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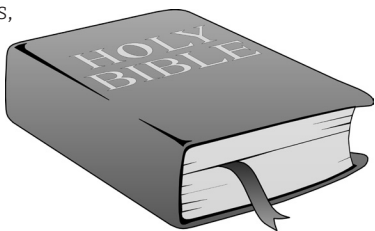
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Most people look at the Bible as a book that contains many interesting stories and theological teaching. While this is true, the Bible is so much more—it's a history book that reveals the major events of history that are foundational to the Bible's important messages.

Sadly, generations have been brought up to see the Bible as just a book of teachings that is not connected to physical reality, and by and large deals with only abstract, spiritual things.

This limited viewpoint helps explain why there are so many questions about how the Bible can explain dinosaurs, fossils, death, and suffering and many other topics that relate to our real world.



This booklet will outline the major events of the past (and even the future). Frankly, they will be quite different from what is presented in most schools, TV programs, and science museums. In fact, the Seven C's presented here is a major theme of the large Creation Museum near Cincinnati, Ohio (CreationMuseum.org).



CREATION

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

The first “C” of our “walk through history” is the creation of all things. In the book of Genesis (which means “beginnings”), God tells us he created everything in six days.

Let's take a quick look at what happened on each of those days.

Day 1—God said, “Let there be light,” and there was! he separated the light from the darkness and called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” This light came from a source other than the sun—the sun wasn't created until day four.

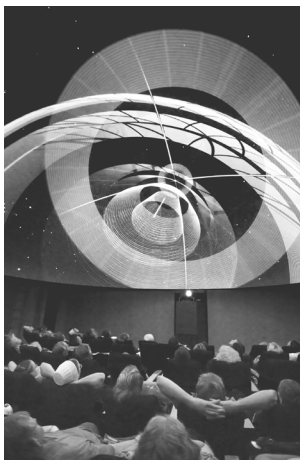
Day 2—God made an expanse (something “stretched out,” like space) and separated the waters above the expanse from the waters below.

Day 3—God caused the waters under the expanse to come together, so that dry ground appeared. Then he told the land to bring forth plants and trees.

Day 4—God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. These were to serve as signs to mark seasons, days and years. The sun and moon were to rule the day and night, which cycle had begun on day one.

Day 5—God created the animals that live in water and those that fly in the air.

In the Creation Museum's planetarium, visitors are shown that the big bang theory is wrong. The Bible teaches that the sun was created after the earth; the big bang, on the other hand, teaches that the sun came before the earth. There are many other problems with big bang cosmology that even secular scientists quibble about.



Day 6—God created the land animals, including the dinosaurs, and—his most special creation—humanity. Adam and Eve were the first people—the great, great, great . . . grandparents of us all! For food, God gave them—and the animals—plants to eat.

When God had completely finished creating, he labeled all he had done as “very good.” Imagine a place with no death, no violence, no disease, no sickness, no thorns, no fear!

Day 7—God “rested” from—or stopped—his work of creation. Now God keeps upholding his creation (Colossians 1:17).

God created all things in six days and rested on the seventh. This became the first “week.” Today, most people follow this example by working for six days and resting for one.

In the Creation Museum, we demonstrate that the science of radiometric dating—when properly interpreted—does not show that the earth is billions of years old. For example, rocks and other samples known to be very young, when sent to secular dating laboratories, routinely give “ages” of “millions of years.”

The museum also shows that, contrary to common belief, dinosaurs did not evolve into

birds, and that the science of genetics overwhelmingly supports the biblical account of created kinds—not the supposed evolution of new kinds.

DNA is the molecule of heredity, part of a staggeringly complex system, more information-dense than that in the most efficient supercomputer. Since the information in our DNA can only come from a source of greater information (or intelligence), there must have been something other than matter in the beginning.



The Creation Museum uses the science of “information theory” to help people understand that code systems (and all life is built on a code) always arise from an intelligence. Information only arises from previously existing information, and genes contain massive amounts of information. So “In the beginning, God created . . .” is confirmed by observational science.

