

## IS GENESIS HISTORY

Evolutionary scientist and teachers for years have questioned the creation account recorded in Genesis chapters one and two. They also deny the first eleven chapters are legitimate history. Regrettably some theologians trying to harmonize scripture with science have adopted the idea of Theistic Evolution (God used evolution to bring all things into being) as the means of creation. It was in their minds simply a tool to accomplish the desired end. They also interpret the first eleven chapters of Genesis as an allegory or as fiction. Most of our young people attend schools, colleges or universities that promote these paradigms (a model or a pattern; a way of viewing the world). The Christian and Biblical world view is dramatically different. The two cannot exist as both consisting of unquestionable truth. Why should we accept the Christian and Biblical world view?

One of the first points made in the film is that Genesis is a narrative – a story being told. It comes from the best conceivable eye-witness the “in the beginning God” (**Genesis 1:1**). He does not have to tell us every little detail, but only to discuss in general what happened. We can almost imagine Him saying to Moses, who authored the book for God, “Here is what happened. Write it down.” While it is not a complete description of what happened it is agreeable with every known fact of history and science when objectively analyzed. The accuracy of the entire Bible rises or falls on the accounts in Genesis being absolutely true. Jesus referred to the joining of Adam and Eve in marriage (**Matthew 19:1-10**). Paul refers to the fall of Adam as the cause of sin and death, and Jesus as the one who rescued us from the curse (**Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**). Jesus and Peter spoke of Noah as a real person and the flood as a real historical event (**Matthew 24:36-39; 1 Peter 3:20-21; 2 Peter 3:5-6**). To reject the Genesis account of these people and events is to call the words of Jesus into question. Which would mean if we can’t trust His words, how can we trust anything in the Old and New Testaments.

The film did a good job in scientifically showing that the Grand Canyon could not have been formed by the Colorado River and the erosion caused by it over eons of time. They gave evidence that it was formed by the movement of sediment by the waters of the flood and the movement of land masses by earth quakes. The so called geologic ages were shown to be based purely upon the expanse of time necessary to accept the evolutionary hypothesis, which I personally have never accepted as a proven scientific theory. The scientist in the film did this by the use of fossils from early animals. They found living tissue still inside of some of these fossils which they say could not have survived the millions or even billions of years evolutionist claim. If the evolutionist are wrong about the fossils, they are wrong about the geologic ages as well. While not stating an exact age of the earth based on their scientific findings, they did come down strongly on the side of a young earth.

The evolutionist say that after the “big bang” and spontaneous generation occurred and that one celled organism was “created,” it became a fish, then crawled up on to the shore and became a bird, and then a monkey and ultimately a man. Such a process would have taken an extremely long period of time, and thus the adoption of the current geologic timetable. This false paradigm is necessary for them to accept Darwin’s evolution hypothesis. By accepting the Biblical world view, we can explain how all things came to be. God created a full grown world so that the ages of rocks would have already contained the appearance of age. If a tree had been cut down after the creation, it would have had the rings of age within it. All of the animals, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea were all created full grown with the ability to procreate their own kind (specie), as were Adam and Eve (**Genesis 1:21-31**). For this to have happened by Darwinian evolution would have required eons of time and science can prove that it is mathematically impossible for the ingredients necessary for that to happen could not have survived long enough to be interconnected.

Genesis can be proven scientifically and historically to be accurate. That being true, the existence of God our creator and Jesus our Savior and the story of redemption can be trusted.

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