

## CREATED AGE

Perry Hall, adapted

The Bible does not contradict that the earth is “old” because the record in Genesis shows how age was “created” into the earth. For example, how long would it take the light from the stars to reach the earth? Whatever the answer is in lightyears, the light from the stars would not immediately be visible on earth the very day the stars were created. And yet the Genesis record shows how the stars were immediately visible (Genesis 1:14-19). Therefore, when God created the stars, he created them with age because he created the stars (i.e., the source) and the light (i.e., energy) proceeding from the stars.

How many years is 1 light year? A light-year is the distance light travels in one earth year. One light-year is about 6 trillion miles. That is a 6 with 12 zeros behind it!

- Alpha Centauri (nearest star system): 4.3 years
- Sirius (brightest star in our sky): 9 years
- Betelgeuse (bright star): 430 years
- Orion Nebula: 1500 years
- Andromeda Galaxy: 2.5 million years.

When Adam and Eve were created, does the Genesis record say they were created as babies or as adults? The answer is adults. Therefore Adam and Eve were created with age built in.

Getting more technical, the “appearance” of great antiquity, which admittedly the earth has, is explained in terms of “pro-chronic or ideal time” by Philip Henry Gosse, as referred to by Ramm as follows:

“Every object of creation has two times. That which is before time or instantaneous in coming into existence is pro-chronic. That which consumes time is dia-chronic. All processes during the course of the world since its creation are dia-chronic. All things at the moment of creation were pro-chronic. Gosse also uses the terms real time and ideal time. At the moment of creation, Adam’s real time was zero – actually he did not exist till the moment of creation. His ideal time was, say for the purposes of illustration, thirty years old. A tree in the Garden of Eden would appear fifty years old (its ideal time) whereas it had just been created (its real time).”

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When God created each object, He created it to appear as though it had passed through the usual stages of development. Thus, the earth looked very old, at the moment of creation.

Logically and physiologically, this must be true: Some types of matter are defined by their age. For example, coal versus diamonds; oil as residue from animals (if that is the origin). Adam, as another example, would logically be created with age since his existence did not begin with sperm and egg.

Is there both “real” and “ideal” time seen within Genesis 1? Absolutely!

- Day 3: God created plants able to reproduce. He did not plant seeds.
- Day 4: God created lights including stars (the source of light), whose light (the effect) reached earth immediately although light years away.
- Day 5: God created sea animals swimming and birds flying.
- Day 6: God created land animals reproducing, including the chicken that came before the egg!
- Day 6: God created humans able to multiply and rule over God’s creation.

How is all this possible? God’s creation is a miracle of God. For example, Jesus turned water into wine (John 2). From a real time period, the wine was only an instant old. But from an ideal time period, by definition the wine was old enough to have gone from seed to fruit, to picking, to squeezing, etc.

This appearance is not evidence of a deceptive God. God could not create what He did without it being what it is! Nor is this appearance of an old earth only to test our faith. You cannot create a rock that is not old, for a rock by definition is old, just as God could not create a square circle because a circle by definition is round.

**"WHAT MUST I DO  
TO BE SAVED?"**

**ACTS 16:30**

**LEARN THE GOSPEL**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

**BELIEVE IN CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

**CONFESS CHRIST**

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 3:19; 17:30

**BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"THE ASSEMBLING OF  
OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

**HEBREWS 10:24-25**

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Studies @ 11:45 a.m.

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN  
ANY TRESPASS...  
RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

**GALATIANS 6:1**

**CONFESS TRESPASSES**

James 5:16; 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 8:22

**PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS**

Acts 8:22

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS  
LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN  
SETTINGS OF SILVER"**

**PROVERBS 25:11**

"True faith believes Jesus, trusts Him, loves Him, and lives to please Him. But false faith believes self, trusts self, loves self, and lives to please self."

– Steven Lawson

**"WHOLE COUNSEL"**

**ACTS 20:27**

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**DECREASE**

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**"He must increase, but I must decrease"** (John 3:30).

John the Baptist's purpose was to be one crying in the wilderness to prepare the way for the Lord Jesus. Though he had followers, to be successful in his mission, he had to lead others away from himself and towards the Christ. For this reason he was contented to decrease so that Christ could increase.

Our purpose in life is that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our bodies (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:10) so to point others to Christ. To be successful in this we must put off our old self and put on Christ. We must decrease and Christ must increase within us. Our desires must be replaced with His desires for us. Our goals, purpose, and priorities must conform to his. This is what it means to be meek and lowly at heart. This is also what it means to be crucified with Christ and to have Christ live in you.

We should be contented with this as John the Baptist was contented. By this our lives have greater meaning and a richer purpose. We can do real good for others by leading them to Jesus. Not only that, but there is a true reward for losing your life in Christ; you will find it. Let us all strive to decrease so that Christ may increase.

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