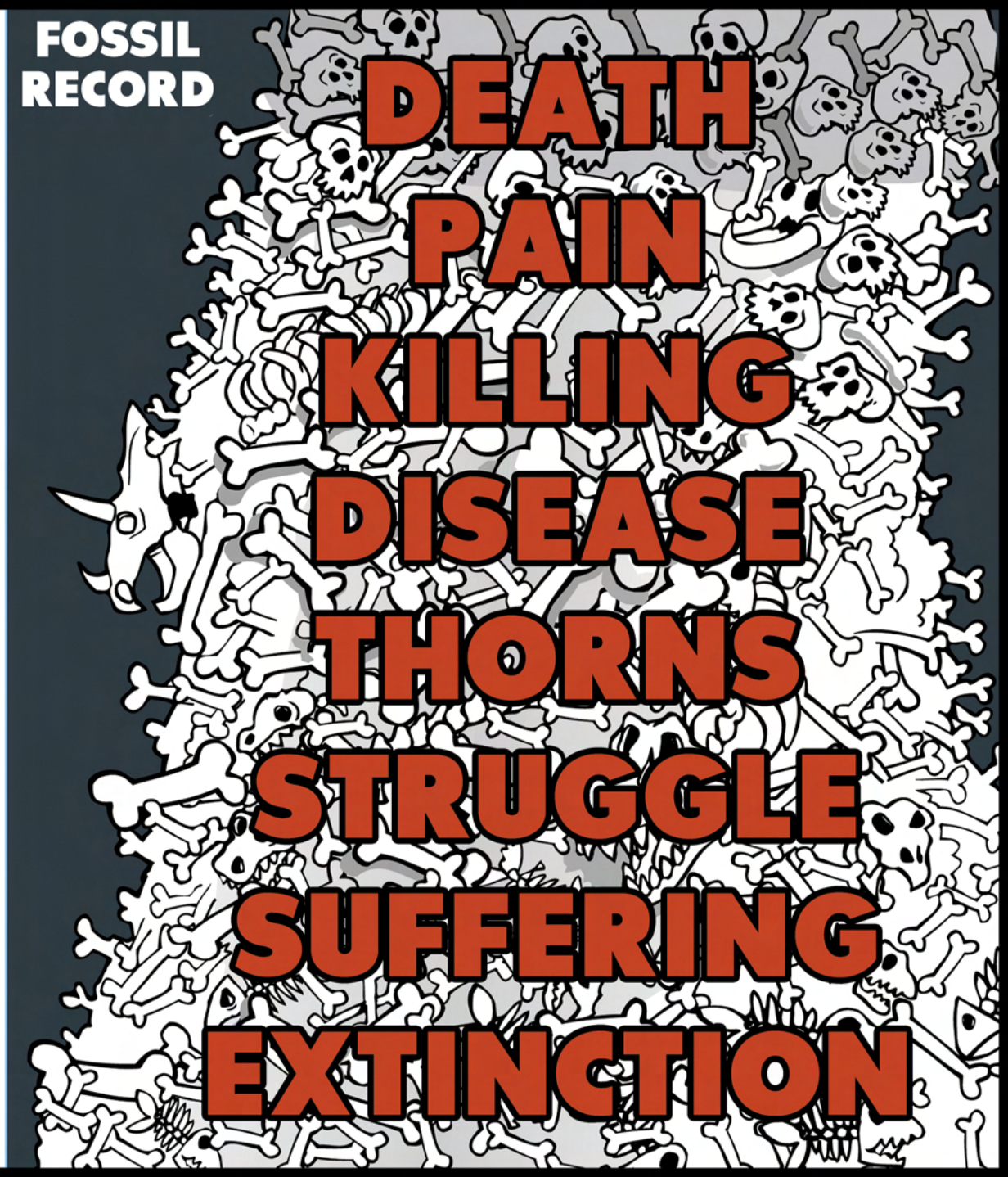
We must understand that these days were actual days (*veros dies*), contrary to the opinion of the holy fathers. Whenever we observe that the opinions of the fathers disagree with Scripture, we reverently bear with them and acknowledge them to be our elders. Nevertheless, we do not depart from authority of Scripture for their sake.

Martin Luther, *What Martin Luther Says: A Practical In-Home Anthology for the Active Christian*, page 1,523.

