

POPULAR ORIGINS BELIEFS

Topic	Biblical Creation	Intelligent Design Some biblical and old-earth creationists are in the ID movement	Old-Earth Creation				Molecules-to-Man Evolution
			Gap Theory	Progressive Creation	Framework Hypothesis	Theistic Evolution	
Origin of Life	God created lifeforms "after their kinds" (not species).	Not agreed upon: 1. A designer designed the first life. 2. A designer designed several initial lifeforms.	Life was formed millions of years ago by God and wiped out by a Luciferian flood between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. Then God recreated life as He said in the rest of Genesis 1.	Life was created by God in spurts, and then as these lifeforms went extinct, God made other lifeforms to take their place.	Not agreed upon: Most hold to the theistic evolution view, and some hold to a progressive creationist view.	God created the first life in the form of a single-celled organism.	Life accidentally formed from nonliving matter into a single-celled organism.
Origin of the Variety of Lifeforms	God created all the different kinds of life to produce variety within their respective kinds.	Not agreed upon: Could be any of the other views.	After the Luciferian flood God made new lifeforms "after their kind," and they have variation within their kind to produce the variety we see today.	Varieties of lifeforms were created by God when He created new species to replace older ones that went extinct.	Not agreed upon: Most hold to the theistic evolution view, and some hold to a progressive creationist view.	A single-celled lifeform developed information for things like ears, eyes, nose, etc., through mutations and natural selection to arrive at the various types of lifeforms we see today—but God guides it.	The first single-celled creature, through random mutations and natural selection, was transformed into all the life we see today.
Origin of Man	On Day 6 of creation, God made man from dust and woman from man's side.	Not agreed upon: Could be any of the other views.	On the sixth day of the second creation, God made man and woman supernaturally.	God made man supernaturally about 10,000–60,000 years ago to replace soulless hominids who seemed human because they buried their dead, played music and had religious activities, but they weren't human.	Man's body developed from ape-like ancestors through God-directed, random mutations and natural selection. This animal became truly human when God supernaturally placed the image of God in it.	Man's body developed from ape-like ancestors through God-directed, random mutations and natural selection. This animal became truly human when God supernaturally placed the image of God in it.	Developed from an ape-like ancestor through random mutations and natural selection.
How many Races of Man?	One race—the human race.	Not agreed upon: Could be any of the other views.	One race—the human race.	One race—the human race.	Not agreed upon: Most would say at least four races—Mongoloid, Negroid, Australoid and Caucasoid.	Not agreed upon: Most would say at least four races—Mongoloid, Negroid, Australoid and Caucasoid.	Not agreed upon: Most would say that at least four—Mongoloid, Negroid, Australoid and Caucasoid.
Origin of the Earth and Universe	God created it in six, approximately 24-hour days—heavens and Earth on Day 1 and heavenly bodies on Day 4.	Not agreed upon: big bang, Allah, Brahman, God, etc.	God made the universe, perhaps with the big bang, and the present surface of the earth is the second that God created.	God used the big bang.	God used the big bang.	God used the big bang.	The big bang or an eternal steady state universe.
Days of Creation in Genesis 1	The days are regular approximately 24-hour days.	Not agreed upon: Days are literal or long ages.	Initial creation event was millions of years before the six, 24-hour days of the re-creation.	Each day was millions or billions of years long with overlap in some cases.	The days of creation are only days on paper but not in reality—the creation took place over millions of years.	The days didn't exist, and God allowed random, natural processes over millions of years to form the earth and the lifeforms.	The days didn't exist, and random natural processes over millions of years formed the earth and all lifeforms.
