

How Evolutionary Theory Destroys Everything

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For I delivered to you as of *first importance* what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



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Creation is a Primary Issue:

- (1) Creation is clearly taught in Scripture.
- (2) Creation is foundational to the Christian worldview.
- (3) The creation account is crucial for a correct understanding of the saving significance of Jesus' death.
- (4) Rejecting the biblical account of creation radically changes the answer to the question:

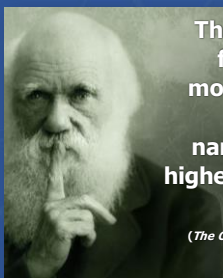
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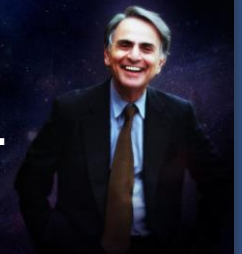
Charles Darwin

(*The Origin of Species* [Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1964], 490)

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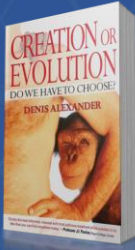
The secrets of evolution are time and death.

(Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*, Part 2:
One Voice in the Cosmic Fugue, 1980)



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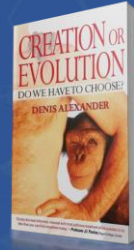
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As I grew in the Christian faith...I started studying biology and learning incontrovertible evidence...that death has been present on the earth since the beginning of life, and that indeed the two go together, we cannot have one without the other. I also learnt about fossils and visited the Natural History Museum to see the thousands of fossil specimens of blood-containing animals that had died millions of years ago....



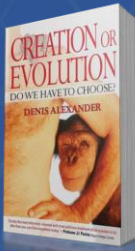
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(1) Why Do People Die?



Nowhere in the Old Testament is there the slightest suggestion that physical death of either animals or humans, after a reasonable span of years, is anything other than the normal pattern ordained by God for this earth. (p. 308)



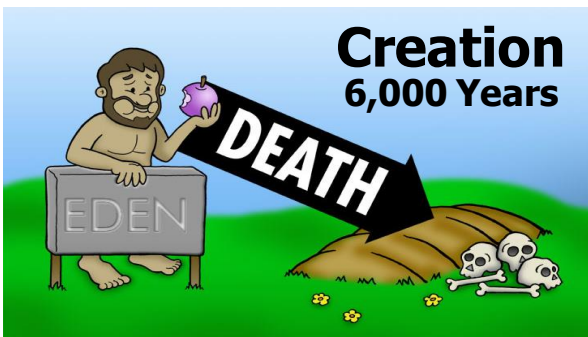
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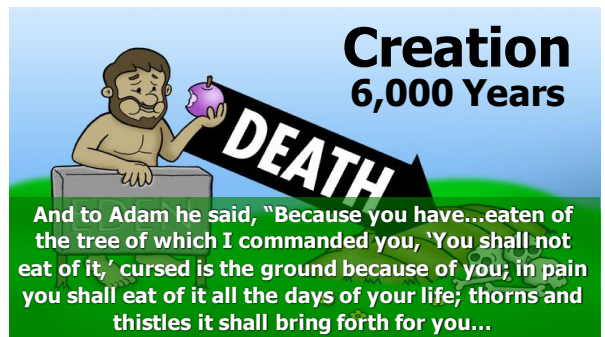
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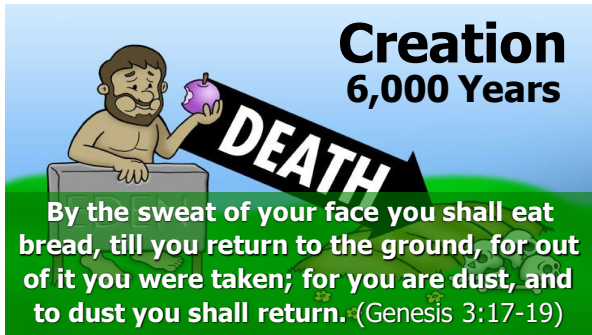
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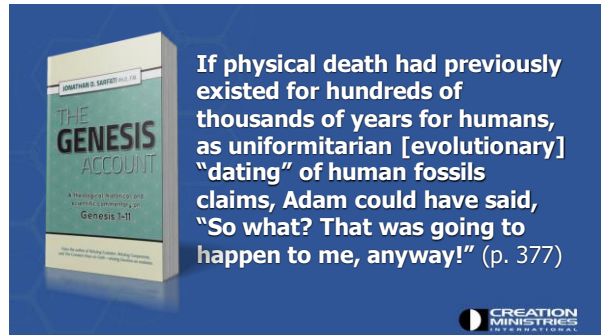
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Creation 6,000 Years

