



TOPIC NIGHT:
CREATION

HEALTH WARNING!



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to receive glory and honour and power,
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and by your will they were created
and have their being.’**

Revelation 4:11 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

GENESIS 1-2

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- Genesis 15:5
- Exodus 20:11; 31:17
- Exodus 25-31 (cf 1 Kings 6:38)
- Psalm 90:4
- Psalm 104
- Isaiah 40-55
- Matthew 19:4-5
- Romans 4:17
- Hebrews 1:3, 11:3
- Revelation 4:11

**He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky
and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.'
Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'**

Genesis 15:5 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Exodus 20:11 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

The Lord said to Moses...

Exodus 25-31 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

**For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.**

Psalm 90:4 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

Psalm 104:1 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

**Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the
ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.**

Isaiah 40:28 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator “made them male and female,” and said, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”?’

Matthew 19:4-5 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

**As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.'
He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—
the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being
things that were not.**

Romans 4:17 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

**...but in these last days he has spoken to us by
his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things,
and through whom also he made the universe.**

Hebrews 1:2 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

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- A real Adam and Eve
- A real fall
- Creation by God
- A deliberate creation
- The goodness of creation
- Time is going somewhere

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES...

- Author's Purpose
- None of these views are monolithic
- The impact of science

**“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness.
Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond
the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.”**

Joshua 24:14 - NIV 2011 (Anglicised)

THE DIFFERENT ORTHODOX VIEWS

‘ACCOMMODATION’

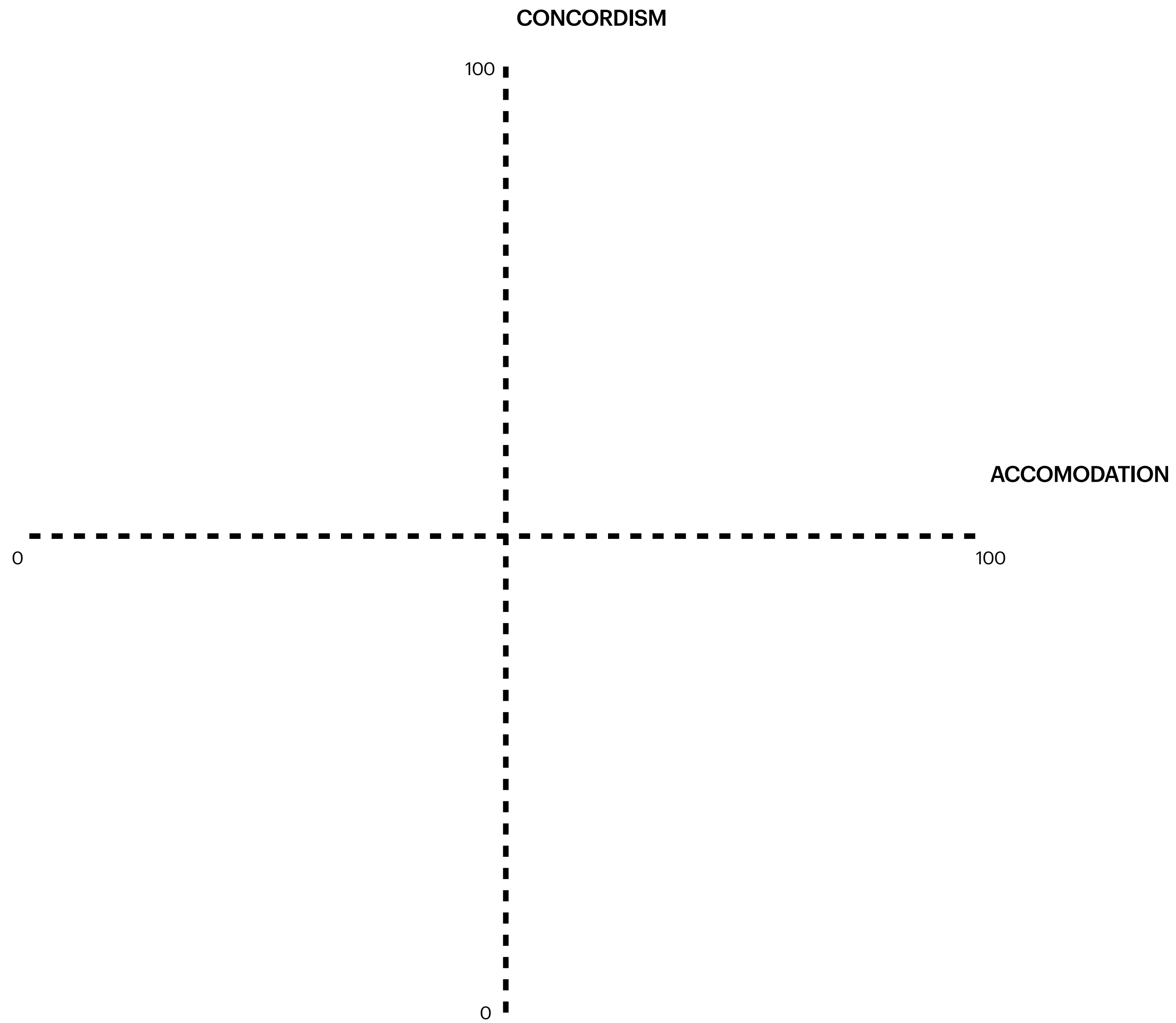
also known as condensation

“Let us rather conclude that God himself took the space of six days, for the purpose of accommodating his works to the capacity of men.”

