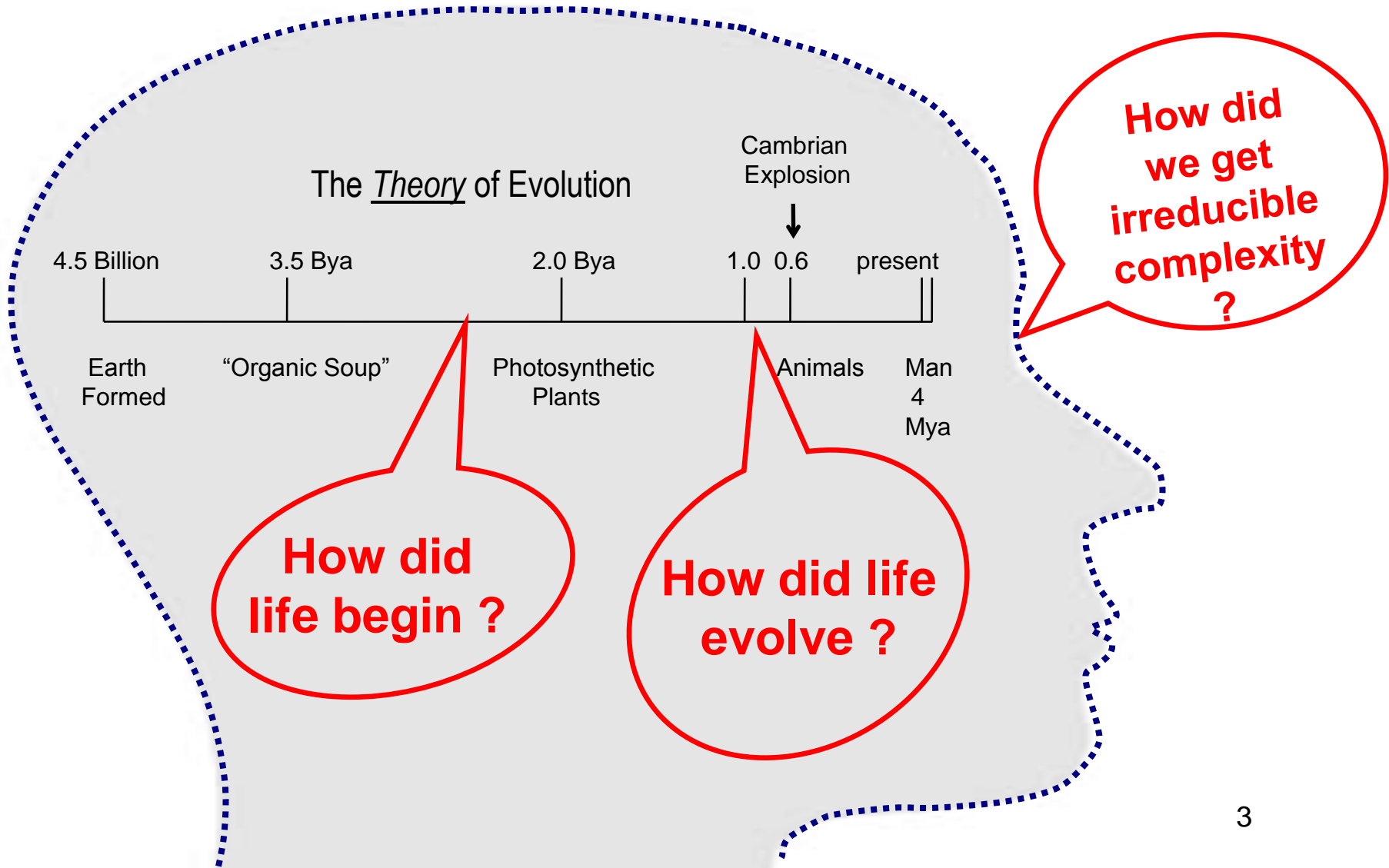


“The Book of Genesis”

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Talk Outline

- Evolution and Genesis
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 - The Flood
 - Day-age and Gap theories
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- Creation Evangelism

