

Lesson 11: HOW OLD IS THE EARTH?



1. Some Christians believe the Earth is **YOUNG** – just 6,000 – 10,000 years old.
2. Some Christians believe the Earth is **OLD** – millions or billions of years old.
3. Some Christians believe **WE WILL NEVER KNOW FOR SURE.**

WHY THE CONFUSION?

- **Science seems to show that the Earth is OLD.**
Rock layers that can't form quickly... Fossils are not mixed up... Polar ice layers... Volcano cross-checking... Radio-metric dating, etc...
- **Literal reading of the Bible seems to say the Earth is YOUNG.**
Many believe the days in Genesis 1 & 2 were 6 consecutive 24-hour days.
When genealogies are added up:
Adam to Moses: 2,000 years +
Moses to Jesus: 2,000 years +
Jesus to Today: 2,000 years
Age of the Earth = 6,000 years.



Young Earth “Creation Scientists” believe the Earth was drastically changed by Noah’s Flood. It created mountains, valleys, fossils, layers of rocks, etc.

BUT...

- “Day” in Hebrew has many meanings. One is a long period of time with a beginning and an end. (See Gen 2:4) Maybe Creation Days weren’t 6 *consecutive* 24-hour days, rather long periods of time. (See Gen 2:4)
- Many question the Young Earth Creation Scientist’s explanation of Flood effects. They aren’t sure that the miracle of Noah’s Flood would leave world-wide physical evidence. They choose not to focus on the age of the Earth, but other reasons to question the “Grand Theory of Evolution.”



Watch this video: (3:20)

<https://youtu.be/5aZIDRdvYYk>

“Who is Right in the Young Earth vs Old Earth Debate?”

We must be willing to look again at our understanding of God’s Word & His World.
Remember Galileo! Michelangelo’s Moses is another example.

Science and the Bible *must* agree - they are both from God.