

LECTURE 3

WHAT DO YEC BELIEVE?

- Young-earth creationists believe the best interpretation of Genesis affirms that the creation days of Genesis 1 were six literal (24-hour) days, which occurred 6,000–12,000 years ago.
- Traditional Young Earth creationism is the oldest and most well-known explanation of Biblical origins.

EXAMINE THE TEXT:

Day 1 (vv. 3-5)

Day 2 (vv. 6-8)

Day 3 (9-13)

Day 4 (vv. 14-19)

Day 5 (vv. 20-23)

Day 6 (vv. 24-31)

Day 7 (2:1-3)

HALLMARKS

- Genesis as History
- Inspiration and inherency of the Bible
- Age of the earth...
- God as Creator through Divine Fiat

No Death prior to the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden

APPEARANCE OF AGE INTERPRETATION

This interpretation is identical to YEC with one caveat, it suggests that God created the earth in 6 literal 24-hour days less than 10,000 years ago *but that he constructed it to look ancient.*

Challenges facing YEC...

- Day's 1 and 4 (light on day 1 and Sun and moon on Day 4) chronologically this leave something to be desired. The creation of a temporary light for the first four days, and then its removal, is complete speculation.
- The Potential that Gen 1:1-2 is not an introductory statement but an event...Gen 1:1 & 2 are not easily integrated into the rigid 6 day time frame of Gen 1:3-31.
- The earth is treated as metaphorical in Gen 1:1-2. (Morris explains, earth does not refer to a physical planet but to the components of matter of the universe).
- Reconcile the God's book of Scripture as truth understood in the YEC tradition with God's book of nature as truth understood by the Scientific community. Within the last 200 years scientist have discovered significant evidence supporting an old age for the Universe. Critics claim Evidence of significant time has accumulated to the point it will never be overturned. Ignoring this evidence is not a viable option.
- Fossil evidence conclusively proves that animals lived and died before the appearance of mankind on Earth. This contradicts belief that no animal death occurred before the fall of man.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

<https://answersingenesis.org/creationism/young-earth/young-earth-creationist-view-summarized-and-defended/>

Lecture by Han's Madume (Young Earth Creationist): <https://www.pastortheologians.com/media-1/madueme2017>

A critical view on Creation positions: This link contains various articles that are helpful in understanding the current debate, though some of the discussion is technical.

<https://creationwithoutcompromise.com/category/genesis-2/>