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From those thoughts follow deeds, either good or evil. Actions truly 'speak louder than words':

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In the end these works add up to a lived life. Did you know what its purpose was and was it achieved? God alone gives purpose but the sinner's way is darkened and void of hope, tossed about as raging waves of the sea.

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History bears witness to the truth of the Bible, which records the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The truth is you are a spiritual being destined for eternity, either hell or heaven. Your private day of reckoning with God could come in a moment-the time to be honest about your sin is today, to trust in Christ is now:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:" **Acts 17.30**

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WHAT IS IT?

Every man has a fixed allotment and all are equally bound to it, from Prime Minister to street sweeper. It has been called life's 'severest master'.

Time cannot be stored for later use, lent to someone else, paused or skipped, and only flows in one direction.

In the past a sun-dial gave measure by relying on earth's continuous passage in space. Stars were created to help man discern dates and seasons. With modern technology the caesium-133 fountain atomic clock frees measurement from observing the heavens, counting the frequency change of an atom. Impressive as it sounds even this fails to define time, for it changes at very high speeds and with gravity.

If the rate of time did alter who could tell?



ORIGINS

Time, along with matter and energy was made with the universe. The universe had a beginning so time must have too. However the One who created is not bound by it:

"that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour....Yea, before the day was I am he;" **Isaiah 43.10de,11,13a**

Questions of origin and design therefore do not apply to God. He lives where a day spans a thousand years, and a thousand years for us is like a day, even yesterday;

"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." **Psalms 90.4**

Man was given a language or rules for interpreting time - seven 24-hour evening and morning cycles. This is seen by God's choice to stretch the creation of the universe and all things within it out to a full seven days:¹

Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD...for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." **Exodus 31.15a,17b**



The divinely-established week has been challenged before. In 1793, as part of a plan to erase Christian ideas the French Republic created a decimal calendar (like Ancient Egypt's): 100 second minutes; 100 minute hours; 10 hour days and 10 day weeks. This last change pushed their day of rest back three days. People hated the system

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CLOCKS IN ROCKS?

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Telling time requires a beginning point or amount plus a constant rate of change, all trapped within the system, e.g. watch or hourglass. Hands on a grandfather clock can be tracked and time measured by their movement so long as the pendulum swing stays the same. If the starting position of the face is unknown, or the tick rate slows down or speeds up it becomes unreliable. If someone adjusted the hands it wouldn't be accurate either.

Radiometric 'dating' is no different. Atoms of radioisotopes like carbon-14 in carboniferous material can be counted by a machine³. This number is compared to [stable] carbon-12 atoms in the thing to give a ratio, the smaller the ratio the 'older' the age. It sounds simple and scientific, but is it true?

How is today's ratio different from an unknown one in the past? This is at best an educated guess because no-one was there to know.

How fast did carbon-14 atoms turn into nitrogen-14 atoms, and vice versa? Nuclear activity and cosmic rays change this rate.

Carbon dating can only go to 100,000 yrs before atoms become undetectable. If earth was 100% carbon-14 it would all decay inside 1M yrs⁴ (a technical upper limit):



[right] 'science' gives young and old 'ages' at the same time. Which ones do you trust?

Material	Carbon-14 (y)	Evolution (y)	Var
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Coal	40,000	300,000,000	99.987%
Fossil wood	33,720	230,000,000	99.985%
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The same conundrum is found with techniques that count 'daughter' atoms of elements like uranium, lead, potassium, argon and rubidium. When applied to known rock samples they give much older dates⁵. Scientists are careful to get a second opinion from other scientists (who do the same) so they feel secure:

"but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." **II Corinthians 10.12c**

Most scientific 'clocks' give 'young' earth ages: population statistics, helium retention in rocks that contain uranium, scars from radioactive atom bullet tracks, 'orphan' polonium radio halos, and low light intensity of the sun.⁶



The truth is no technique gives age. Impressive equipment measures atoms, not time. In the end only eye witness records count like a person's birth and death certificates. The Bible claims to be such a witness, with proven prophecies to back it up, e.g. predicting the post-Babylon powers of Media and Persia, Greece then Rome, a great increase in knowledge, and men rushing to and fro.⁷

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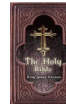
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