

Genesis 5 Timeline Apologetics

I. Darwin is Defeating Moses in American Culture (2019 Pew Research)

- A. 81% of U.S. adults believe “humans have evolved over time.”
- B. 98% of scientists associated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science “say the believe humans evolved over time.”
- C. U.S. educational system has raised generations to believe Darwin

II. Darwin v. Moses on God’s Creation of Humankind

- A. Darwin’s Theory
 - 1. Evolution of many species from a single origin.
 - 2. “Natural selection” (survival of the fittest).
 - 3. “Deep time”: many billions of years.
- B. God’s Revelation through Moses
 - 1. Boundaries between “kinds” by divine decree: Gen 1:11, 12; 21; 24, 25.
 - 2. Man: “Created,” “Made,” “formed” by God: Gen 1:26, 27; 2:7, 22.
 - 3. Recent time: around 6,200 years from Creation to the present.
 - a. Land animals and Man on “the sixth day,” Gen 1:31.
 - b. Genesis 5:3-32; 11:10-26. Earth created about 6,223 years ago.

III. A Closer Look at the Foundational Issue: The Age of the Earth

- A. Geological science appeared to contradict traditional Bible account.
- B. Astronomical science seems to agree with geology.

- C. Biblical evidence suggests “Apparent Age” apologetic.
1. Apparent Age: that “evidence” of age is a feature of how God created things in the very beginning.
 2. Evolutionists see this as “a significant theological problem”: dishonest.
 3. However, consider several Bible facts:
 - a. Genesis 1 and 2 represent created things in mature form from the beginning.
 - b. Miracles do not need any time:
For example, the 40 y.o. man, who had never walked, *instantly* had all physical and mental capacities to walk (Ac 3:2, 7, 8; 4:22).

IV. Tools for Our Apologetics Box

- A. No gaps in the Genesis 5 and 11 genealogies, Adam to Abraham.
- B. Biblical witness agrees, Judges to Acts.
- C. Datable historical events such as Ahab at Qarqar.
- D. Modern science specializes in *observation*. Past events cannot be observed directly. The meaning of “evidence” depends on beliefs.
- E. “Apparent Age” explains both biblical and scientific facts.