

Title	Four strong evidences for a young(er) creation
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<p>Secular beliefs about the age of the earth provide a powerful blockage to faith today. Belief in long ages undermines confidence in the Bible as God's Word. It also undermines the Gospel. It does this by putting eons of death, disease, and suffering before the creation of Adam and Eve. This then brings into question the goodness of God and the reason for Jesus' death and resurrection—that Adam's sin brought death, disease, and suffering, into God's "very good" creation (Genesis 1:31).</p> <p>I explain how the Bible gives us an age of the Earth of about 6,000 years. And how this was believed until recent times. Indeed, the first attack on the Bible was not biological evolution, but the age of the earth.</p> <p>I then present four powerful pieces of evidence from science for a young age of the earth, and discuss some of the rescue devices that long-age advocates use to try to refute this evidence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Soft tissues and proteins are found in fossils across the spectrum of 'deep time'. These fragile compounds should not be there if the fossils really are millions of years old.</li> <li>2. Carbon-14 is also present in fossils across supposed hundreds of millions of years. All carbon-14 should have decayed away by just 60,000 years or so.</li> <li>3. Rock arches and other geological formations are decaying before our eyes. The observed rates of decay far exceed what the long-age belief requires. Arches National Park in the USA provides a powerful counter to long ages.</li> <li>4. The long-age rate of sediment formation in the rock layers is miniscule. This is way too little to explain fossil formation in those layers. The lack of bioturbation reinforces the reality of this problem for belief in long ages.</li> </ol> <p>These examples are just four of many. They corroborate one another to provide a powerful argument for rapid formation of the rock strata and the fossils they contain. And all this must have happened relatively recently.</p> <p>What event could explain a rapid and recent formation of the rock strata? Noah's Flood. The Flood is the key to understanding Earth's true history according to the Bible. This true history maintains the goodness of God and the origin of sin, death, and suffering in Adam. Thus Jesus, "the last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45) died a physical death on the cross to pay for our sins. He rose from the dead, having paid the price and conquered death. And we look forward to a future when there will be a new heavens and earth where there is no more death. Death, "the last enemy" (1 Corinthians 15:26) will be done away with.</p>	
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Don earned his B.Sc.Agr. (First Class Honours) and his Ph.D. at the University of Sydney. He worked for 20 years as a research horticulturalist with NSW Agriculture. His research

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