

FIGURES & TABLES

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THE HEAVENS DECLARE

How the Bible and Creation
Tell the Same Story



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FIGURE 2.1

The two-books doctrine teaches that God's revelations will always agree. If they seem to disagree, it means we need to study more and rethink our conclusions.

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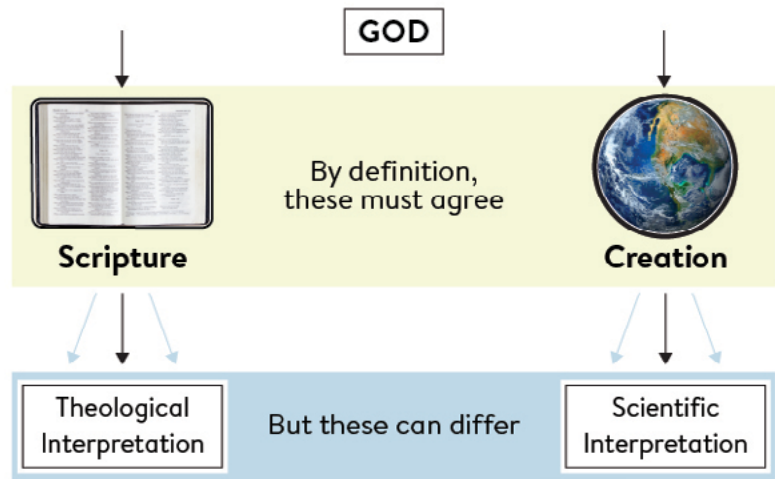


FIGURE 2.2

Newton's universal law of gravitation showed that all objects with mass attract all other objects with mass. The strength of the attraction increases with the mass. It also decreases as the distance between objects with mass increases.

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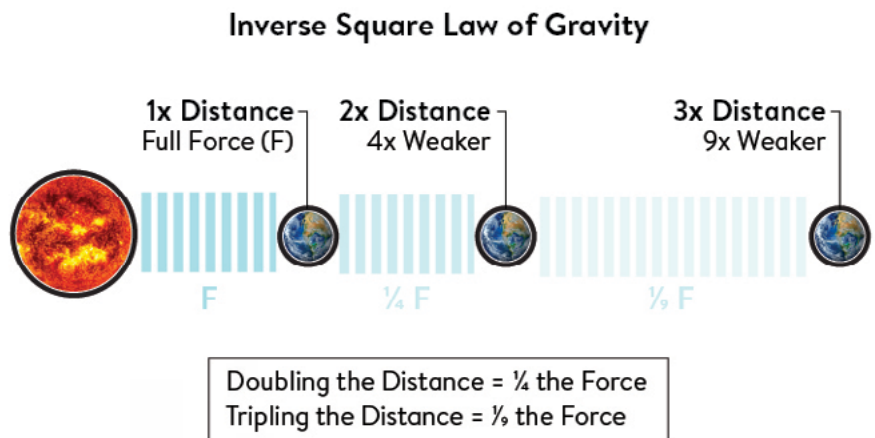


