

## Rapidly matured creation

During the creation week, there are a number of things that needed to be matured very quickly.

- The food for the marine animals had to be mature or grow within a day.
- The vegetation for the animals had to grow quickly (as in a day or 2).
- The animals and birds had to be mature enough to fend for themselves.
- Adam had to be formed mature enough to take care of himself and tend the garden.
- Eve was fashioned mature from the rib of the man.
- The sun, moon and stars had to be created in a way so that the light from them was visible for them to serve as lights and signs for days, seasons and years. God, as the all-powerful creator, can cause all of the star formations to happen very quickly on day four of creation, and to cause the light to get to earth in an instant as well. After this, He could then cause the “natural laws” that He put into place to take over.
- The text specifically says that by the end of day six, the heavens, the earth and the heavenly lights were completed. (Gen 2:1)

## Creation week processes

While Genesis is primarily a history book, it provides some clues as to what happened during the creation week.

- God separated the light from the darkness. (Ge 1:4) Separating would appear to refer to a process. When someone separates something, it is a process.
- God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse (Ge 1:7)
- Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; (Ge 1:9) “Be gathered” refers to a process.
- Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them" (Ge 1:11)  
The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; (Ge 1:12) In these verses, we again see a process. According to the text, it would appear that this process happened within a day.
- "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind" (Ge 1:24) “Bring forth” is a process
- Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, (Ge 2:7) “formed” is a process
- Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky (Ge 2:19)
- The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, (Ge 2:22) The word “fashioned” really means to build.

As we examine these verses, we see that in the six days of creation, God accelerated the growing and maturing process.

The question is asked regarding the stars and galaxies. Did all of what we see in the heavens really happen as actual history, or is it just a deception? To answer this question, we must first look at some presuppositions that we may have. Some possible ones:

- Everything that has happened has always done so in a uniform way.
- The physical laws were in place from the beginning (day 1) of creation.
- God is limited to doing things according to the physical laws that He has established for the universe.

While we do not know exactly how God created the heavens and what the actual explanation is for what we see (aside from what we are told – “God said or spoke” and it happened), there are some theories that people have come up with. However, we do get a possible explanation from Scripture which is likely a much better explanation:

*It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.* (Jer 10:12)( Is 42:5; 45:12; 51:13; Jer 51:15)

It is highly likely, that on day four, when He created the sun, moon and stars, He created them and caused all of what we see, to happen very rapidly on that day. Therefore, it is actual history in terms of what has happened; it is just that it happened extremely quickly on day four. As a side note, the secular model calls for the rapid expansion of the universe at the time of the “big bang” to have happened from about  $10^{-36}$  of a second to about  $10^{-32}$  of a second<sup>1</sup>. During this tiny fraction of a second, the universe is supposed to have expanded from a singularity to many billion light years across. It would appear that the Biblical explanation is far more believable since it has a cause for all that happened.

The whole of creation proclaims the attributes, power and divine nature of God.

*“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”* (Ro 1:20)

*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.* (Ps 19:1)

Since the creation had to be created mature (or rapidly matured) in order for it to function, it would have had the appearance of age. Some have said that God would be deceptive by saying that the universe is less than 10,000 years old when it would appear that it needs to be much older than this. There is no deception in this because He clearly states how long He took to create the earth and He provided us with a chronological record to date the universe. Everything that we see actually happened in history. He also states that His attributes and power can be seen in creation, but does not say that by looking at creation you can determine

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inflation\\_\(cosmology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inflation_(cosmology))

its age. Creation was a miracle, and just like other miracles, a scientific, naturalistic explanation is not going to work. Creation points to God.

#### Other Miracles in the Bible

Miracles were frequently given for signs that point to God. Some examples:

- Moses was given the sign of his hand being made leprous. (Ex 4:6-7) Normally, the process of becoming leprous or being healed from it would take time, but here it happened very quickly.
- It would appear that God did not instantaneously make frogs, etc. appear, but rather that they reproduced very quickly.
  - The plague of the frogs (Ex 8:2-6)
  - The plague of the Gnats (Ex 8:16-19)
  - The plague of the Flies (Ex 8:20-24)
  - The plague of the Locusts (Ex 10:4-15)
- In Joshua 10:12-14, God extended the length of the day about a whole day.
- In Jonah 4:6-7, God made a plant grow up very quickly and wither very quickly.
- Jeroboam's hand withered very quickly, and after the man of God prayed, it was restored quickly. (1 Ki 13:4-6)
- Jesus turned water into wine. (Jn 2:6-9). This is a process that would normally take months, but it was done in a very short period of time.
- Jesus fed the 5000. (Mat 14:15-21) Note here that it does not seem that a huge mountain of food appeared all of a sudden. As they passed out the food, there was always more in their basket to give.
- Paul's sight restored (Act 9:17-18)

As we look at these and the many other miracles that are recorded, we can see that some of the reasons for them is to point people to God and verify God's Word.

There is just no "scientific" way, and this includes our own observations, to explain Miracles. What we call miracles are just a normal way of God working and we need to accept that. Creation itself is a miracle, so we cannot expect to be able to understand it.

If God were not telling the truth in His Word regarding the chronologies and the age of the earth, then He would be deceptive and lying. Jesus Himself said that:

““For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” (Mt 5:18) (Lk 16:17)

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God? (Mk 12:24)

It is impossible for God to lie.

in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago, (Tit. 1:2)

Paul writes:

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” (2 Ti 2:15)