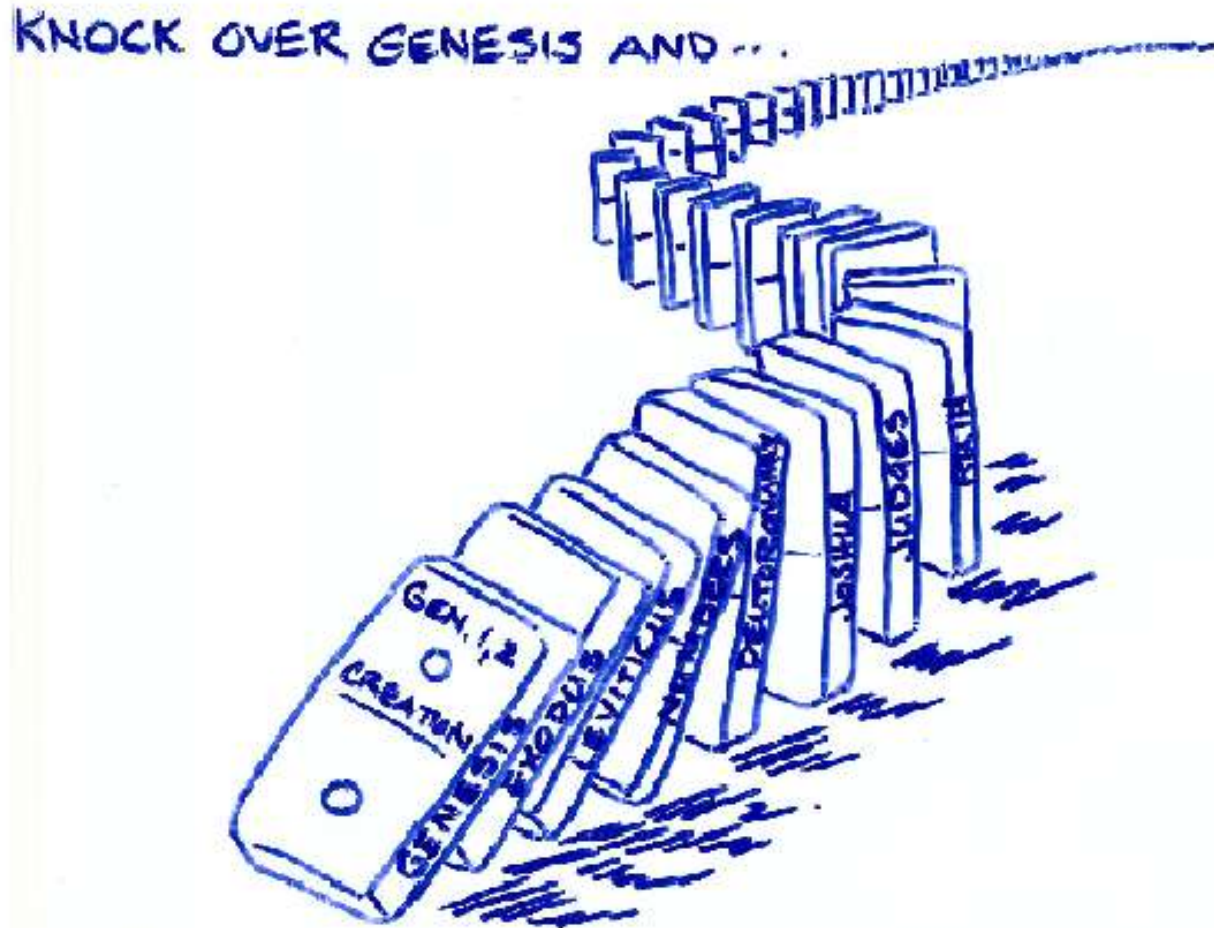




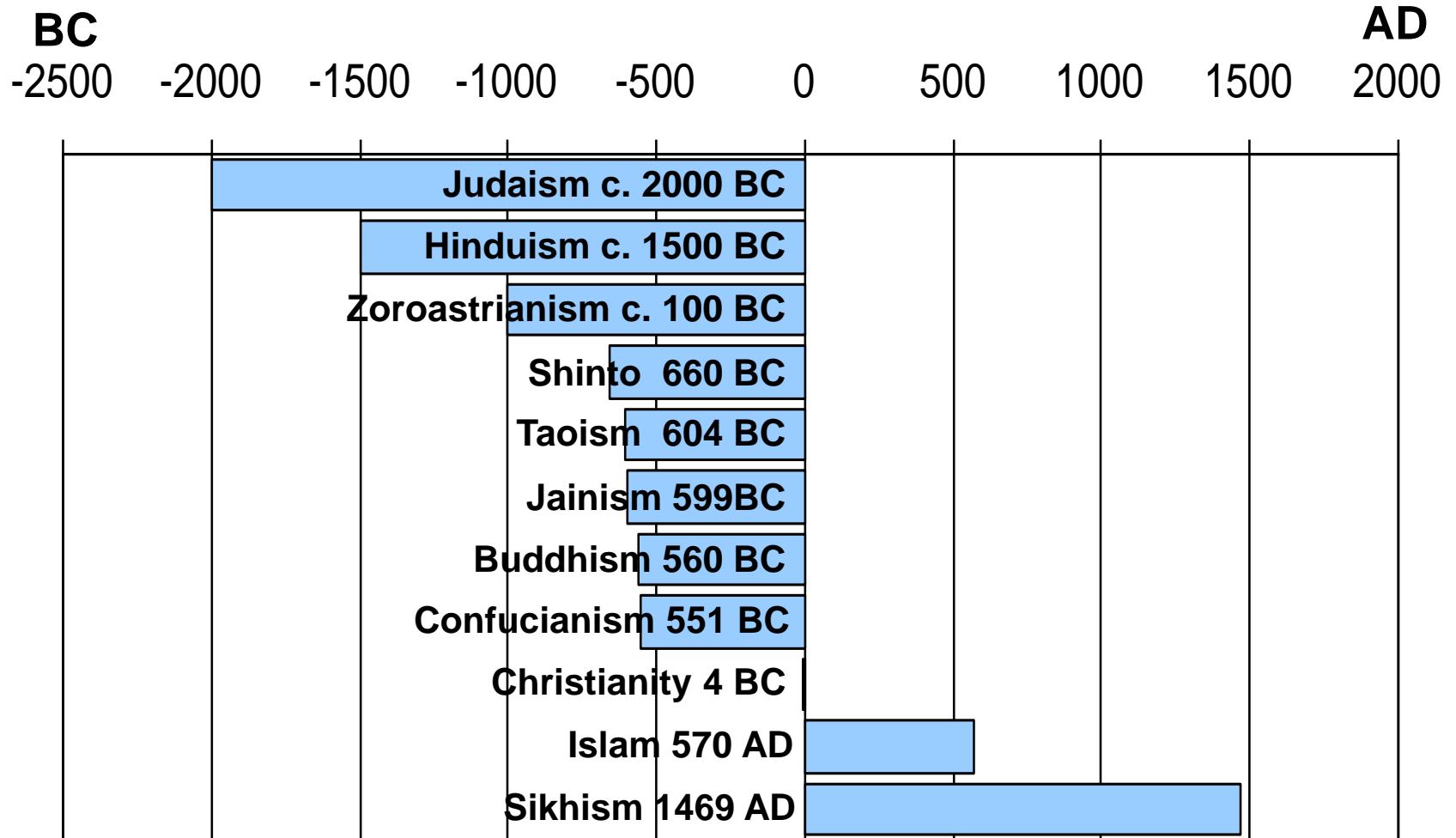
Strike 1 - Origin of Life ?

Strike 2 – Fossil Record ?

**Strike 3 – Irreducible
Complexity ?**



Starting Dates of Major Religions



Birth dates of the Founders are used where possible.

Creation by God is foundational to the Christian faith. Except for the Biblical record and derivatives, all other accounts of origins are evolutionary myths,

Atheistic religions

Confucianism (Confucius 551-479 B.C.)

Universe originated by natural processes

Buddhism (Gautama Buddha 563-480 B.C.)

Universe evolved, not created.

Pantheistic religions

Hinduism (c. 1500 B.C.)

Universe evolved from glob-like mass of material (*Vedanda system*)

Animism - spirit worship

Mythological views of the Creator and creation.

Monotheistic religions

Islam (570 A.D.)

The Koran accepts Genesis account of creation.

