

No 24-Hour Creation-Days in Genesis 1

“You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it.” (Deuteronomy 4:2)

The bold claim of *Young-Earth-Creationism (YEC)* that the *Days* of Genesis 1 (**G1**) are **24-hours each**,¹ entails **gaslighting** and **bears false-witness** (Exodus 20:16). It isn't malice that drives my paper but rather the urgent **need** to cancel its pseudo-claim that *“poisons the well”* by thwarting **scientific** data that is ironically **biblically-championed** (Romans 1:18-20). YEC's depiction of G1's days is **exegetically false**. While Leviticus 23:32 marks calendar days as being *“from evening to evening,”* **G1** closes every creation *“day”* with the **non-durational** refrain, *“There was evening and there was morning.”* **Indeed NO 24-hour-day-metric appears anywhere in Genesis 1** and for that reason, YEC's self-vaunting of their *“faithfulness”* actually highlights their textual **indifference**. At the very least, the **fact** of the **lack** (above) is sufficient to **cancel** YECs' 24-hour-creation-days **mandate** since **G1 is void of decisive indicators that could enforce their imperative**.

Likewise, **YEC's aversion to science** as a whole **disregards** the **Bible's** valuation of nature. For example, they insist the world is less than 10,000 years old for the reason that *“the Bible says so,”*² **despite Holy Scripture**, to the contrary, pointing to the **cosmos**³ as actual **revelation** of God's *material* creation (Romans 1:18f).⁴ Indeed, despite YEC's denial, Genesis 1:1-2 **fully reconciles with BB cosmology**.⁵ **Furthermore the Bible assumes the validity of classical logic** as demonstrated by obeying. And with respect to history, it narrates **even hostile crowds becoming convinced of Jesus' resurrection** by having **witnessed undeniable signs** (Acts 2:22,32,41). Jesus participated in elevating miracles even as He urged seekers to **follow evidence where it leads** (John 10:37, 14:11) while at the same time, consistently, He **rebuked his disciples when they failed to do so** (Mark 4:40). In summary Scripture doesn't claim to be **the authoritative lens** through which we perceive historical events on a terrestrial stage. Because it decries those who ignore what natural phenomena manifests before our five senses (Rom. 1:18f.) we may rationally surmise that God commands our direct attention of every aspect of His earthly-works through the lens of His verbal revelation in the Holy Bible.

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¹ <https://answersingenesis.org/creationism/young-earth/young-earth-creationist-view-summarized-and-defended/>

² *“Where [science and theology] overlap, Christian theology asserts that Scripture, not science, has the last word.”* The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. *In Christ All Things Hold Together*. LCMS, 2015, p.24

³ The Greek expression for the “world” and everything in it is *cosmos*. In present times it applies to the entire universe.

⁴ See my article, at my website, www.christianityontheoffense.com/articles

⁵ See my article, “Genesis 1:1 Easily Harmonizes with Big Bang Cosmology” at my website: www.christianityontheoffense.com/articles