

According to these proposals by Green, Allis, and Warfield, the Genesis 5 account should be read in some such fashion as follows:

"This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, at the time they were created, he blessed them and called 'man.'

When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the ancestor of Enosh. And after he became the ancestor of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Seth lived 912 years, and then he died.

When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the ancestor of Kenan. And after he became the ancestor of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died. (underlining mine)"

These genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11, then, are not lists of successive generations, framed in a chronological scheme, but rather records of lines of descent, with no indication of the length of time between individuals in the line of descent. There could have been one thousand years between named individuals, or ten thousand years, or one hundred thousand years. And thus man could be 50,000 years old, or 700,000 years old, or 2,000,000 years old. As Warfield pointed out, the question of the antiquity of man is a scientific one.

(2) The unity of mankind

The Bible everywhere represents Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all mankind.

Acts 17:26 relates all nations of mankind to one man, Adam. Luke writes: "and He made from one every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation." "Every nation of mankind" includes all races, including Mongoloids, Caucasoids, Congoids, Capoids, and Australoids.

I Corinthians 15:45 states -- "And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."