



## Why the Days of Creation Cannot be Ages

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**S**ome Christians have tried to accommodate evolution's need for billions of years by claiming the "days" in the Bible really mean ages. Scripture and science disagree.

The Hebrew word for day is "yom." It is used over 2000 times in the Bible and only in rare instances does it mean more than a 24-hour day. When a numerical adjective qualifies it (like, "the second day") it always means a 24-hour period. There are over 400 such examples in scripture. Over 700 times "days" (yammin) is used and always means a 24-hour day. Why should Genesis be an exception?

Four times in the creation story "day" is used for the daylight period (Gen. 1:5, 14, 16, 18) but no numerical adjective is used. This emphasizes "day" and "night" in Gen. 1:5 mean light and dark, which would be senseless if long periods were meant. Also, Genesis could have used "elom," the Hebrew word for ages, or long periods, but it did not. Obviously, the intent was not to indicate ages.

Genesis says the sun was created after plants; how could they have survived long ages with no light? Further, we are told birds came before insects (as did plants). If ages occurred how could insect-eaters go without eating for ages?

God created everything "good." But evolution says only the fittest survived in a battle for existence ever since the beginning. Genesis tells us death came only after the fall of mankind and sin caused "groaning and travailing" (Ro. 5:12) Evolution ignores the whole basis of our fall from Grace.

More than 20 serious contradictions exist between Genesis and evolutionary doctrine. They cannot be merged together. Even science is dropping Darwin's slow evolution and now proposes frivolous suggestions such as life originating in outer space or changes from one type of creature to another coming in "jumps" (punctuated equilibria).

Do not mistake the passage, "For 1000 years in thy sight are as but a day" (Ps. 90:4) as an indication days are ages. The passage says they "are as," not they "are" a day. This emphasizes a day is a short period; if not, it would be saying 1000 years are as an age - meaningless.

Hundreds of scientists with their doctorate from recognized universities now are active in showing the superiority of creation over evolution. *LSI*