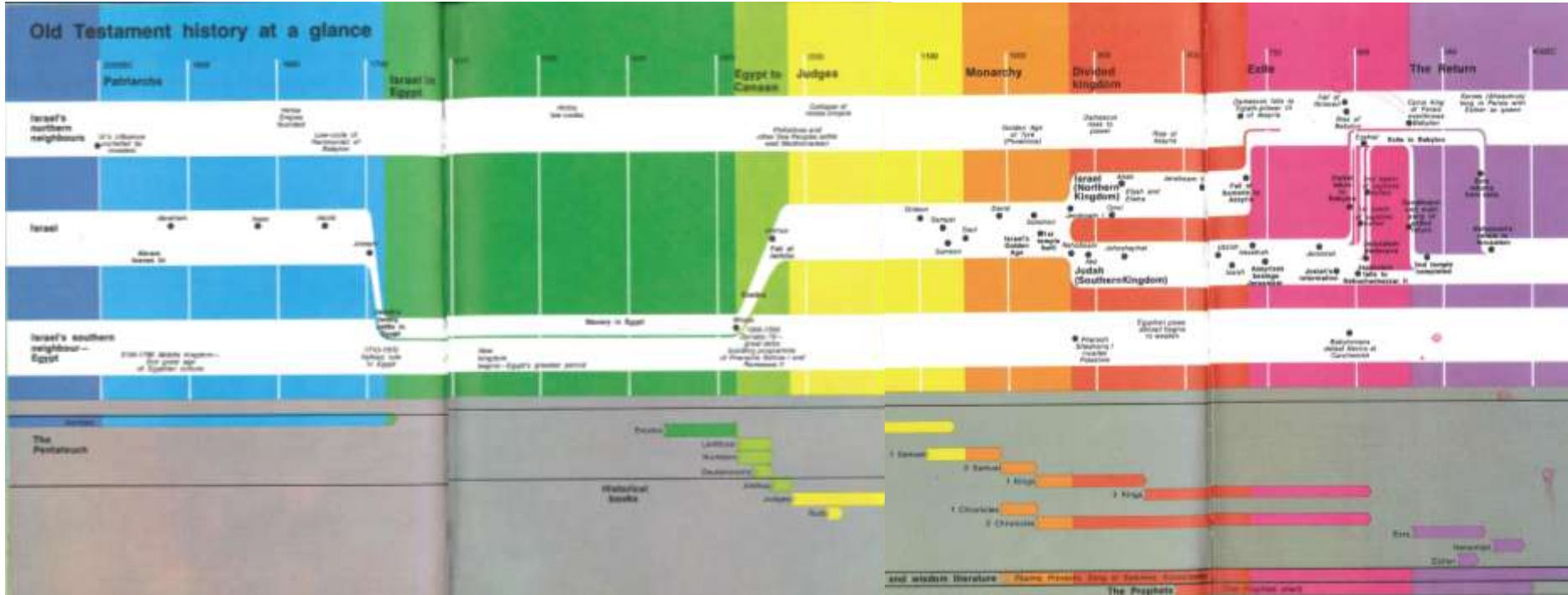
Judaism (c 2000 B.C.)

In Orthodox Judaism the divine inspiration of Genesis is believed.

The Bible

Monarchy

Patriarchs Israel In Egypt Judges Divided Kingdom Exile Return



Reference: *Eerdman's Handbook to the Bible*, Edited by D. Alexander and Pat Alexander, pgs.118-122

Genesis, Chapters 1 through 11 form the foundation of scripture

- **Six days of creation (chaps. 1-2)**
- **The Fall (Chap. 3)**
- **Cain and Abel (Chap. 4)**
- **Genealogy (Chap 5)**
- **Noah and the Flood (Chaps. 6-9)**
- **Re-populating of Earth (Chap 10)**
- **Tower of Babel/Dispersion (Chap 11)**

DAY 1 - Activating and energizing the universe (Gen. 1:1-5)

DAY 2 - Atmosphere and Oceans (Gen. 1:6-8)

DAY 3 - Dry Lands with Plants (Gen. 1:9-13)

DAY 4 - Astrosphere, i.e. sun, moon, stars (Gen. 1:14-19)

