



Theism

A Science shows the universe has not always existed, that it began to exist and logically it could not have created itself.

B (1) The reality we live in is contingent on God's existence (The Contingency Argument), (2) the universe relies on God first existing (The Cosmological Argument), (3) life requires God to exist (The Teleological Argument), (4) morality is invalidated if an absolute standard of good does not exist (The Moral Argument), (5) consciousness has to be a product of an ultimate consciousness, (6) God's existence is evident through physical evidence such as modern day miracles and information in DNA, (7) man's ability to reason requires God to exist (The Transcendental Argument), and (8) it is self-evident that God exists by definition and by God's nature a priori (The Ontological Argument).

C There are 12 historical facts about Jesus that most critical scholars believe.

1. Jesus died by crucifixion.
2. He was buried.
3. His death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope.
4. The tomb was empty.
5. The disciples had experiences which they believed were literal appearances of the risen Jesus.
6. The disciples were transformed from doubters to bold proclaimers.
7. The resurrection was the central message.
8. They preached the message of Jesus' resurrection in Jerusalem.
9. The Church was born and grew (despite heavy persecution).
10. Orthodox Jews who believed in Christ made Sunday their primary day of worship.
11. James was converted to the faith when he saw the resurrected Jesus (James was a family skeptic).
12. Paul was converted to the faith (Paul was an outsider skeptic).

With all things considered, the most logical explanation is that Jesus is God incarnate who rose from the dead just as He claimed He would.

An Old Existence

D In the US, the vast majority of scientists' view of geology and cosmology, agree that the earth and the universe are billions of years old.

E In the US, the vast majority of scientists agree on macroevolution.

F It can easily explain how human occupations of nearly every continent can be demonstrated beyond 10,000 years, many dating techniques can all show the earth is very old when a uniformitarian approach is taken, the existence of isotopes, as well as other scientific discoveries.

G Hebrews 4 states that God rested on the seventh day of creation and that God's rest continues today. If the seventh day of rest continues and if the word "day" could then be referring to a long period of time, creation days one through six could also be long periods of finite time.

H Genesis 2:19 tells us that Adam observed and then named every bird and land-dwelling animal on the earth. Even with low estimates of animal kinds being between 1,000 and 2,000 animals, this seems like a feat Adam would have difficulty completing in a 24-hour period.

I The existence of poisonous animals and insects, predatory animals with sharp claws and fangs, parasitic creatures (especially those that do the host harm), and other creatures with harmful attributes that seem to be built into their very nature all appear to have death causing traits that were part of their kinds' full form.

A Young Existence

J The simplest and straightforward reading of the Genesis' creation account is that it was a literal 6 days.

K Luke 3:23-37 contains the genealogy of Jesus that goes all the way back to Adam; the first man.

L It can easily explain soft tissue in fossils, bent rock layers, the earth's rapidly decaying magnetic field, helium found in radioactive rocks, carbon-14 in fossils, in coal, and in diamonds, DNA in "ancient" bacteria, polonium halos in granite and other scientific discoveries.

M Romans 5:12 states "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin..." while the Genesis creation account also doesn't mention any animal death until Adam and Eve sinned, the most straightforward conclusion seems to be that there was no death whatsoever for creatures with the "breath of life", until after human sin, including animal death.

N Regarding day one, John 1 seems to make it fairly clear that everything that has come into being (all created things) came into being through the Logos and that had happened at the beginning of time as it clearly states "in the beginning". To say that what is described in Genesis 1 was possibly created long before day 1 (millions/billions of years), would mean other verses like Matthew 19:4, where Jesus specifically states man and woman were created at the beginning, would not truly be describing the beginning.

Other

O Applies the effects of the stretching of space-time to Genesis and today, based on Einstein's general relativity.