

# Has Evolution Crept into Our Thinking?

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Has evolution thinking twisted your understanding of the world?  
Find out with this quiz.

**Mark each statement as TRUE or FALSE:**

1. There are no written historical records of the people, animals, and plants that existed in prehistoric times.
2. In the distant past, many people lived a nomadic, tent-dwelling life as they herded flocks.
3. After many generations of hunting wild animals for food, herding of flocks was developed.
4. After many generations of leading nomadic lives, people settled in the very first towns and cities.
5. All people are distant cousins.
6. Human language slowly developed from primitive languages to complex ones.
7. After many generations of speaking a single language, people began to speak many languages.
8. The stars are older than the Earth.
9. After many generations of picking wild plants for food, farming of food crops was developed.

10. From earliest times, people used flutes and stringed instruments to make music.
11. People first began to wear clothing as protection from the heat of the summer sun and the cold of winter.
12. Snails and worms are examples of primitive animals.
13. Religious practices like giving animal and farm crop offerings to God developed over countless generations.
14. Cave-dwelling humans used simple tools. Today we are far more intelligent than they were.
15. People first learned to fashion tools and weapons from stone, then from bronze (about 3,000 B.C. to 1,300 B.C.), and eventually from iron (around 1,000 B.C.).

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## ANSWERS

1. There are no written historical records of the people, animals, and plants that existed in prehistoric times.

FALSE. There is no such thing as a “prehistoric” time, since we have written history starting with the first day that the world existed. Much of that recorded history is in the book of Genesis, but there are also historical details of these early times recorded in at least nineteen other Old Testament and New Testament books.<sup>1</sup>

God even tells us that Genesis 1-11 is a historical record,

This is the account about the development of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens (Genesis 2:4).

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<sup>1</sup> For a list of 35 references from nineteen Bible books, see page 19 of the summer 2016 *LSI Journal* at [www.LutheranScience.org/2016summer](http://www.LutheranScience.org/2016summer).

This is the account about the development of Adam's family (Genesis 5:1).

This is what happened when mankind began to multiply on the face of the earth (Genesis 6:1).

This is the account about the development of Noah's family (Genesis 6:9).

Now this is the account about the development of the groups of people who descended from Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah. Sons were born to them after the flood (Genesis 10:1).

2. In the distant past, many people lived a nomadic, tent-dwelling life as they herded flocks.

**TRUE.** Abraham and Jacob are examples.

3. After many generations of hunting wild animals for food, herding of flocks was developed.

**FALSE.** The second generation of humans raised sheep in flocks.

Genesis 4:2-4, Abel tended sheep, ...Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flock.

4. After many generations of leading nomadic lives, people settled in the very first towns and cities.

**FALSE.** A city was built by Adam and Eve's first-born son. Genesis 4:17, "Cain built a city and named the city after his son Enoch." The EHV Study Bible notes: "This building of a city was done in apparent defiance of God's judgment that Cain would be a wanderer."

5. All people are distant cousins.

**TRUE.** Genesis 3:20, The man named his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living.

The *EHV Study Bible* comments on Genesis 10:20,

The Bible does not say anything about the category race as the term is commonly used today. The identity of peoples is often

based on a complicated and changing mix of physical descent, language, territory, and government.

**6.** Human language slowly developed from primitive languages to complex ones.

**FALSE.** The first humans, Adam and Eve, could speak as soon as they were created. Not only that, their language was not “primitive,” as they could communicate complex thoughts with each other as well as we can today with our “complex” languages (Genesis 1-2).

**7.** After many generations of speaking a single language, people began to speak many languages.

**TRUE.** Moses reports,

Genesis 11:1,6-7, The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. ...The LORD said, “If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. Come, let’s go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another’s speech.”

**8.** The stars are older than the Earth.

**FALSE.** The stars—and our sun—were created on Day 4, while the Earth was created on Day 1 (Genesis 1). The evolution story falsely claims that most stars—and our sun—are older than the earth.

**9.** After many generations of picking wild plants for food, farming of food crops was developed.

**FALSE.** There were farmers in the second generation of humans.

Genesis 4:2-3, Cain worked the ground ...[producing] fruit of the soil.

**10.** From earliest times, people used flutes and stringed instruments to make music.

**TRUE.** Genesis 4:21, His brother’s name was Jubal, who was the prede-

cessor of all who play the lyre and flute.

**11.** People first began to wear clothing as protection from the heat of the summer sun and the cold of winter.

**FALSE.** Before Adam and Eve sinned, they saw no shame in the sexual parts of their bodies. Genesis 2:25 reports, "They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed." As a result of becoming sinful beings, Adam and Eve's sexual relationship was no longer pure and innocent. Selfish, lustful thoughts crept into their minds, and they could not control such thoughts, resulting in feelings of guilt and shame. Clothes were invented to cover parts of the body related to sex.

Genesis 3:7,21, The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ...The LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.

**12.** Snails and worms are examples of primitive animals.

**FALSE.** All types of creatures have existed since creation week. None are more ancient or primitive than others (Genesis 1). The evolution story falsely claims that the first living thing developed into all plants, animals, and people over billions of years.

**13.** Religious practices like giving animal and farm crop offerings to God developed over countless generations.

**FALSE.** The second generation of humans gave animal and farm crop offerings to God.

Genesis 4:3-5, As time passed, one day Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the soil. Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD looked favorably on Abel and his offering, but he did not look favorably on Cain and his offering.

14. Cave-dwelling humans used simple tools. Today we are far more intelligent than they were.

FALSE. The intelligence of early humans was equal (possibly far greater) than the intelligence of people today. What Adam and Eve said and did, as reported in Genesis 2–4, shows this. Noah clearly required great intelligence to construct a 450-foot ship. There is no reason to think that those descendants of Noah who lived in caves were any less intelligent than we are today.

15. People first learned to fashion tools and weapons from stone, then from bronze (about 3,000 B.C. to 1,300 B.C.), and eventually from iron (around 1,000 B.C.).<sup>2</sup>

FALSE. Both bronze and iron tools and weapons were made well before Noah’s Flood. It appears the knowledge of using bronze and iron was lost sometime after the Flood, and then later rediscovered. Genesis 4:22, “Zillah also gave birth to Tubal Cain, who made all kinds of tools and weapons from bronze and iron.”

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<sup>2</sup> Lesley Kennedy, “The Prehistoric Ages: How Humans Lived Before Written Records,” History Stories, <https://www.history.com/news/prehistoric-ages-timeline> (accessed March 16, 2022).