DAY 5 - Fish and Birds (Gen. 1:20-23)

DAY 6 - Animals and Man (Gen. 1:24-31)

DAY 7 - Day of Rest (Gen. 2:1-4)

Chronology according to Archbishop James Usher (1581- 1656)

4004 BC - Creation / Fall

3248 BC – The Flood

2234 BC – Dispersion of the Races

1921 BC – Call of Abraham

Other estimates of Creation

Lightfoot – 3960 BC

Luther - 3961 BC

Kepler - 3993 BC

Hales - 5402 BC

Josephus -5555 BC

Creation by God is reiterated throughout the entire Bible. Listed below is a small sampling of the many references found on creation found in the Old Testament.

Law

Ex 20:8-11 - Fourth commandment; observe the Sabbath

Poetry

Job 9:8-9 - “stretches out the heavens”

Job 38-41, 38:4-7 - God confirms Genesis record

Psalms 33:6-9, 104:1-6 - Creation themes

Proverbs 3:18-20 - Wisdom and creation

History

I Cron 1 - Genealogies back to Adam

Major Prophets

Isaiah 48:12-13 - God made heaven & earth

Jeremiah 32:17 - “you have made heaven & earth”

Minor Prophets

Hosea 8:14 - God referred to as the “Maker”

Amos 4:13 - “forms the mountains”

Malachi 2:10 - “Did not one God create us?”

Creation by God and the events of Genesis 1-11 are reiterated throughout the entire Bible. Listed below are some examples from the New testament

Jesus ...

- Taught Marriage. (Matt 19:4-6) Notice that Gen 1:27 and 2:24 are both referenced. Jesus did not regard them as contradictory accounts as some modern critics.
- Believed in the flood. (Matt 24:37-39)
- Believed in creation. (Mark 10:6-7) Man and woman from the beginning of creation, not millions of years later.
- Believed all scripture. (Luke 24:27) On the Emmaus road

Paul

Truth of the creator God is known to man instinctively
(Romans 1:19-20, 1:25)

Peter

God destroyed with the Flood (II Peter 3:3-7)

The Flood



Working Replica of Noah's Ark Opens In Schagen, Netherlands

Volume of the Ark, a gigantic barge, 1,396,000 cu-ft = 522 standard railroad stock cars. (H. Morris)

The three main ingredients for survival of 16,000 animals, are: (average size of a small rat are) (J. Woodmorappe)

