
Subject: Re: How old is our planet, and the effect this question has on the Bible.
Posted by [Dreganius](#) on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 04:59:02 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

RoShamBo wrote on Fri, 06 March 2009 07:12 Jerad Gray wrote on Thu, 05 March 2009 19:26 reborn wrote on Thu, 05 March 2009 08:31 Jerad Gray wrote on Tue, 03 March 2009 16:31 Spooky wrote on Mon, 02 March 2009 11:35 Muad Dib15 wrote on Sun, 01 March 2009 14:53
Genesis 5:3-5 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died. Everyone before Noah lived very long lives before they died. Take that into consideration before you say that we believe that people have only been here 6,000 years.

Spooky wrote fobby, it's basically done by counting the number of generations in the bible. unfortunately the people who do so don't seem to mind that people attend impossibly old ages Soooo.... anyone have a Bible on them, I'm at school and don't have one on me, someone should count up how many generations there were between Adam and Noah, Noah lived to be extremely old as well if I remember correctly, we should average Noah and Adam together and get a ROUGH estimate of how long people were actually living. Because I seriously doubt that there were only 4 or 5 people born before Noah.

Even if you said they was working on the idea that the average person only lived 30 years, we can work out how many generations they had it out by doing $6000/30 = 200$.

So even if we said there was 200 generations, and each of them lived for 1000 years, that $200*1000 = 200,000$.

Although 200,000 years is allot more then 6000 years, it's still nowhere near 4.5 billion years.

Even if you said they lived 10,000 years, and only reproduced at the end of there life, then that's still only $200*10,000 = 2$ million years.

Whether the bible points towards an age of 6000 years or 2 million years, it's way off 4.5 billion years. My question remains, do you shrug it off and accept that science is right, and try not to think about this, or do you simply tell yourself that science always gets it wrong, hey, it wasn't that long ago they thought the Earth was flat.

I refuse to believe that one set of apes evolved to have great intelligence and morals, while the vast majority of apes are still picking each other's butts.

Other apes are the same as they were 1000s of years ago because they don't all evolve in one great change.

Only a handful will have mutations, and some of those mutants will survive and some will not. That doesn't mean the whole ape population is now mutant. Just 1 in 10,000.

The normal apes will continue to live and reproduce exactly as they do now.

Jerad Gray wrote on Thu, 05 March 2009 19:26

I think if 4.5 million years was correct our planet would have screwed itself over thousands of years ago without our help. It seems to be in too good of condition to be 4.5 million years old, so whether god is real or not, I doubt earth is 4.5 million years old

Science has already proven they early has already "screwed itself over" many times already. Anything that has happened to the earth has been "fixed" through climate change and the effects that the change caused in the first place.

A good example is the many ice ages that have happened. The earth is only warmed by inferred radiation from the sun. So there has to be a surface that will absorb the radiation. We all know that black is better than white at absorbing this heat. The ice age causes a lot of snow to fall, and thus, the earth slowly cools again because it is no longer absorbing as much heat. Which restores the ice caps, which desalinize the sea and the north Atlantic current will start up again bringing heat to Europe from the equator.

I just want to bring this argument forward again.

Perhaps we were a mistake or something bad that happened to the Earth, and thus the whole global warming thing, along with all the other things, aren't our own fault at all, just something that happens. Maybe the Earth simply wipes the world clear of life every few millenia and starts again. This brings forth a possibility that the Earth could be untold billions of years old, so old that Science nor God's existence could begin to explain it. It could be a possibility that we will be wiped off the face of this planet, with all our technology, all our science, all our religion, everything, by the same planet that gave birth to and/or nurtured our race, depending on your belief. If this is true, then how will we ever be able to know how old the Earth is if it continues to start anew?

If God travels 'out of time', shall we say, and exists in an alternate universe or dimension, that would give a valid reason as to how he can be everywhere at once. However it would also give the question of how he could possibly create anything in our universe if he existed in an alternate? I don't think it would be possible for any being, by themselves, to jump through dimensions and universes like that. Scientifically, it's not possible. But in regards to magic and unknown, it is. The arguments put forth are simply the unknown.

I close by saying everything we're arguing on is truly unknown, and whether we have theory or evidence or not is irrelevant when we still don't know the answer. Let's put this in context of, lets say, a criminal case. You find evidence that a suspect was at the scene of a robbery. Does that mean he's instantly guilty, that it's true? No, and even when all things point to the suspect, sometimes it's still wrong. How do they know, then? The answer is simple: they don't. Just like science's estimate, they don't really know. Just like the Bible's word, we don't know if it's true. Plain and simply, it's unknown, and I don't believe either science OR religion will be able to answer that one.

So I'm gonna go visit my friends and enjoy my life while I can instead of staying up all night wondering how old the planet is.