

## Questioning Scientific “Facts”

### How Old is the Earth?

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#### Scripture: Psalm 19:1

#### Introduction

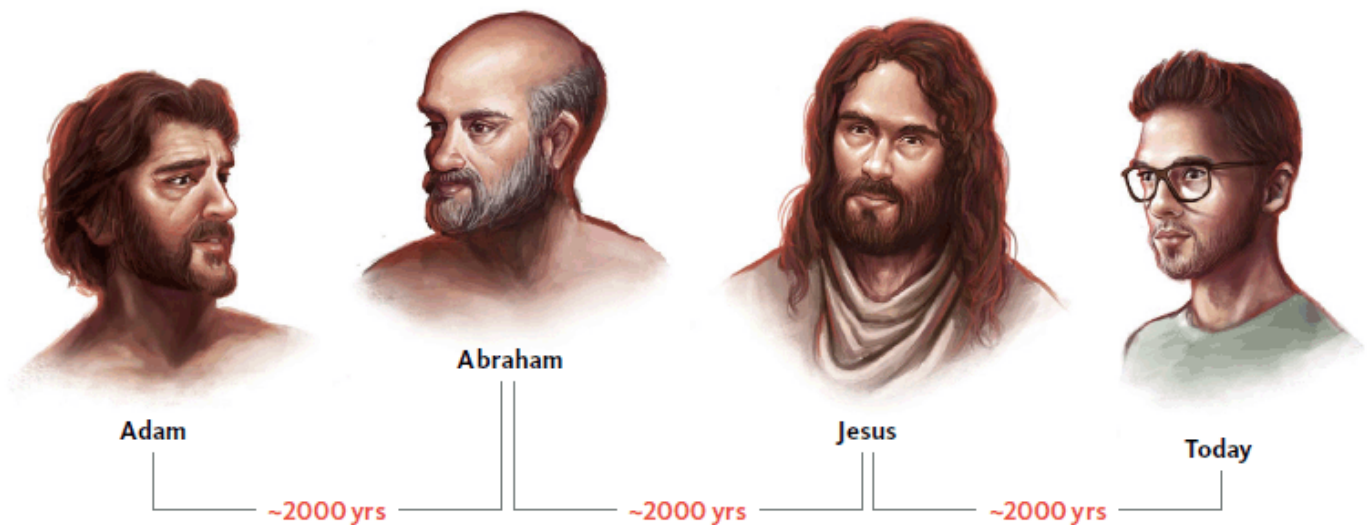
- In our Wednesday night adult bible study, we have been studying the Book of Romans.
- We are in chapter 14 where Paul is really giving the church practical advice in how to handle “disputable matters” that arise between believers.
- He gives examples of what type of food one eats and whether one observes a certain day more highly than another day.
- These “disputable matters” and many of the others that we argue about today need to be discussed, but never should cause division and discord in the body of Christ.
- While we are “fighting” internal battles that really do not matter to salvation, Satan is fighting battles against the church that can matter to the salvation of people.
- Right now, a war is being waged for the minds of young people.
- Schools are filled with children being taught a secular religion that is devoid of God while the churches meet with little to no children or young people at all.
- The church must take a stand and fight this battle and that is why this morning we are going to begin to discuss **Questioning Scientific “Facts”: How Old is the Earth?**

#### Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

- For most people across human history, when you gaze at the stars you can sense God’s glory and majesty.
- When you see the sun coming up over the horizon you can almost hear creation proclaiming God’s work.
- When we look at this world, we see vast mountain ranges, oceans, and all sorts of wonders.
- As we look around us, we must ask age-old questions like, “How did we get here?”
- This morning, I want us to explore the question **How Old is the Earth?**
- For the most part, just about everyone present this morning was taught science in school.
- Especially if you had a public education, you would have been taught modern secular biology which is the study of life.
- Science teaches us today that the earth formed through natural processes about 4.6 billion years ago.
- This age of the earth is taught in schools and the vast majority of people never question it.
- Many faithful and born-again Christians that hold to the teachings of the Bible believe this and haven’t questioned it.
- That will change for some people this morning.
  
- How do scientist know that the earth is 4.6 billion years old?
- They don’t. They only use a series of assumptions that are built into mathematical equations that were formed from their observation of current events.
- In plain English, they look at things that are happening today and say that is the way that things must have happened in the past and then they put those assumptions into mathematic equations and come up with a number.
- For instance, we can track that the Colorado river cuts into the Grand Canyon about “1 foot every 10 years”. If we want to find out how long it took the Colorado river to cut to its current depth, all we would have to do is calculate the current depth and multiply it by the rate of erosion. If it was 100 feet it would be 1000 years.

- The issue with this that we have no way of knowing that what we observe today has always been how things happened in the past.
- For instance, if the Colorado river had more water running at a higher rate of speed, it would erode the rock faster, thus speeding up the time table.
- Also, secular scientist must have a large number for the age of the earth in order to have macro-evolution which is molecule-to-man evolution.
- So what they have done is try to calculate how long they think certain evolutionary cycles would have taken and they build that into their math equations.
- **Video: To prove that this type of dating method has faults, lets look at a 60-Minutes clip from 2009.**
- Prior to this discovery in 2005, it was thought that soft tissue cells could not possible survive for than 1 million years in the best of circumstances.
- For the most part, soft tissue does not last more than weeks in normal circumstances.
- This dinosaur was said to be 68 million years old, however it still had soft tissue in its bones.
- Even under the best scientific circumstances, they were off by 67 million years.
- However, you do not hear them question the age of the dinosaur, they are simply trying to figure out how this could have happened.
- In 2013, they came out and said that the theory was that iron acted as formaldehyde and preserved the tissue
- Actually, folks the earth somewhere closer to 6,000 years old if you want to look at the biblical evidence.
- Sounds crazy! However, if you take away the assumption of evolution, you do not need billions of years.



- Answers in Genesis and many other research organizations have thoroughly studied the genealogy found in the Bible and have concluded that from Adam to Abraham was about 2000 years, Abraham to Jesus 2000 years, and Jesus until today is another 2000 years. That's 6000 years.
- So, it comes down to whether you believe science or the Bible really.
- We do not know the exact date the earth was created, but it is a difference in an Old or Young Earth perspective that you look through.
- The earth was created with the “appearance of age” just like Adam and Eve.
- What else is science wrong about?

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
Romans 14:13-23