

establish at least how long ago the flood occurred.

Adding these figures together, we arrive at 4098 years ago. Given all of the ambiguities (not just the major ambiguities like when Abraham lived but minor ones as well, like did Arphaxad have Shelah on his 30th birthday or was it mid way through his 30th year, etc.) the flood could have happened as long as 5000 years ago. Archbishop Ussher's famous chronology fixes the year of Noah's flood around 2348 BC (4354 years ago).

In summary, when was Noah's flood? Only God knows for sure. As far as we can tell, it happened some time during the 3rd Millennium BC. ~

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(Gen 7:11-14 NKJV) In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. {12} And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. {13} On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark; {14} they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.

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## Man Has Been on the Earth Since...



Fossilized footprints of man and dinosaur discovered by Alvis Delk and purporting to show a fresh human print stepped on while it was still wet by a dinosaur of some sort. There is much controversy over this from evolutionists who treat it as suspect. There are many such fossils being reported from sites on the Pulaxy River near Glen Rose, Texas.

According to evolution, man is a "Johnny-come-lately." He is a newcomer to planet Earth, far removed from the origin of the

Universe. If the Universe was born 14 billion years ago, as many evolutionists, theistic evolutionists, and progressive creation-

ists believe, man did not "come along" until about 13.996 billion years later. If such time were represented by one 24-hour day, and the alleged Big Bang occurred at 12:00 a.m., then man did not arrive on the scene until 11:59:58 p.m. Man's allotted time during one 24-hour day would represent a measly two seconds.

If the Bible ever taught, either explicitly or implicitly, that man was so far removed from the origin of the Universe, a faithful, Bible-believing Christian would have no reservations accepting the above-mentioned timeline. Just as a Christian is expected to believe that God parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14), made an iron ax head float on water (2 Kings 6:5), and raised Jesus from the dead (Matthew 28:1-8), he would need to accept that humans appeared on Earth billions of years after the beginning of creation—if that was what the Bible taught. The problem for theistic evolutionists and progressive creation-

ists is, God's Word never hints at such a timeline. In fact, it does the very opposite.

The Bible makes a clear distinction between things that took place before "the foundation of the world" and events that occurred after the "foundation of the world." Jesus prayed to the Father the night of His arrest and betrayal, saying, "You loved Me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24, emp. added). Peter revealed in his first epistle how Jesus "was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (1 Peter 1:20, emp. added). Paul informed the Christians in Ephesus how God "chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" (Ephesians 1:4, emp. added). Before "God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1), He was alive and well.

If theistic evolutionists and progressive creationists are correct, then man arrived on the scene, not before the foundation of the world (obviously), nor soon after the foundation of the world, but eons later—13.996 billion years later to be "precise." This theory, however, blatantly contradicts Scripture.

Jesus taught that "the blood of all the prophets...was shed from ("since"—NASB) the foundation of the world..., from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple" (Luke 11:50-51, emp. added; cf. Luke 1:70). Not only did Jesus' first-century enemies murder the prophets, but their forefathers had slain them as well, ever since the days of Abel.

Observe that Jesus connected the time of one of the sons of Adam and Eve (the first couple on Earth, created on day six of Creation—Genesis 1:26-31) to the "foundation of the world." This time is contrasted with the time of a prophet named Zechariah, whom, Jesus told His enemies, "you murdered between the temple and the altar" (Matthew 23:35, emp. added). Zechariah was separated from the days of Abel by thousands of years. His blood was not shed near the foundation of the world; Abel's was. Certain early martyrs, including Abel, lived close enough to Creation for Jesus to say that their blood had been shed "from the foundation of the world." If man arrived on the scene billions of years after the Earth was formed, and hundreds of millions years after various living organisms like fish, amphibians, and reptiles came into existence (as the evolutionary timeline affirms), how could Jesus' statement make any sense? Truly, man was not created eons after the foundation of the world. Rather, he has been here "from the foundation" of it.

On another occasion when Jesus' antagonists approached Him, they questioned Him about the lawfulness of divorce. Jesus responded by saying, "But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female" (Mark 10:6, emp. added). According to Genesis 1 and 2, God made Adam and Eve on the sixth day of Creation (1:26-31; 2:7,21-25). Jesus referred to this same occasion and indicated that God made them "from the beginning of the creation." Similar to how Abel's day could be associated with "the foundation of the world," so the forming of Adam and Eve on day

six of the Creation could be considered "from the beginning of the creation."