TABLE 2.1

Genesis Creation Day Events

Genesis Creation Day	Transformation or Creation Event	Scientific Explanation	Timeline
Initial state: Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created (<i>bara</i>) the heavens and the earth."	Big bang creation event; the Hebrew phrase translated "the heavens and the earth" refers to the universe	God creates all space, time, matter, and energy. The universe begins to exist and starts expanding from an infinitesimally small volume.	13.8 bya (billion years ago)
Genesis 1:2 "Darkness was over the surface of the deep."	Water and darkness over all Earth's surface; unfit for life at this time (See Job 38:8–9)	Earth begins with an atmosphere and ocean ~200 times thicker/deeper than today's.	4.52–4.47 bya
Day 1: Genesis 1:3–5 "Let there be (<i>haya</i>) light."	Original thick atmosphere thinned to allow visible light to reach Earth's surface; origin of life occurs	Collision with a planet 1–2 times Mars's mass thinned Earth's atmosphere and ocean, paving the way for life to exist.	4.47 bya 4.0–3.8 bya
Day 2: Genesis 1:6–8 "Let there be an expanse . . . to separate water from water."	Water cycle established (water above and water below; see Job 37–38)	Thinned atmosphere and hydrosphere, plus brighter Sun, led to optimal surface conditions for a complex water cycle.	4.4–3.8 bya
Day 3: Genesis 1:9–13 "Let dry ground appear." "Let the earth sprout vegetation."	Continents formed; oceans and continents coexisted Land vegetation proliferated	Tectonics of the Great Oxygenation Event rapidly drove continent formation. Microbes chemically transformed soils.	2.45–2.33 bya >1.2–0.4 bya
Day 4: Genesis 1:14–20 "Let there be lights in the expanse."	Atmospheric haze cleared, yielding transparent atmosphere; Sun, Moon, and stars become visible	Last of the iceball events when 80+ percent of Earth was covered with ice accelerated the deep oxygen cycle to make atmosphere transparent	0.58 bya
Day 5: Genesis 1:20–23 "Let the waters teem with living creatures."	Animals created first in the seas, then later birds and sea mammals	Avalon and Cambrian explosions of animal life followed by creation of soul-ish animals	575 mya–~150 mya (million years ago)
Day 6: Genesis 1:24–27 "God created man in his own image."	Rodents and long-legged herbivore and carnivore land mammals created; humans created in the image of God	3 categories of advanced land mammals crucial for launching civilization created; humans created who are able to rule over Earth and relate to God	~65–~0.1 mya

FIGURE 4.1

Different possible geometries of the universe and how they relate to future expansion.

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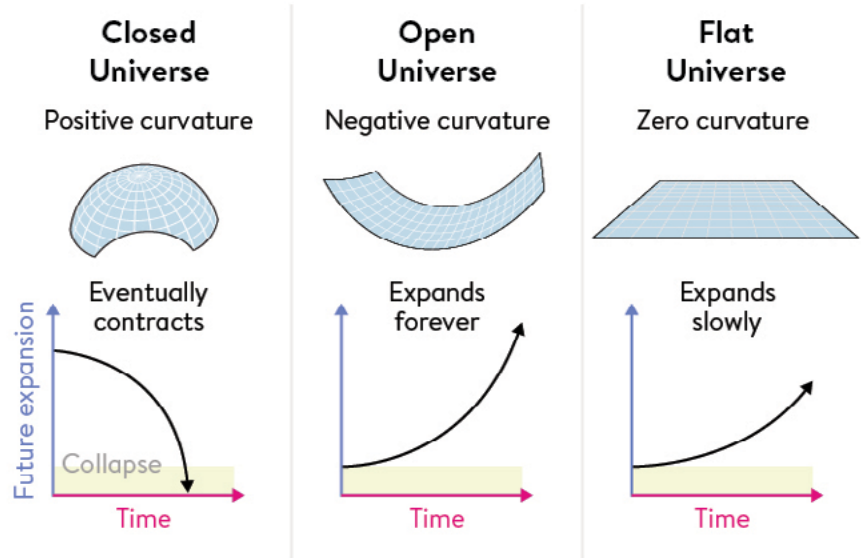


FIGURE 5.1

Comparison of Bulk Features of Earth and Venus

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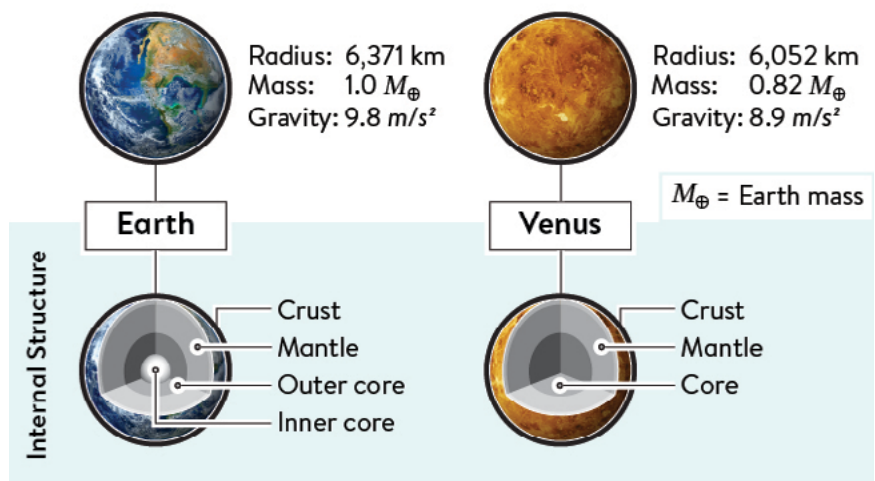