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return. (Genesis 3:17-19)



If physical death had previously existed for hundreds of thousands of years for humans, as uniformitarian [evolutionary] "dating" of human fossils claims, Adam could have said, "So what? That was going to happen to me, anyway!" (p. 377)

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"... to dust you shall return"


So what God, I'm going to die anyway!

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

(Romans 5:12)



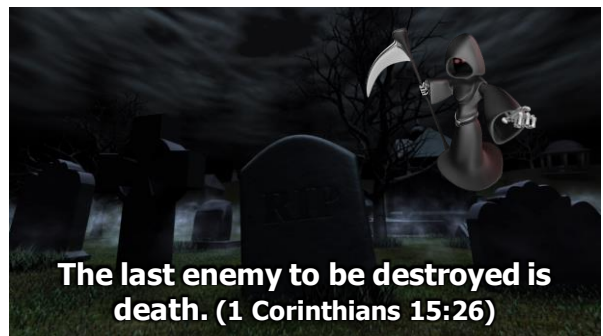
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Romans 5:12

- 1 SIN**
Point 1
"**sin** came into the world" (v 12a)
- 2 ADAM**
Point 2
"**through** one man [Adam]" (v 12b)
- 3 DEATH**
Point 3
"**and** death through sin" (v 12c)
- 4 ALL SIN ALL DIE**
Point 4
"**and** so death spread to all men because all sinned" (v 12d)

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The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:26)

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

(1 Corinthians 15:21-22)



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▪ **Question:** Why do people die?

▪ **Answer:** Because of Sin and *not* because of how they were made.

"Why did Jesus die?"

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He himself *bore our sins in his body on the tree*, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

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For Christ also suffered once *for sins*, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, *being put to death in the flesh* but made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)

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He was *delivered over to death for our sins* and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:25)

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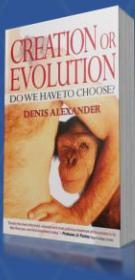


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It is as seen from the theological perspective of the New Testament that it seems most appropriate to understand this chapter in Genesis [ch 3] as referring to ***spiritual death***. (p. 312)



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Jesus' physical death on the cross and physical resurrection is:

- redundant
- senseless

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Physical death has no sin value. It can't pay the debt.



(1) Jesus died to bear our sins

- If the penalty for sin is only spiritual, then there is no need for Jesus to die physically and rise physically.
- To spiritualise the effects of sin is to fall into the ancient heresy of Gnosticism.



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(2) Jesus died to bear our sickness

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases"

(Matthew 8:16-17)



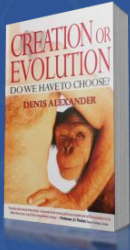
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Pain, illness, and death were originally rooted in sin (Gen. 3), and redemption from sin will ultimately result in the redemption of the body (Rom. 8:23) and the end of pain (Rev. 21:4). Matthew views the healings and exorcisms performed by Jesus as evidence for the presence of God's reign, which anticipates a glorious future reality (Matt. 11:2-6; 12:28-29; 19:28). Therefore Matthew links Jesus's healing of physical illnesses to his substitutionary death for sinners (1:21; 20:28; 26:28). (p. 235)