In the epistle to the Christians in Rome, the apostle Paul also alluded to how long man has been on the Earth. He wrote: "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..." (Romans 1:20, emp. added). Who on Earth understands the eternal power and divine nature of God? Man (NOTE: Although some might suggest that angels can understand God's invisible attributes, the context of Romans 1:18-32 clearly is referring to humans, not angels.) How long has man been aware of God and His invisible attributes? "Since the creation of the world." How, then, could man logically have been "perceiving" or "understanding" God "since the creation of the world" (emp. added), if he is separated from the creation of "the heavens and the earth, the sea," and so many of the animals (like trilobites, dinosaurs, and "early mammals") by millions or billions of years (as evolutionary theory advocates)? Such a scenario completely contradicts Scripture.

Gap theorists and day-age theorists who propose that billions of years of time preceded the creation of Adam and Eve need to give serious thought to the many Bible passages that teach otherwise. The Bible is not silent regarding our origins. God Almighty created the Universe (and everything in it) simply by speaking it into existence. He said, "Let there be light"; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth... Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast (Psalm 33:6,8-9, emp. added).

The same God Who turned water into wine in only a moment of time (without dependence on time laden naturalistic processes like photosynthesis; John 2:1-11), "the God Who does wonders" (Psalm 77:14), spoke the Universe into existence in six days.

Had God chosen to do so, He could have spent 6 billion years, 6 million years, or 6 thousand years creating the world. Had He given any indication in His Word that lengthy amounts of time—millions or billions of years—were used in order for naturalistic processes to take over during Creation, we could understand why Christians would believe such. However, God has done the very opposite. First, He revealed that

the heavens and the Earth are the effects of supernatural causes (thus contradicting the General Theory of Evolution). Second, He gave us the sequence of events that took place, which further contradicts evolutionary theory (e.g., the Sun and stars were created after the Earth, not before—Genesis 1:14-19; birds were created before dinosaurs, not after—Genesis 1:20-23). What's more, He told us exactly how long He spent creating. Genesis one reveals that from the creation of the heavens and the Earth to the creation of man He spent six days. On two occasions in the very next book of the Bible, He reminds us that the Creation took place, not over 6 eons of time, but over a period of six days: "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" (Exodus 20:11; cf. 31:17). He then further impressed on Bible readers that man is not 14 billion years younger than the origin of the Universe, by referring to him as being on the Earth (1) "from the beginning of the

creation" (Mark 10:6), (2) "since the creation of the world" (Romans 1:20), and (3) "from the foundation of the world" (Luke 11:50).

If God did create everything in six literal days, and expected us to believe such, what else would He have needed to say than what He said? How much clearer would He have needed to make it? And, if it does not matter what we think about the subject, why did He reveal to us the sequence of events to begin with?

Truly, just as God has spoken clearly on a number of subjects that various "believers" have distorted (e.g., the worldwide Noahic Flood, the return of Christ, etc.), the Bible plainly teaches that God, by the word of His mouth, spoke the Universe and everything in it into existence in six days. ~

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## When Was Noah's Flood?

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Noah's Flood is thought to have occurred sometime during the 3rd Millennium BC (between 3000 and 2000 BC). We can determine this by adding up the ages provided in Genesis chapter 11 from the flood to Abraham. From there, we can use established chronologies to determine how long ago Abraham lived.

For example, Arphaxad was born to Noah's son Shem two years after the flood. When Arphaxad was 35, he had Shelah. Shelah had Eber when he was 30. Eber had Peleg when he was 34. Peleg had Reu when he was 30. Reu had Serug when he was 32. Serug had Nahor when he was 30. Nahor had Terah when he was 29. There is a little ambiguity

as to whether Terah was 70 years old or 130 years old when he had Abraham. We will take the lower age in order to establish at least how long ago Noah's flood occurred. There is also some ambiguity as to how long ago Abraham lived. He is thought to have lived sometime between 2100 and 1800 BC, but even this range of dates is disputable. Once again we will take the lower figure to