FIGURE 5.2

Comparison of Bulk Features of Earth and Mars
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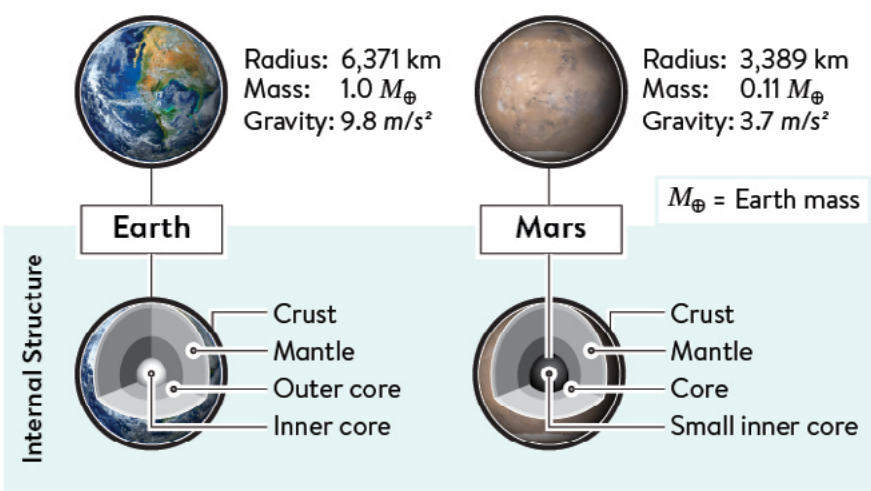


TABLE 7.1

Creation Model vs. Naturalistic Model

Creation Model Predictions	Naturalistic Model Predictions
1. Life appeared early in Earth's history, while the planet was still in its primordial state.	1. Life appeared only after sufficiently long timescales allowed natural processes to assemble a complete cell.
2. Life originated in and persisted through the hostile conditions of early Earth.	2. Life required sufficiently calm, stable conditions that persisted long enough for chemical and physical processes to form life.
3. Life originated abruptly.	3. Life appeared gradually on Earth over a long period of time.
4. Earth's first life was complex.	4. Earth's first life was simple.
5. Life in its most minimal form is inherently complex.	5. Life in its most minimal form is inherently simple.
6. Life's chemistry displays hallmark characteristics of design.	6. Life's chemistry arose naturally as reflected in geochemical evidence of a prebiotic soup in Earth's oldest rocks.
7. The first life was qualitatively different (single-celled organisms) from life that came into existence on creation days 3, 5, and 6 (plants, animals, and humans).	7. Life became more complex and more diverse through natural processes over the last four billion years.
8. Science will reveal purpose(s) for life's early appearance on Earth.	8. Science will not reveal purpose for life's timing or the types of life. Advances will show life arising solely from unguided natural processes.

FIGURE 8.1

Homologous structures of the vertebrate forelimb

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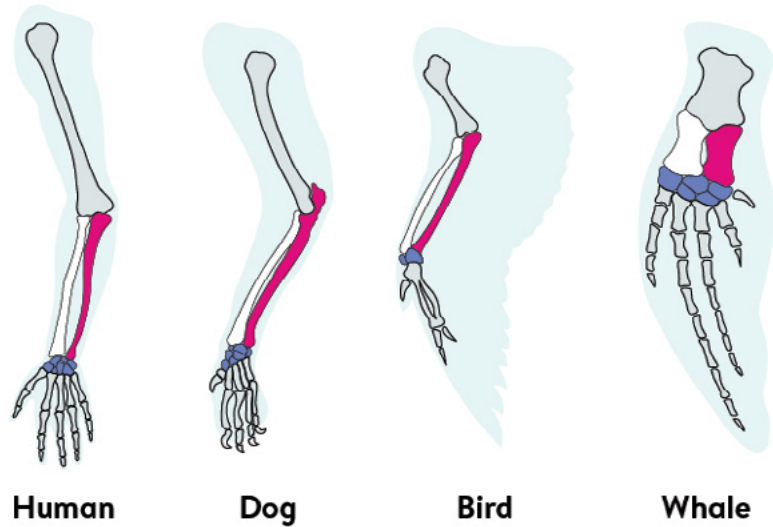


FIGURE 9.1

Geologic Timescale of Earth

The geologic timescale is divided into four main levels, from largest to smallest: eon, era, period, epoch. We live in the Phanerozoic Eon, the Cenozoic Era, the Quaternary Period, and the Holocene Epoch.