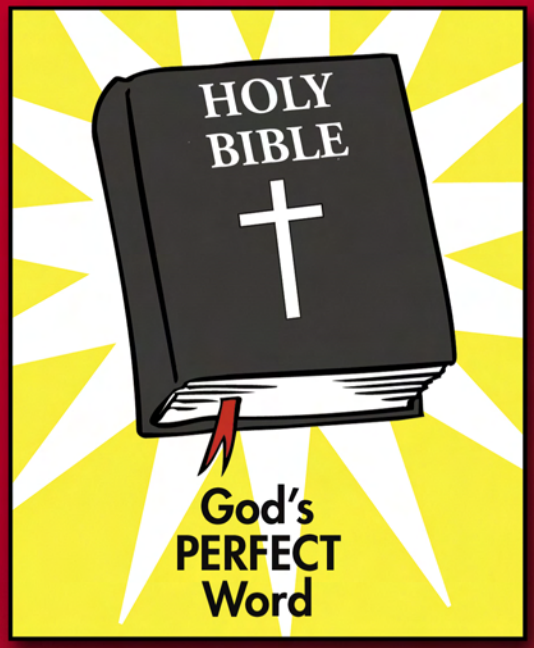
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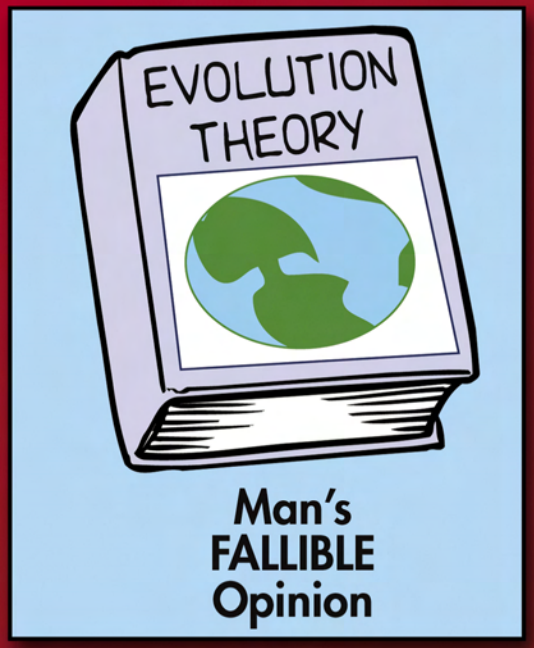
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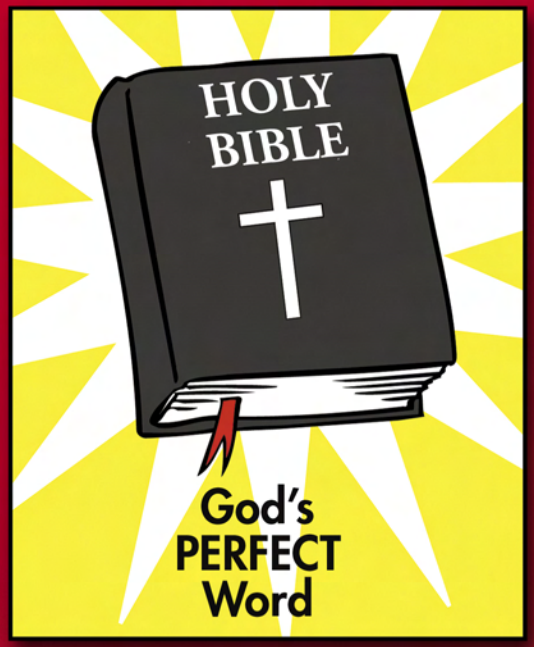