This “other source” must have no limit to its intelligence—in fact, it must be an ultimate source of intelligence from which all things have come. The Bible tells us there is such a source—God. Since God has no beginning and no end and knows all (Psalm 147:5), it makes sense that God is the source of the information we see all around us! This fits with real science, just as we would expect.



CORRUPTION

*“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
(Genesis 2:17)*

We’ve seen that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and everything was very good (Genesis 1–2). The next “C” in the Creation Museum is “Corruption,” and is found in Genesis 3.

From perfection . . .

For a while, things were perfect in the garden of Eden. As we show in a wonderfully designed area of the museum, Adam and Eve lived in a

beautiful garden (planted especially for them by God). They could eat of any tree in Eden, except one. This first couple had a perfect relationship with their Creator, a perfect marriage and a perfect place to live. The animals, which Adam ruled over, got along perfectly. But something obviously corrupted this “very good” world, turning it into the world we see today, which is full of sickness and death.

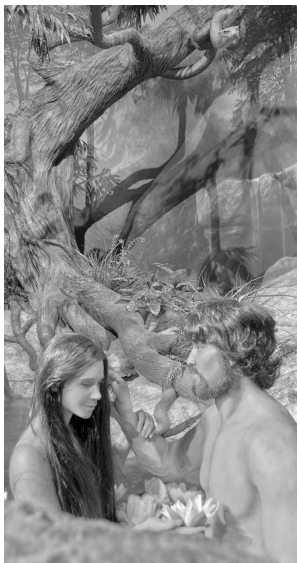


Yes, dinosaurs (like the ones above) lived with humans (as this museum display shows) and did not die out millions of years ago. Confirmation from such things as numerous dragon legends, red blood cells discovered in a *T. rex* bone—and much more—challenges the secular idea that dinosaurs died out 60–65 million years before man appeared.

To imperfection . . .

Adam and Eve both knew they could eat from any tree in the garden of Eden except the one known as the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.” God had forbidden them to eat of it, telling them that if they ate of it, they would die.

The devil, a real being, had taken the form of a serpent. He knew what God had said, but he



caused Eve to question God's words by asking, “Did God say you weren't to eat of any tree of the garden?” and then lying, “You won't really die.” Eve believed the serpent, rather than God, and ate the forbidden fruit.

This scene in the museum depicts Adam and Eve before the serpent's temptation.

Then she gave some to Adam, who hadn't been deceived by the serpent but ate it willingly (1 Timothy 2:14). This caused them both to immediately die spiritually (be separated from God) and to begin to die physically, on that very day.

Because of Adam's disobedience (sin), all of his descendants (you and I) are born with sin in our nature. Because of Adam's sin, our bodies will die. Because of Adam's sin, God cursed his precious creation. The world we see today, while reflecting God's original creation, has been corrupted by sin.

The one who was to come . . .

The good news of this sad tale is that God did not abandon his creation after Adam's sin! He promised that one day he would send a Savior, the Seed (offspring) of a woman, to bruise (crush, break) the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). This Savior, Jesus Christ, was indeed born of a woman without a human father, about 4,000 years later. Christ died on the cross, and rose again to save his people from their sins, so indeed dealt a death-blow to (crushing the head of) the devil (serpent).

Why does God allow death and suffering?

What about those we love who get sick and die? God warned Adam that if he ate of the forbidden fruit, he would die. Romans 5:12 tells us that Adam's sin (and our sin through Adam) causes us all to die.

A fascinating Creation Museum exhibit gives answers to questions such as: Why do bad things happen to good people? How can a God of love allow sickness, suffering, and death? Also, those Christians who accept the idea of millions of years will be challenged concerning their compromise of God's Word, for the Bible clearly teaches that death, disease and suffering are a consequence of sin, and thus there couldn't have been millions of years (as supposedly portrayed in the fossil record) of death before sin.

As terrible as things can get, however, they are not permanent parts of creation. We look forward to the last "C" of history—Consummation—when the curse will be no more, and the last enemy (death) will be overcome.