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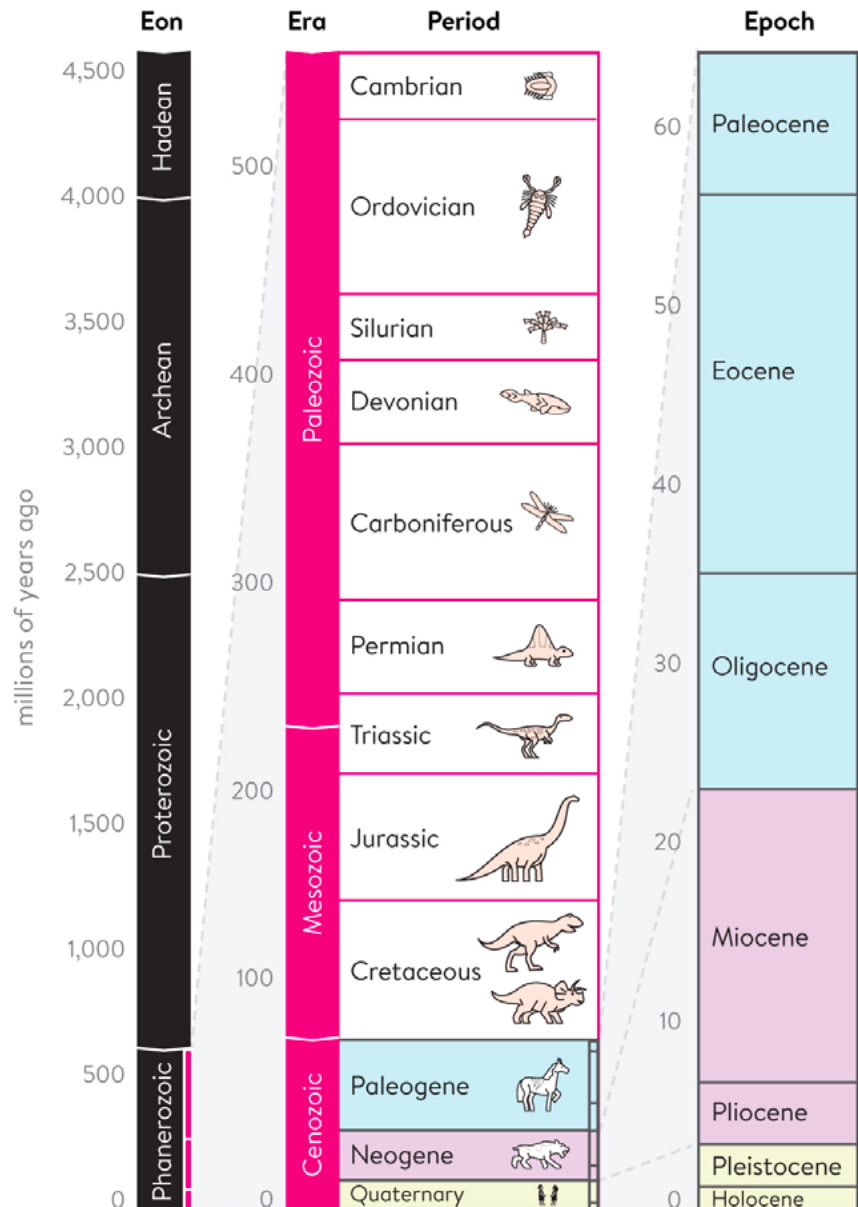


FIGURE 11.1

Rudolph Zallinger's "The March of Progress" from Time-Life's 1965 Book, *Early Man*

