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Does the age of the earth really matter in how we interpret the Bible and live our lives for Christ?

Many Christians believe that God is the Creator, yet believe that He created the world over long periods of time instead of in six literal, 24-hour days as the Bible describes. The problem:
Long ages put the fossil record and, more importantly, **death** before Adam and Eve sinned.

In Genesis, at the end of each day of creation it says, "and God saw that it was good." At the end of the creation week, in Genesis 1:31, it says "and God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." The fossil record not only shows death, but violence as indicated by bite marks on fossils, and sickness as indicated by diseased fossils. If violence, disease, and death were a natural

occurrence prior to the end of the creation week, how could God call that very good? The result of any added time begs the question, what about death before sin?

The Bible says, "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered

into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12) and in Romans 8:20, "For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of

Him who subjected it," Additionally, Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death."

If death is the cost of sin, what was death before sin entered the world? How can death be the penalty for sin if it is not fully the result of sin? How could the animal sacrifices detailed in Leviticus and Deuteronomy have made atonement for sin if death was already present by natural causes?

Adding any amount of time to the 6,000 year Biblical timeline negates death as the penalty for sin. If death pre-existed sin, then death cannot be the penalty for sin, and Christ's death could not have paid our sin debt. If that were the case, then there is no need for Jesus to die because that would not be the payment necessary for our sin. The entire gospel would fall apart, Scripture would not be infallible, inerrant, or trustworthy, and Christianity would be a dead religion.

Instead, when you read the Bible in the literal, historical, grammatical way it was meant to be read in, we see that God miraculously created the world by His awesome power in 6 literal, 24-hour days, that death came as a result of Adam and Eve's sin, and that the fossils we find today were laid down by the flood of Noah's day.

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