

Views of the Creation Days

Literal Concordist	Non-Literal Concordist	Non Concordist
<p style="text-align: center;">Literalist or Young Earth Creationist (YEC)</p> <p>Creation occurred about 6,000 years ago, during the six sequential 24-hour days described in Genesis 1. Scientific study of the earth and interpretation of its findings should conform to this. Holds for Noah and the Flood as well.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gap</p> <p>God’s original creation occurred in Genesis 1:1, followed by a large amount of time (gap) before a catastrophe occurred in verse 1:2. Genesis 1:3-31 describes a re-creation. Genesis 1:2 should read as” “And the earth <i>became</i> without form and void.”</p> <p>Popularized in the Scofield Reference Bible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Framework View</p> <p>The six days provide a literary framework for displaying the acts of creation. The acts are real acts in space and time, but do not give information on the length of time or the sequence of events in creation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Appearance of Age</p> <p>God created the earth in the six sequential 24-hour days described in Genesis 1, but He did it so the earth <i>looks</i> like it is billions of years old.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day-Age</p> <p>Creation occurred over billions of years, corresponding to the geological time-scale. These “ages” happened in the same sequence as the days in Genesis 1. The Hebrew word for “day” (<i>yom</i>) can mean more than 24-hours.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Analogical Days View</p> <p>Genesis 1 sets up an <i>analogy</i> between God’s work and human work. God worked six days and then rested. Humans are to imitate this pattern in Sabbath rest. God’s work was real—historical; but on a different level from human work.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Intermittent Day</p> <p>The six days in Genesis 1 are 24-hours, but gaps of time exist between the days. Most of God’s creative activity took place between the six days.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Ancient Near East View</p> <p>Genesis 1 reflects the Near East cosmology of a three-tiered universe, but presents a very different theological picture proclaiming one God as creator, rather than many gods.</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">Walton’s Temple View</p> <p>God inaugurates the cosmos as His temple. The six days establish <i>function</i> in the creation and do not refer to the formation of physical things or matter.</p>