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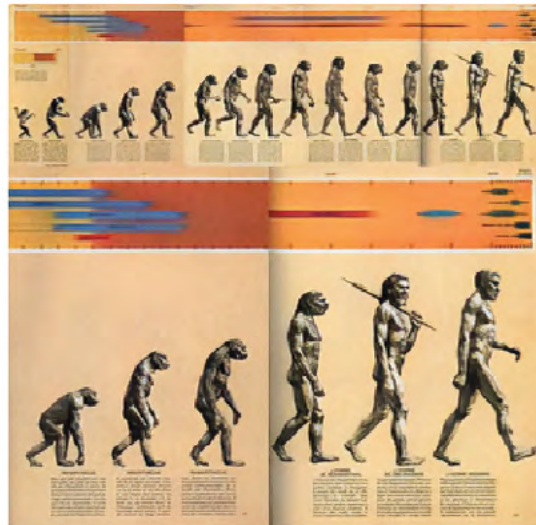


FIGURE 11.2

Anatomical Differences Between Knuckle-Walkers and Bipeds

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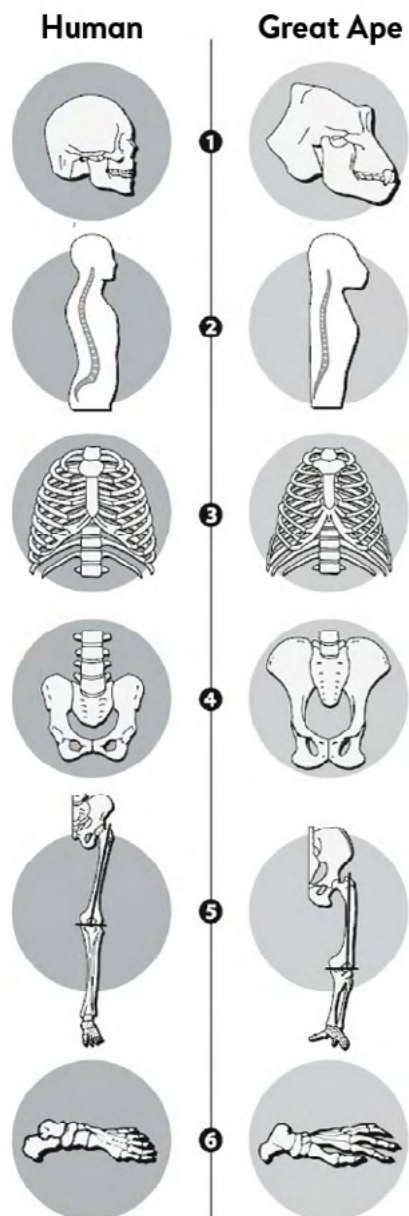


TABLE 12.1

Sampling of Archaeological Support for the Bible

Discovery	Biblical Account Supported
Code of Hammurabi (~1800 BC)	Slave prices match Joseph's sale price in Genesis.
Brooklyn Papyrus (~1600 BC)	Lists Egyptian servants with Hebrew-like names.
Soleb Temple Inscription (Shasu of Yahweh) (~1400 BC)	Egyptians knew the name Yahweh; aligns with exodus period.
Jericho Scarabs (before ~1400 BC)	Jericho inhabited until late 1400 BC, then abandoned for centuries.
Shoshenq I Monument (926/925 BC)	Records Egyptian campaign into Judah.
Moabite Stone (~840 BC)	Confirms events in 2 Kings 3.
Black Obelisk (~840s BC)	Depicts King Jehu paying tribute.
Tel Dan Stele (~800 BC)	Confirms King David's existence.
Isaiah Signet Ring (~700s BC)	Supports Isaiah's presence.
Hezekiah's Tunnel Finds (late 700s BC)	Confirms preparations for Assyrian siege.
Cyrus Cylinder (~500s BC)	Matches Ezra's account of Cyrus returning exiles.
Babylonian Captivity Artifacts (500s BC)	Validate exile and return details.
Dead Sea Scrolls (Isaiah) (~150 BC)	Confirms Messianic prophecies predate Jesus.
Nail-pierced Ankle Bones (1st century AD)	Demonstrates Roman crucifixion practices.
Shroud of Turin (1st-century AD consistency)	Reflects historically accurate crucifixion details.