1) A PLACE TO STAY

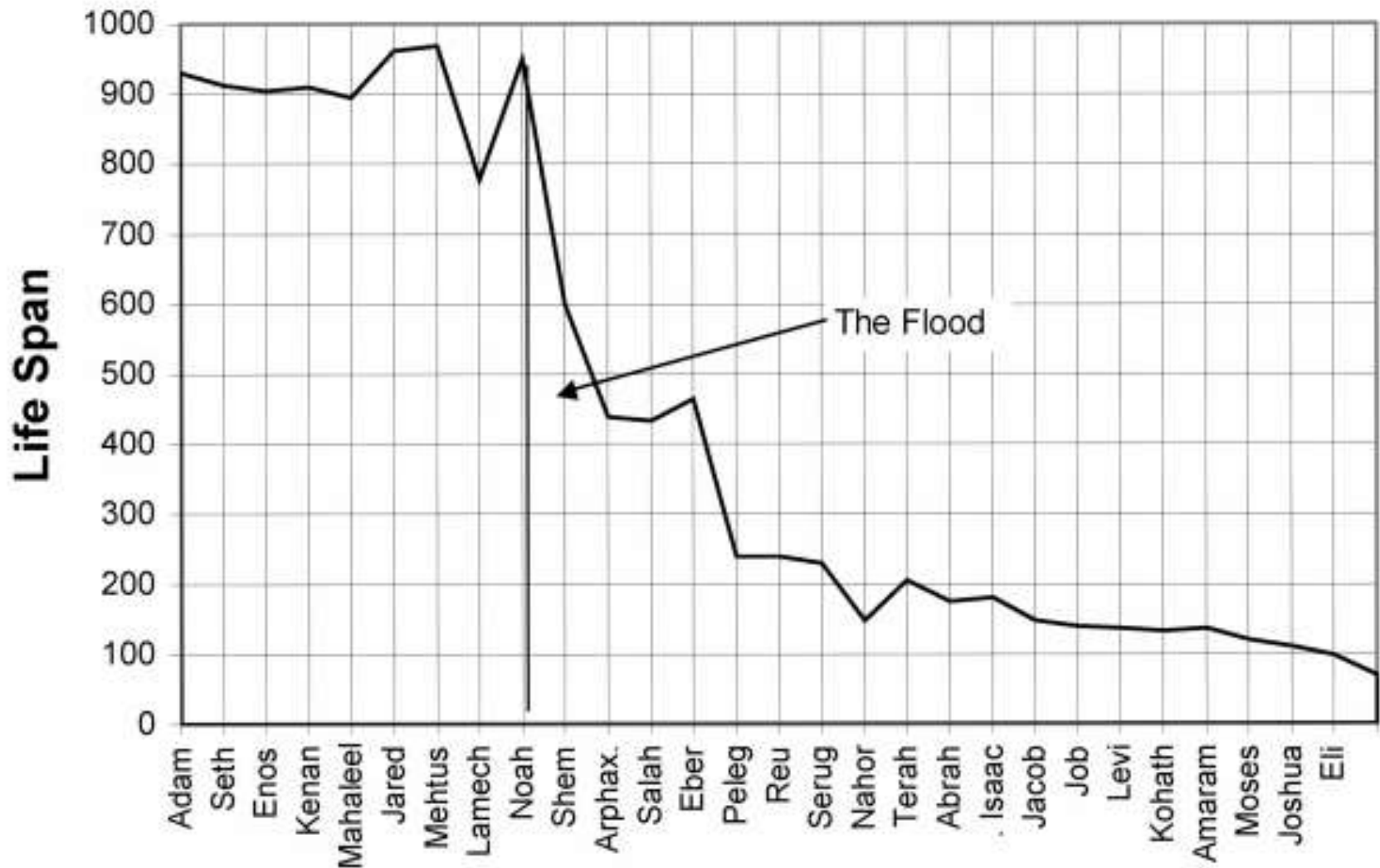
A little less than one-half of the floor space.

2) SUFFICIENT FOOD

Food in the form of hay, dried fruit, dried meat, and dried fish occupied up to 12% of the ark volume. Most of the food was hay, compressed or possibly pelletized to take up less space.

3) SUFFICIENT WATER.

Drinking water took up about 10% of the ark volume. This could have been less if rain water was also collected from the roof.



Does Being a Christian Make you Soft in the Head ?

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| Antiseptic Surgery | Joseph Lister (1827-1912) | Hydraulics | Leonardo Da Vinci (1452-1519) |
| Bacteriology | Louis Pasteur (1822 -1895) | Hydrography | Matthew Maury (1806-1873) |
| Calculus | Isaac Newton (1642-1727) | Hydrostatics | Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) |
| Celestial Mechanics | Johan Kepler (1571-1630) | Ichthyology | Louis Agassiz (1807-1873) |
| Chemistry | Robert Boyle (1627-1691) | Isotopic Chemistry | William Ramsay (1852-1916) |
| Comparative Anatomy | Georges Cuvier (1769-1832) | Model Analysis | Lord Rayleigh (1842-1919) |
| Computer Science | Charles Babbage (1792-1871) | Natural History | John Ray (1627-1705) |
| Dimensional Analysis | Lord Rayleigh (1842-1919) | Non-Euclidean Geometry | Bernhard Riemann (1826-1866) |
| Dynamics | Isaac Newton (1642-1727) | Oceanography | Matthew Maury (1806-1873) |
| Electronics | John Ambrose Fleming (1849-1945) | Optical Mineralogy | David Brewster (1791-1868) |
| Electrodynamics | James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879) | Paleontology | John Woodward (1665-1728) |
| Electro-Magnetics | Michael Faraday (1791-1867) | Pathology | Rudolph Virchow (1821-1902) |
| Energetics | Lord Kelvin (1824-1907) | Physical Astronomy | Johan Kepler (1571-1630) |
| Entomology of Living Insects | Henri Fabre (1823-1915) | Reversible Thermodynamics | James Joule (1818-1889) |
| Field Theory | Michael Faraday (1791-1867) | Statistical Thermodynamics | James Clerk Maxwell (1831- 1879) |
| Fluid Mechanics | George Stokes (1819-1903) | Stratigraphic | Nicholas Steno (1631-1686) |
| Galactic Astronomy | William Herschel (1738-1822) | Systematic Biology | Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778) |
| Gas Dynamics | Robert Boyle (1627-1691) | Thermodynamics | Lord Kelvin (1824-1907) |
| Genetic | Gregor Mendel (1822-1884) | Thermokinetics | Humphrey Davy (1779-1829) |
| Glacial Geology | Louis Agassiz (1807-1873) | Vertebrate Paleontology | Georges Cuvier (1768-1832) |
| Gynecology | James Simpson (1811-1870) | | |

