

Why I Think These Are Actual 24-hour Days

The reason that some Christians DON'T see these as literal 24-hour days is that the Hebrew word for "day" (*yohm*) CAN mean a long period of time. We still do this in English: "This is the day of the computer," meaning the ERA of the computer. I do NOT get into big arguments with folks over the age of the earth (ESPECIALLY with someone lost that I'm trying to share the Gospel with), because the Bible doesn't give us the age of the earth. I think the earth is probably less than 10,000 years old, and you'll see my hints at the APPARENT older age below. But I'll work a bit more (with a believer 😊) at discussing actual 24-hour days. For EVERYBODY (saved or lost), I really stress the clear main point of Gen 1 (and the other MANY Scriptures emphasizing God as Creator) – GOD made everything, and has a right to RULE everything. But here are my top points for thinking these were six 24-hour days.

**** One of the main points of Gen 1 is the EASE which God made the earth – by His Word alone!** Long periods of time I think would take away from that point. As a matter of fact, God could easily have spoken it ALL into existence in one moment. So why didn't He? See the next point...

**** God was establishing the pattern of the WEEK.** We have sun (for the day and the year), moon (the month is built around lunar cycles), and stars for seasons (Gen 1:14-19), but why do we have the week? Because God set the pattern with a literal first week – see Exodus 20:8-11.

**** When a NUMBER (like "the first day") is added in Scripture, it overwhelmingly is an actual day.**

**** Rom 5:12 says that death entered into the world with SIN (which is Gen 3).** But if there were millions of years making up one "day," there would have been LOTS of death before sin.

**** Between the adding of NUMBERS ("the first day," etc) AND "the evening and the morning" the natural reading is a literal, 24-hour day.** We need to make sure we're reading Scripture NATURALLY. But how about the "scientific" estimates of a very old earth?

**** Science keeps changing their estimates**

**** There's a good number of young-earth creation scientists, too**

**** A lot of the appearance of age is explained by the cataclysmic worldwide flood in Gen 6-9.** We got to see a mini-version of this with Mt. Saint Helen's in 1980. Within minutes, there was the creation of a petrified forest and canyon, etc. Things that LOOKED very OLD, but we saw them happen overnight!

**** God clearly created Adam and Eve, and animals, trees, etc. with the APPEARANCE of maturity, and commanded them immediately to reproduce.** I'd guess that trees had the appearance of maturity, too (including rings that not only show age, but are part of the feeding system, too), and stars, etc.

MUCH MORE at Answers In Genesis: <https://answersingenesis.org> and The Institute for Creation Research: <https://www.icr.org>. **Just don't get sidetracked... some people get in lots of arguments over literal 24-hour days, etc, and lose focus on the Gospel.**