

COMPARATIVE CHART OF THE VIEWS OF CREATION AND THE FLOOD OF NOAH

POINTS OF COMPARISON	ORIGINAL CREATION	GAP VIEWPOINT OF CREATION	DAY/AGE VIEW	PROGRESSIVE CREATION
Length of the days in Genesis 1 Scriptures: Genesis 1:3-31; Exodus 20:8-11; Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8.	God created the heavens and the earth in six 24 hour days. Numerical adjectives always require 24 hour days and not time periods.	God restored the creation of the heavens and earth in six 24 days. Numerical adjectives always require 24 hour days and not time periods.	God created the heavens and earth in six ages or time periods called days by a process of evolution.	Successive creation of new life forms on days lasting 100's of millions of years, some of which overlap. This view denies evolution and affirms sudden appearance of various life forms.
Age of the earth	4000 to 10,000 years	10,000 to billions of years	billions of years	billions of years
Views and data of scientists	Several thousand scientists with advanced degrees hold to a young earth and use scientific data other than radiometric dating to support their views.	The vast majority of scientists with advanced degrees holds to an earth that is billions of years old and use mainly radiometric dating.	The vast majority of scientists with advanced degrees holds to an earth that is billions of years old and use mainly radiometric dating.	The vast majority of scientists with advanced degrees holds to an earth that is billions of years old and use mainly radiometric dating.
Gap in Genesis 1:2 Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 45:18; Isaiah 14:12-17 especially 17	There is no gap. When God created the heavens and earth everything was not ordered but was ordered in 6 days	God created the universe and the earth was (can be translated became) without form and void by Satan's fall and rebellion.	There is no gap. When God created the heavens and earth everything was not ordered but was ordered in 6 ages.	There is no gap. When God created the heavens and earth everything was not ordered but was ordered in 6 ages.
Onset of death Scriptures: John 8:44; Romans 5:12; 8:19-22; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Isaiah 14:12-17	Adam's sin brought death upon all life forms	Adam's sin brought death upon all people but all life forms were subject to death because of Satan's sin.	Death for pre-Adamic life forms was a part of God's plan.	Death for pre-Adamic life forms was a part of God's plan.

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The fall of Satan: Scriptures: John 8:44; Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28: 11-17; Job 38:4,7; Genesis 1:31; Psalm 148:2,5	The fall of Satan was between Genesis 2 and 3.	The fall of Satan was after Genesis 1:1 and before the days of 1:3-31. Satan's fall caused the earth to be without form and void in 1:2	The fall of Satan is usually placed sometime before the creation of man on the 6 th day.	The fall of Satan is usually placed sometime before the creation of man on the 6 th day.
The fall of man: Scriptures: Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-24; Romans 5:12	Literal or plain understanding	Literal or plain understanding	Symbolic understanding with the fall being man created with choice and choosing to do evil.	Literal or plain understanding
Extent of Noah's flood: Scriptures: Genesis 7:19-23; 9:11,15; 2 Peter 2:5; 3:5-6	Worldwide over the whole earth	Worldwide over the whole earth	An allegory although some may hold to a worldwide view and others to the view of Progressive creationists.	Not worldwide. Moses and animals floated on Mesopotamian inland sea. Most animals not affected.
Method of interpretation of scripture	Plain or literal	Plain or literal	Figurative or allegorical	Figurative or allegorical. Although literal method is claimed by them.
Creation of man in relation to history: Scriptures: Genesis 1:24-31; Mark 10:6; 13:19; Luke 11:50-51; 1:70	Man was created on the 6 th day of God's material creative activity	Man was created on the 6 th day of God's restoration of the earth perhaps billions of years after the original creation.	Man was created the 6 th day which is the most recent age.	Man was created very recently in God's plan which means millions and billion of years had passed after God's other creative activity

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View of natural vs. scriptural revelation	Scripture as God's infallible revelation is superior to natural revelation which is badly affected by the fall.	Scripture as God's infallible revelation is superior to natural revelation which is badly affected by the fall.	What we learn from natural revelation helps us decide whether to interpret scripture allegorically or literally/plainly	Creation and scripture are on the same level as means of God's revelation
Pre-flood life spans: Scriptures: Genesis 5:1-32	Average of 912 years	Average of 912 years	Years were figured differently	Most people were murdered and the life-spans were less than ours today.
The use of the word forms of: "created, made" and "formed": Scriptures: Genesis 1:1,7,16,21,25-27 cp. 2:7,19,21-22; Isaiah 65:18; Amos 4:13, Exodus 20:11	These words are interchangeable to a great extent and can be used to describe the making of something out of nothing or of using pre-existing materials. The context determines the meaning.	Only 3 creative acts of God are given: the heavens and earth, animals, people. "Made" can be understood to mean "made to appear."	These words are interchangeable to a great extent and can be used to describe the making of something out of nothing or of using pre-existing materials. The context determines the meaning.	These words are interchangeable to a great extent and can be used to describe the making of something out of nothing or of using pre-existing materials. The context determines the meaning.
Meaning of the word "beginning": Scriptures: Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 40:21; Matthew 19:4; 24:21; Mark 10:6; 13:19; John 1:1; 8:44; Hebrews 1:10; 2 Peter 3:4; 1 John 3:8	This refers to the whole period of creation including the creation of people and fall of Satan.	This refers to a distinct period of time prior to the days of restoration in Genesis 1:3-31. It also is used to refer to the 6 th day after people were created.	This refers to the period of time from the beginning of the earth and all life forms, a time of billions of years. It includes the time man first came into being.	This refers to the period of time from the beginning of the earth and all life forms, a time of billions of years. It includes the time man first came into being.

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Doctrine of Uniformitarianism: Everything continues as it always has and happens through the present observable processes	Uses 2 Peter 3:4-5 to show that this doctrine is willful ignorance on the part of people.	Uses 2 Peter 3:4-5 to show that this is willful ignorance on the part of people. However, they use the gap of Genesis 1:2 to partially accommodate this doctrine.	Largely this position accommodates and includes this doctrine in its teachings.	Largely this position accommodates and includes this doctrine in its teachings.
Bible teachers who hold this position	Charles Ryrie, John McArthur, Warren Wiersbe, Theodore Epp, Allen Ross, Henry Morris, Kenneth Ham, Allen Ross	Louis Sperry Chafer, C.I. Scofield, Merrill Unger, Bob Thieme	Frances Schaeffer, Bruce Waltke	Hugh Ross, Gleason Archer