

The Order Matters

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Stars formed before the earth.		
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Sea creatures evolved before land plants.		
Trees evolved long after simpler plants.		
Reptiles evolved before birds.		
Reptiles evolved before mammals.		
Humans evolved long after mammals.		

Implications

1. As you read the text of Genesis 1, does it seem to indicate that the events described happened in a certain order?
2. How consistent is the order of events when comparing the biblical and evolutionary explanations for the creation of the universe?
3. What might you do to make the evolutionary view align with the biblical view?
4. Are the evolutionary and biblical views compatible with one another? Why or why not?

The Order Matters Answer Key

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Sun formed before the earth.	<i>The earth was formed before the sun</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1</i>
Earth was originally a molten ball.	<i>The earth was formed as water.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:2</i>
Stars formed before the earth.	<i>The stars were not formed until Day 4.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:14–15</i>
Dry land was present before oceans.	<i>The dry land appeared on Day 3.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:9–10</i>
Sea creatures evolved before land plants.	<i>Plants were created on Day 3, and sea creatures were created on Day 5.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:11–12, 20–23</i>
Trees evolved long after simpler plants.	<i>All plants were created on Day 3.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:11–13</i>
Reptiles evolved before birds.	<i>Birds were created on Day 5, and reptiles (creeping things) were created on Day 6.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:20–23, 24–25</i>
Reptiles evolved before mammals.	<i>Both were created as land animals on Day 6.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:24–25</i>
Humans evolved long after mammals.	<i>Both were created on Day 6.</i>	<i>Genesis 1:24–25, 26–27</i>