Age of the Earth	~6,000 years	Not agreed upon: From about 6,000 years to 4.5 billion years.	~4.5 billion years (Soft gap has about 6,000 years for earth but not for the universe).	~4.5 billion years	~4.5 billion years	~4.5 billion years	~4.5 billion years
Dinosaurs	Dinosaurs were made on Day 6 about 6,000 years ago. They lived with man and were on Noah's Ark about 4,500 years ago and died out for the same reasons animals die today—disease, lack of food, being hunted, etc. Many dragon legends were likely reminiscent of dinosaur encounters before they died off.	Not agreed upon: Either supernaturally created or evolved from a primitive reptile.	Dinosaurs were supernaturally created by God in the first creation, and they died off millions of years ago in the Luciferian flood, perhaps 65 million years ago.	Dinosaurs were supernaturally created by God millions of years ago. They died off about 65 million years ago.	Dinosaurs developed by random mutations and natural selection from primitive reptiles. They died off about 65 million years ago.	Dinosaurs developed by random mutations and natural selection from primitive reptiles. They died off about 65 million years ago.	Developed by random mutations and natural selection from primitive reptiles. They died off about 65 million years ago. Evolutionists argue over what caused this mass extinction—meteor, starvation, changing climate, etc.
Death and Disease	Death and suffering came after sin (sometime after Day 7) and is an enemy and intrusion into God's perfect world as a punishment for sin.	Not agreed upon: Death and disease have always been a part of the world as long as life has existed, or it is the result of sin.	Death and disease have always been a part of the world, as long as life has existed.	Death and disease have always been a part of the world, as long as life has existed.	Death and disease have always been a part of the world, as long as life has existed.	Death and disease have always been a part of the world, as long as life has existed.	Death and disease have always been a part of the world, as long as life has existed.
Moral Authority	Bible	Not agreed upon: Some say there is no basis for morality except by preferences; others say their respective holy books are authoritative for morality.	Bible	Bible	Bible	In most cases, the Bible	No basis for morality except personal preference or cultural consensus.
View of the Bible	Inerrant	Not agreed upon: Some say it is inerrant; others say it is errant.	Inerrant	Inerrant		Not agreed upon: Some say it is inerrant; others say it is errant and not authoritative.	Errant and not authoritative.
Final Authority	Bible alone	Not agreed upon: Qur'an, Bible, Vedas, secular science, etc.	Bible and some secular science.	Bible and some secular science.	Bible and some secular science.	Secular science and sometimes the Bible.	Secular science
Noah's Flood	A global Flood	Disagreement if it happened or not, and whether it was global or local.	Not agreed upon: A local flood in the Middle East or a global Flood.	A local flood in the Middle East.	A local flood in the Middle East.	A local flood in the Middle East.	Not agreed upon: Didn't happen or was a local flood.
Geological Layers	Primarily evidence for the worldwide Flood of Noah's day.	Not agreed upon: 1. Evidence for a large, catastrophic Flood 2. Evidence for millions of years of gradual processes 3. Evidence for many catastrophes over long ages	Not agreed upon: 1. Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual change 2. Evidence for the Luciferian flood 3. Evidence for Noah's Flood (soft gap theory)	Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual processes.	Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual processes.	Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual processes.	Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual processes.
Fossil Record	Primarily evidence for the worldwide Flood of Noah's day and the lifeforms only having variation within their respective kinds.	Not agreed upon: 1. Evidence for catastrophe 2. Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual deposition but not for evolutionary changes 3. Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual deposition and evolutionary changes.	Not agreed upon: 1. Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual processes but not for evolutionary changes 2. Evidence for the Luciferian flood 3. Evidence for Noah's Flood (soft gap theory).	Evidence for millions of years of slow, gradual processes but not for evolutionary changes.	Evidence for evolutionary changes.	Evidence for evolutionary changes.	Evidence of evolutionary (molecules-to-man) changes.
Noah's Ark	Huge vessel that held Noah, his family and two of each land animal kind and seven of some.	Not agreed upon: Could be any of the other views.	Modest vessel for a short-term, local flood.	Not agreed upon: Modest vessel for a short-term, local flood or never existed.	Not agreed upon: Modest vessel for a short-term, local flood or never existed.	Not agreed upon: Modest vessel for a short-term, local flood or never existed.	Not agreed upon: Modest vessel for a short-term, local flood or didn't exist.