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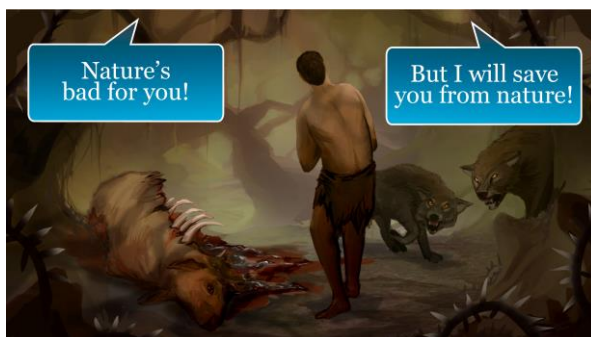
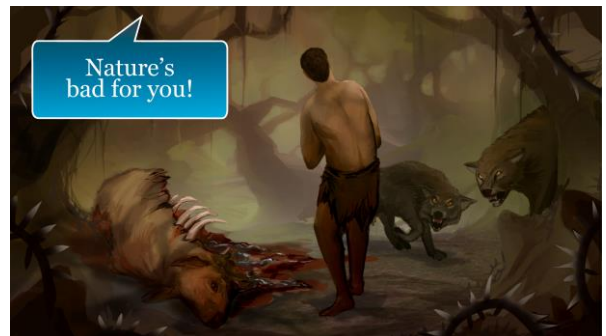
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But if we understand illness and disease to be a part of God's judgement on sinful humanity, then we can understand why Jesus died "to take our illnesses and bear our diseases" (Matthew 8:17).



(3) Jesus died to redeem creation

[Verse 2: Human Sin]

There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; They break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

[Verse 3a: Consequences for the World]

Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away;

[Verse 3b: Consequences for Animal Life]

And also the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying.

Hosea 4:2-3

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Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all the cattle, and more than every beast of the field.

(Genesis 3:14)



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For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

(Romans 8:19-21)



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This passage shows:

- (1) the cosmic scope of the fall: "the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it [God]" (v 20).
- (2) the cosmic scope of Christ's redemptive work: "the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God" (v 21).

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The creation itself is in slavery to decay because of God's curse following humanity's fall into sin. From this it eagerly awaits its liberation, when it shares in the "freedom and glory of the children of God." ... What is clear from all this is that Paul's understanding of salvation is not restricted to humanity but encompasses the whole cosmos. Believers will enter their glorious freedom as children of God, and the cosmos too will be renewed. (p. 344)

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If evolution or long ages is correct: Why did Jesus suffer to redeem all of creation—human and subhuman—if, as evolutionary dating of fossils claims, the fall had no real effect on the cosmos?

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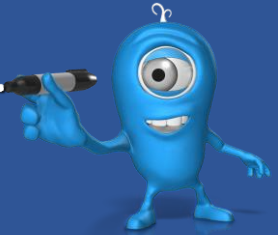
For in him [Christ] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself *all things, whether on earth or in heaven,* making peace by the blood of his cross.
(Colossians 1:19-20)



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Conclusion

to conclude..



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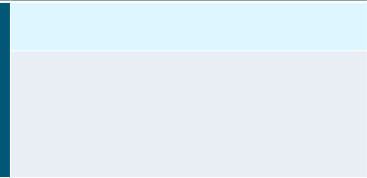
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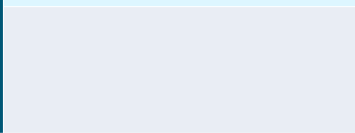


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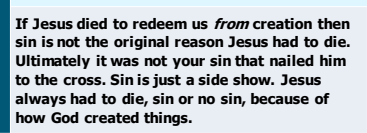
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If Jesus died to redeem us *from* creation then sin is not the original reason Jesus had to die. Ultimately it was not your sin that nailed him to the cross. Sin is just a side show. Jesus always had to die, sin or no sin, because of how God created things.



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Long ages means death, disease and decay are a natural part of the created order as God ordained it.



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Long ages means that God came to redeem his creation because of the way he made it.



Can you see the solution?

Young Earth Biblical Creation

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the glory of cross which redeems us and indeed all of creation from its bondage to sin and its effects