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| Absolute Temperature Scale | Lord Kelvin (1824-1907) | Global Star Catalog | William Herschel (1738-1822) |
| Actuarial Tables | Charles Babbage (1792-1871) | Inert Gases | William Ramsay (1852-1916) |
| Barometer | Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) | Kaleidoscope | David Brewster (1791-1868) |
| Biogenesis Law | Louis Pasteur (1822 -1895) | Law of Gravity | Isaac Newton (1642-1727) |
| Calculating Machine | Charles Babbage (1792-1871) | Mine Safety Lamp | Humphrey Davy (1779-1829) |
| Chloroform | James Simpson (1811-1870) | Pasteurization | Louis Pasteur (1822 -1895) |
| Classification System | Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778) | Reflecting Telescope | Isaac Newton (1642-1727) |
| Double Stars | William Herschel (1738-1822) | Scientific Method | Francis Bacon (1561-1626) |
| Electric Generator | Michael Faraday (1791-1867) | Self Induction | Joseph Henry (1797-1878) |
| Electric Motor | Joseph Henry (1797-1878) | Telegraph | Samuel F. B. Morse (1791-1872) |
| Ephemeris Tables | Johan Kepler (1571-1630) | Thermionic Valve | John Ambrose Fleming (1849-1945) |
| Fermentation Control | Louis Pasteur (1822 -1895) | Transatlantic Cable | Lord Kelvin (1824-1907) |
| Galvanometer | Joseph Henry (1797-1878) | Vaccination and Immunization | Louis Pasteur (1822 -1895) |

Attempts to Integrate the Genesis Creation Account with Long Ages

Day-age Theory:

Notion: “Days” in Genesis actually represent long ages

| Problems with Day-Age | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Uniformitarianism | Bible |
| Sun and stars before earth | Earth before sun and stars |
| Land before oceans | Oceans before land |
| Marine organisms first | Land plants first |
| Sun before land plants | Land plants before sun |
| Reptiles before birds | Birds before reptiles |
| Struggle and death before man | Struggle and death after man |

Another Problem: Adam lived through the 7th day. Does that make him millions of years old ?

Gap Theory:

All called the
“Ruin and
Reconstruction”,
or “Pre-Adamic
Cataclysm
Theory”

Notion: Tremendous gap between Genesis 1:2 and Genesis 1:2. Creation took place then all the geologic ages. Then a great cataclysm left the earth in darkness and covered with water

Problems: Massive cataclysm to is in conflict with uniformitarian and should left geological traces. Also, from a Biblical standpoint, sin and death existed before the fall of man.

CONSIDER: Satan's sin was pride... (Ezel 28:16,17, I Tim 3:6)

CONSIDER: Satan wanted to overthrow God... (Isaiah 14:12-14), but he was surely would have been smart enough to realize that he was not strong enough...

UNLESS HE DID NOT BELIEVE GOD WAS HIS CREATOR ! He may have thought he evolved with the first moment of awareness with water around him as in Gen 1:2. This explains why watery chaos is in stories of origins, including modern evolution.

Creation by God is a Prerequisite for Appreciating the Gospel

Paul and the Jews

To the Jews, Paul preached Christ since they already knew God as the Creator (Acts 13:14-52)

Paul and the Gentiles

To the gentiles Paul preached God as the Creator since the foundation needed to be provided before Christ's sacrifice would have any meaning. See sermon at Mars Hill (Athens) (Acts 17:18-34)

