

A Creation-Evolution Belief Spectrum Index (CE-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

Note: Items marked (R) are intended to be subtracted from the section's total score

Chronology

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

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2. Radiometric dating shows the Earth is billions of years old. (R)

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3. Most sedimentary rock layers were laid down in a single global Flood.

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4. The light we see from distant galaxies proves the universe is much older than a few thousand years. (R)

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5. Apparent age was built into creation from the start.

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6. Geological and astronomical evidence converge on an age of 4.5 billion years for the Earth. (R)

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Mechanism

7. All major "kinds" of life were created in their present form.

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8. Natural selection acting on genetic variation can explain the diversity of life. (R)

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9. Large-scale ("macro") evolution has never been demonstrated.

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10. Common ancestry linked all living organisms. (R)

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11. Biological information cannot arise without intelligent input.

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12. Evolution proceeds by natural processes that God set in motion but does not micromanage. (R)

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Agency

13. God actively guides each evolutionary step.

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14. Once life began, its development required no further supernatural input. (R)

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15. The design in nature points to an intelligent cause - whether inside or outside the natural order.

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16. Miraculous creation events ceased after the origin of life. (R)

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17. I see evidence of God's direct creative acts throughout Earth's history.

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18. Life developed by purely natural causes with no divine guidance at all. (R)

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Hermeneutics

19. Genesis 1 is a literal, historical account.

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20. Biblical creation narratives are theological poetry, not science. (R)

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21. Scripture overrides scientific conclusions when they appear to conflict.

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22. Ancient Near-Eastern literary genres inform my reading of Genesis. (R)

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23. A "day" in Genesis could represent a long, unspecified epoch. (R)

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24. Doctrinal truth in Genesis is independent of the scientific details. (R)

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Epistemic Alignment

25. Peer-reviewed science is my primary source for understanding origins. (R)

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26. Scientific consensus is biased against supernatural explanations.

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27. Multiple scientific disciplines independently support an old Earth. (R)

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28. I am skeptical of mainstream science when it contradicts my faith tradition.

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29. Dialogue between theology and science enriches our understanding of origins. (R)

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30. The best explanation wins, whether it is naturalistic or theistic. (R)

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