

**Empirical Evidence, or Ignorant Bliss?
A Few Observations
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Empirical Evidence?

Many of the emails that Answers In Creation receives are from young-earth creationists. In many cases, the “buzzword” we hear is that we have no “empirical” evidence to support our position. I usually go back to my tracker, to see which pages they read. Sometimes, the sender of the email will only read our homepage, and won’t even consider the evidence. Others are truly interested, and read many pages, before making this comment.

What we find, in most cases of dealing with young earth creationists, is that there is no possible way they will consider the alternative of old-earth belief. With this kind of mind-set, there is no amount of evidence in the world that would qualify as empirical by their standards. It appears that this word is merely used as a cop-out, so that they can ignore the evidence, and remain in their steadfast opposition to anything other than the young-earth theory. To see how this happens, read Morton's Demon (www.answersincreation.org/mortond.htm). (NOTE: AIC’s purpose is not to convert young-earth believers into old-earth believers, but to gain acceptance for old-earth belief, on equal footing with young-earth belief...and our primary purpose is to provide a witness to the non-Christian who believes that the earth is old.)

Young Earth Evidences

Just look at the young earth websites, and you will see hundreds of claims of evidences for a young earth (then come back to this website and see the rebuttals showing how they are wrong). Young earth evidences can be compared to a haystack. Yes, if you interpret a few data points in science, you could reach the wrong conclusion (young), and in the end, you have a handful of straw which supports your position. However, to focus on this handful of hundreds, the young earth creationist is ignoring the 100 foot tall haystack he is standing in front of. There are millions of data points from science, and only one handful support a young earth (and most of those are the result of bad science). Thus, young earth creation scientists who ignore such a volume of evidence cannot be trusted with performing valid scientific work, and their conclusions cannot be trusted.

Website Links

We have also noticed another pattern in young-earth ministries. Check out the Answers In Genesis website, or the Institute for Creation Research, or Kent Hovind’s Creation Science Evangelism (the “Big Three” when it comes to YEC belief). Look for

their links pages. None of them have links pages. Do they have a spirit of openness, a willingness to help people read all points of view? You won't find any links to any old-earth creationist websites, or any evolution websites. They don't want their readers to be exposed to something that they consider dangerous.

Now, look at the links pages of old earth creationist websites. The Reasons To Believe links page (<http://www.reasons.org/resources/links.shtml?main>) contains links to the young earth ministries, as does the Answers In Creation links page (www.answersincreation.org/links.htm). We are open, and believe that a person seeking to decide the creation issue for themselves should consider all possible positions. We are confident that our material will stand up to scrutiny. And, if someone should choose the young earth position, that's OK. Both young and old earth creation have no impact upon salvation, or any other critical doctrine from the Bible.

Why don't the young-earth ministries give a links page with the opposing viewpoint? Is it because they fear that their readers will discover the truth? If they are right in their young-earth conclusions, then what do they have to fear? Does their lack of links to opposing viewpoints show their lack of conviction that their material is correct? If this is not true...show me the links!

Want to check further? Look at these young-earth links pages.

The Center for Scientific Creation – No links page (creationscience.com)

Creation, Dinosaurs, and the Flood – No links page (sixdaycreation.com)

Creation Research Society – This is the links page for California creation ministries, where the old earth ministry of Reasons to Believe is located (no Reasons to Believe Link) (creationresearch.org/organizations/California.htm)

Creation Evidence Museum – No links page (creationevidence.org)

If you find any young-earth-only ministries with links to old-earth belief, let me know and I'll give them credit. I have run across one ministry with a link to Reasons to Believe and Origins.org. This young earth evangelistic ministry is Lion Tracks (www.liontracks.org). Although they have the link to Reasons to Believe, they say that they fall in the category of "theistic evolution." Reasons to Believe does not believe in theistic evolution.