

The 6 days creation and the origin of humans from a Quranic interpretation [an Overview]

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1# The 6 days creation:

This part is just a quick overview for the previous article #56 in the library site.

1.1# There are signs in the Quran that the 6 days creation is not related to the universe or the big bang, but it is about the creation of Earth and the seven layers of the atmosphere.

In Quran 71:15-16, it says that the moon is shining through the seven layers of heaven. However, the moon in space is just a grey dull rock. The following is a Nasa picture for the moon from space:

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/from-a-million-miles-away-nasa-camera-shows-moon-crossing-face-of-earth>

We see the moon shining because the atmosphere dissipates the dark colors of the moonlight (mainly blue) keeping the bright colors (mainly yellow).

1.2# Seven has two meanings in the ancient Arabic language. It can mean number 7 or it can mean multiple. Also, seventy has two meanings: it can mean number 70 or it can mean a large number.

So, the seven layers can mean exactly 7, or it can mean multiple layers. Scientists have already established that the atmosphere has 5 main layers with some extra secondary layers.

1.3# The day is not the 24 atomic-clock hours, but it represents the appeared cycle of the Sun. In scientific terms: the day represents the rotation of Earth around itself relative to the Sun.

We could argue here that the Earth when it was still a lump in the solar disk was in almost a lock position with the Sun.

To clarify the lock-position: the moon is in a lock-position with the Earth (i.e. the Moon doesn't rotate around itself relative to the Earth), and Mercury is in a lock-position with the Sun (i.e. Mercury doesn't rotate around itself relative to the Sun).

Therefore, we could argue that it took many millions of atomic-clock years for the Earth to have one full rotation around itself relative to the Sun.

1.4# The 6 days creation according to Quran 41:9-12 is as the following: 2 days to create the Earth. Then Two sub-projects in parallel came afterward: Creating the 7 layers of Heaven in 2 days and organizing Earth in 4 days.

1.5# The Quran didn't say that vegetation and animals were created in these 6 days, but it does imply that the dynamic systems of Earth has been established in these 6 days.

1.6# We can fit the previous interpretation with the current scientific data to present the following hypothesis: It took millions of atomic-clock years until the earth rotated twice around itself relative to the Sun. Then a meteor with the size of Mars hit Earth (according to the "Giant Impact Hypothesis"). This caused Earth to rotate in 5 atomic-clock hours around itself relative to the Sun. In about 20 atomic-clock hours (4 days, i.e. 4 rotations) the dynamic systems of Earth and the atmosphere have been established.

1.7# The hypothesis in 1.6 are below the scientific rejection but above the scientific approval, meaning that science doesn't approve this hypothesis, but also science cannot reject it.

2# The Origin of Humans:

This part is just a quick overview for the previous article #57 in the library site.

2.1# From a scientific perspective, Humans (i.e. homo-sapiens) came from apes. these apes include the homo-habilis, homo-erectus, and the Neanderthal.

The simple scientific hypothesis is to say that humans came from homo-erectus. However, the current hypothesis includes a very complex tree and interconnections of ape species for explaining the origin of humans. I am assuming here that the real problem in explaining the origin of humans is related to the missing link.

Let me clarify:

Humans have four distinct skull features that are unique compared to all apes:

The brain starts in humans above the eyes, while in all apes it starts behind the eyes.

The face of all apes is elongated backward: when standing upright then the level of the mouth in apes is in-front of the level of the forehead. In humans, the level of the mouth is almost the same as the level of the forehead.

Apes have a thick ridge at the eyebrows, while humans don't.

Humans have a distinctive feature in the lower jaw which is the chin. This feature is not in apes, and even it is not in all other mammals.

These features do require a large number of genetic mutations, and these mutations cannot just happen suddenly at the same time, but it does require a considerable period of time. Therefore, there should be a species that we can say that it is in the middle between humans and apes. But this species is still missing.

There are some skulls that were suggested to present this link, but still they are not taken seriously by the scientific community; because these skulls could just be the result of illness, genetic disorder or were deformed by the impact of time. To clarify this point, when the first skulls of homo-habilis were presented, they weren't taken seriously by the scientific community because of the previous three possibilities

(illness, genetic disorder or the impact of time), but when these skulls were discovered in different places then these skulls were accepted as a clear distinct species.

Also, it seems that homo-erectus have disappeared suddenly from the three continents (Africa, Asia, and Europe) about 300k years ago. Just to put things into perspective: the Neanderthal disappeared gradually from the two continents (Asia and Europe) in a duration of about 100k years. But it seems that this was not the case for the homo-erectus.

2.2# Now ... Let us discuss the Quranic verses:

2.2.1# There are no verses in the Quran (or the trusted chains of Hadith) that reject the notion that elephants and rats had a common shared ancestor. However, the Quran does reject the “Evolution Theory” regarding Humans as it is clearly mentioned in the Quran that the first human (i.e. Adam) was created from mud. But humans are just one among one billion species, therefore, the gap between the Quranic metaphysics and the “Evolution Theory” is just “one over billion”.

Here in this article, we will further reduce this gap to a much smaller size.

2.2.2# In Quran 2:30, God informs the angles that he is going to create “Khalefa” on earth. They asked if God is going to create a species that causes corruption and sheds blood. God answered that he knows what they don’t.

Now ... “Khalefa” has been regarded to mean “representative”, but this is actually not the direct literal meaning. The literal meaning for “Khalefa” is “Successor” (someone succeeding someone else).

Furthermore, there are many species on earth today that they really enjoy shedding blood, just look at the hyenas; they start eating the prey alive. So, this verse speaks about a specific species that truly sheds blood more than the current vicious predators.

2.3# Now ... I can link 2.1 & 2.2 to form the following metaphysical hypothesis:

2.3.1# The mental power of homo-erectus developed much faster than their humanity and they became an eco-threat to other living animals. Therefore, they were wiped from the 3 continents about 300k years.

2.3.2# 150k years after that, a successor for the homo-erectus was created with a DNA that is almost identical to homo-erectus with the 4 mentioned differences in the skull, and with the abstract thinking.

2.4# This metaphysical hypothesis doesn’t contradict with the verses of the Quran. In the same time, it does reduce the gap with the “Evolution Theory” in relation to humans; because both (the metaphysics and the theory) acknowledge a clear link between humans and apes. The difference is that the theory regards the link to be direct and biological, while the metaphysics regards the link to be indirect and non-biological (as the link is based on the idea that the first human was created with a DNA that is almost identical to homo-erectus).

However, this metaphysics and the “evolution theory” agree on the similarities between humans and apes in the physical appearance and biology due to the agreed link between these two species.

Therefore, the gap now between the metaphysics and the theory is much less than “one over billion”.

However, the metaphysics is still above the scientific rejection level, as science will never accept this metaphysics. This does need a clarification:

Science has been designed not to accept any metaphysical data, and it will only explain the physics by the physics. And it is very vital to maintain this design; because science within this design is able to be a universal tool across all nations and all religions. So, regardless if we agreed on the scientific conclusions or we superimposed our metaphysics over it, still, the scientific conclusions need to be acknowledged as it would be a universal starting point for research. Furthermore, science can be used as a gauge to alarm us if we accidentally went too far in our metaphysical conclusions.

Therefore, it is a dead end here for science; because science will never accept that the first human was created suddenly from mud, and the maximum that science can present is to say that the existence of humans cannot be explained, and this would be more than sufficient.