

Comparing Four Perspectives on Genesis 1:1-2:4

Model	Planned Evolution	Directed Evolution	Old-Earth Creationism	Young-Earth Creationism
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How Scripture & Science Relate	Nonconcordist	Nonconcordist	Concordist	Concordist
Genre of Genesis 1-11	a unique type of literature that communicates life changing, spiritual truths, but is not historical.	sui generis (unique)	mythologized history	history
How Genesis 1 Should be interpreted	conveys inerrant spiritual truths	Functional Creation	days metaphorical, but historical core	step-by-step of God's Material creation
Days of Creation	not historical	7 literal, 24 hours days	"days" metaphorical, representing vast ages (Day Age Theory)	7 literal, 24 hours days
Age of the Earth	4.5 billion years old	4.5 billion years old	4.5 billion years old	Approx. 6,000 years old
Animal death in Genesis 1?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Relevance of other Mesopotamian Creation Myths	reveals 3-tiered view of cosmos was held by other cultures contemporary to ancient Israel	useful to understand the cultural context and worldview Genesis was written from	Genesis 1-11 was written to correct the false views of God put for in these myths	not relevant
Adam & Eve	Not historical individuals	Historical Individuals	Historical Individuals	Historical Individuals, first parents of all humans