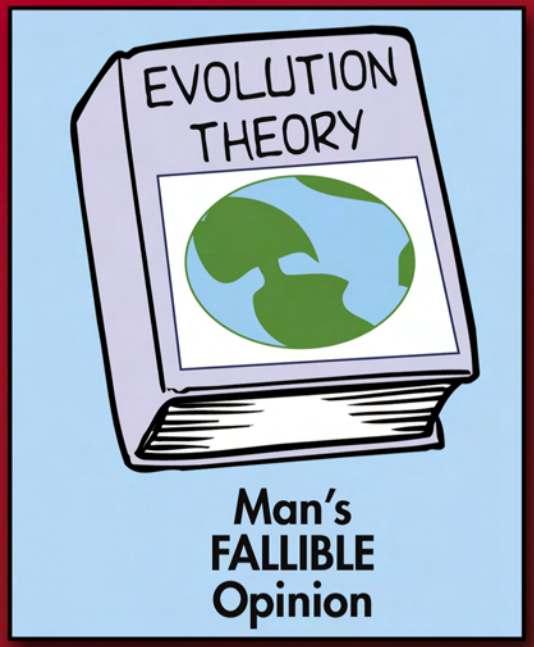
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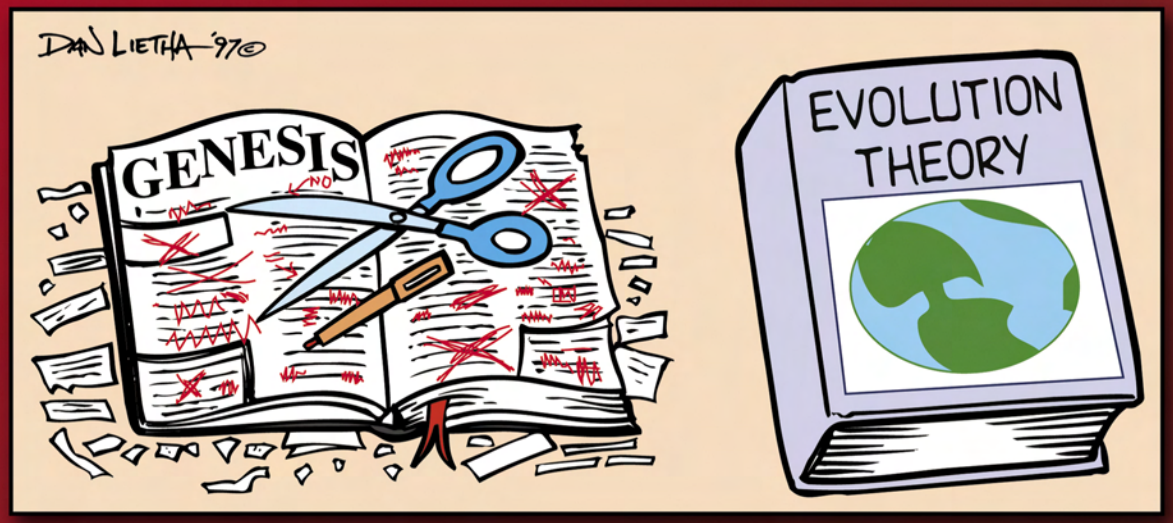




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When people **TRY** to make them agree, guess which one gets **"MODIFIED"!**

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When Moses writes that God created heaven and earth and whatever is in them in six days, then let this period continue to have been six days, and do not venture to devise any comment according to which six days were one day. But, if you cannot understand how this could have been done in six days, then grant the Holy Spirit the honor of being more learned that you are.

continued …

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For you are to deal with Scripture in such a way that you bear in mind that God Himself says what is written. But since God is speaking, it is not fitting for you wantonly to turn His Word in the direction you wish to go.

Martin Luther, *What Martin Luther Says: A Practicle In-Home Anthology for the Active Christian,* page 1,523.

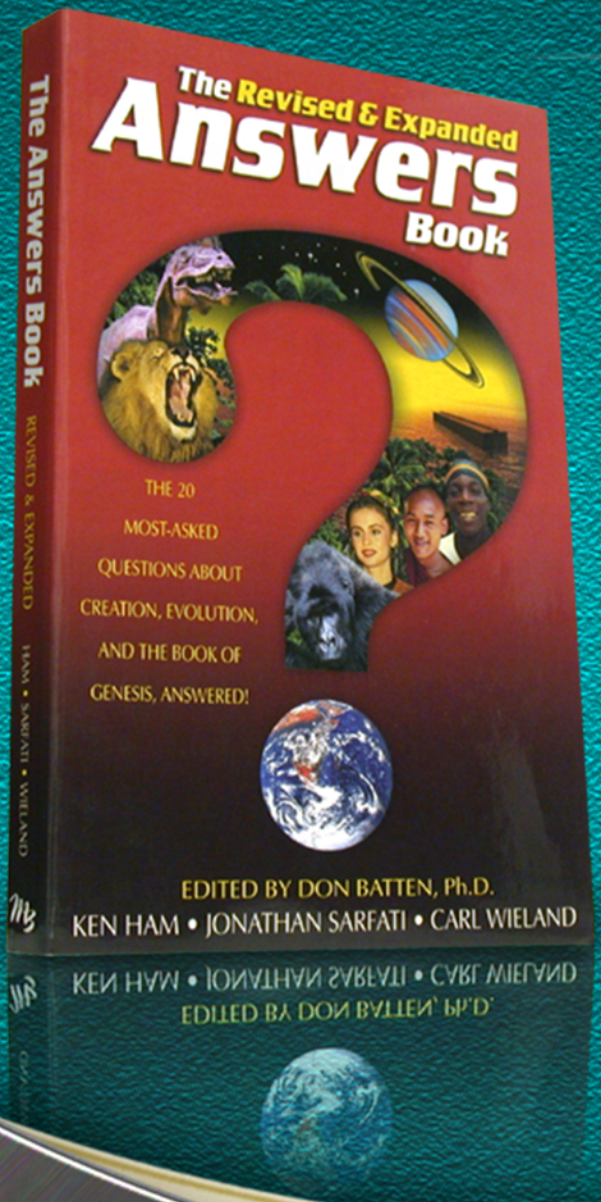
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