

## Beliefs About Origins

| Origins Belief | Relation Between Geological Ages and Genesis Record of 6-Day Creation   | Nature of Creation   | Explanation of Fossil Record and Geologic Column               | Theological Difficulties                          | Biblical Difficulties                      | Scientific Difficulties   |
|----------------|---|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Naturalistic   | Geologic ages are historically true. Genesis is only a Hebrew legend.   | Atheistic Evolution  | Actual record of the history of life.                          | Suffering and death before sin entered the world. | All things in six literal days (Ex 20:11). | Universally missing transitional fossils illustrate complete lack of evidence for evolution.  |
| Framework      | Geologic ages are literally true. Genesis is a mere literary framework. | Theistic Evolution   | Actual record of the history of life.                          | Suffering and death before sin entered the world. | All things in six literal days (Ex 20:11). | Universally missing transitional fossils illustrate complete lack of evidence for evolution.  |
| Day-Age        | Geologic ages occurring <i>during</i> the six days of creation.         | Progressive Creation | Actual record of the history of life.                          | Suffering and death before sin entered the world. | All things in six literal days (Ex 20:11). | Numerous conflicts between the order of events in the Genesis record and geologic age system. |
| Gap            | Geologic ages occurred <i>before</i> the six days of creation.          | Irrelevant Creation  | Record of extinct life prior to supposed pre-Adamic cataclysm. | Suffering and death before sin entered the world. | All things in six literal days (Ex 20:11). | Geologic-age system precludes supposed pre-Adamic cataclysm.                                  |
| Literalist     | Geologic "ages" are merely taxonomic. Genesis days are literally true.  | Special Creation     | Primarily due to Noahic Deluge and its residual effects.       | None.   | None.                                      | Numerous difficulties with geologic-age system, but none with real scientific facts.          |

From Dr. Henry M. Morris, *Biblical Basis for Modern Science* (Baker Book House, 1984), Table 2, p. 118.