

### A Young-Earth Creationism Belief-Strength Index (YEC-BSI)

In the following sections, indicate whether you agree or disagree with the provided statement.

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, and 5=Strongly Agree, indicate to what extent you agree or disagree

1. The Earth is less than 10,000 years old.

1      2      3      4      5

2. The Genesis creation account is a literal, historical record of the material creation of the world.

1      2      3      4      5

3. Dinosaurs and humans coexisted at the same time.

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4. Noah's Flood was a global event that shaped the geological record.

1      2      3      4      5

5. All animals were created according to their kinds by God *de novo*, and no new kinds have emerged.

1      2      3      4      5

6. The theory of evolution is fundamentally flawed and incompatible with a Biblical worldview.

1      2      3      4      5

7. The age of the Earth as determined by scientific methods such as radiometric dating is incorrect.

1      2      3      4      5

8. The Grand Canyon likely formed by the receding waters of Noah's Flood.

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9. Human beings were created in God's image and do not have non-human ancestors.

1      2      3      4      5

10. The Genesis creation account provides all the necessary information to understand the origins of the universe.

1      2      3      4      5

11. I believe that all scientific evidence must be interpreted through the lens of Scripture.

1      2      3      4      5

12. When I encounter scientific evidence that contradicts young-Earth creationism, I seek explanations that align with my beliefs.

1      2      3      4      5

13. I trust that religious authorities are more reliable than scientific experts when it comes to understanding the Earth's origins.

1      2      3      4      5

14. I often find that scientific explanations for the origin of life are incompatible with my religious beliefs.

1      2      3      4      5

15. I am confident that future scientific discoveries will continue to support a young-Earth perspective.

1      2      3      4      5

16. I prefer to read books and articles that support young-Earth creationism rather than those that challenge it.

1      2      3      4      5

17. When discussing the origins of the Earth, I prioritize Biblical teaching over scientific explanations.

1      2      3      4      5

18. I believe that my faith provides all the necessary answers to questions about the origin of life.

1      2      3      4      5

19. I often discuss young-Earth creationist beliefs with others who share the same views.

1      2      3      4      5

20. I avoid engaging with media or education that promotes evolutionary theory.

1      2      3      4      5

21. I am open to the possibility that the Earth could be older than 6,000-12,000 years old.

1      2      3      4      5

22. I am willing to consider scientific evidence that supports the theory of evolution.

1      2      3      4      5

23. I believe it is possible to reconcile a belief in God with the acceptance of an old Earth.

1      2      3      4      5

24. I think it is important to critically evaluate both young-Earth creationist and evolutionary theories.

1      2      3      4      5

25. I am interested in understanding why people believe in evolutionary theory, even if I don't agree with it.

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