John Calvin

‘CONCORDISM’

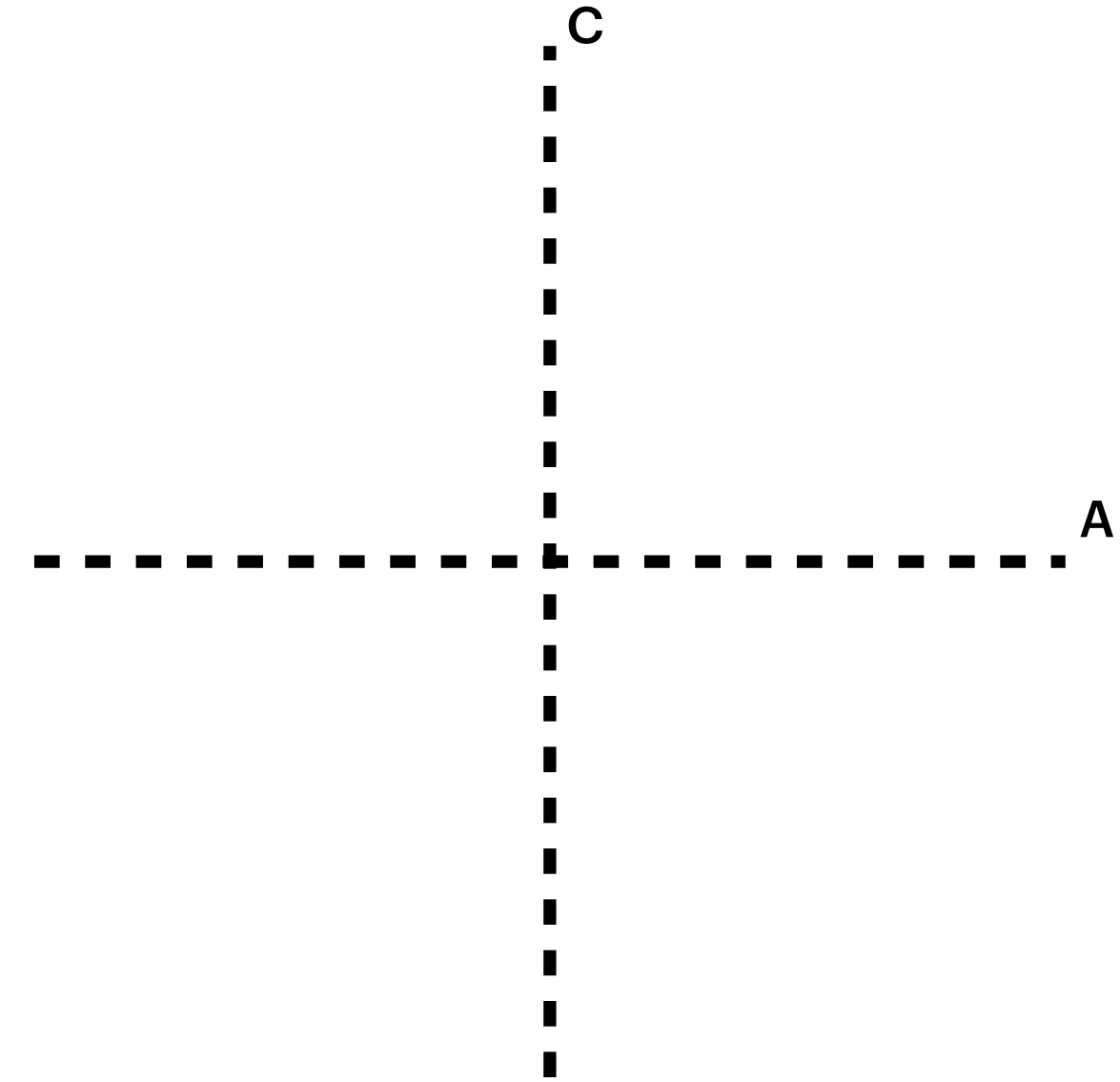
(also known as harmonisation)



The 24-Hour Theory

Can also be known as Young Earth Creationism

- The days of Genesis 1 are literal 24-hour days, and that the universe was created in six days.
- Regularly paired with the view that the earth is 6,000 years old.
- Exodus 20:4

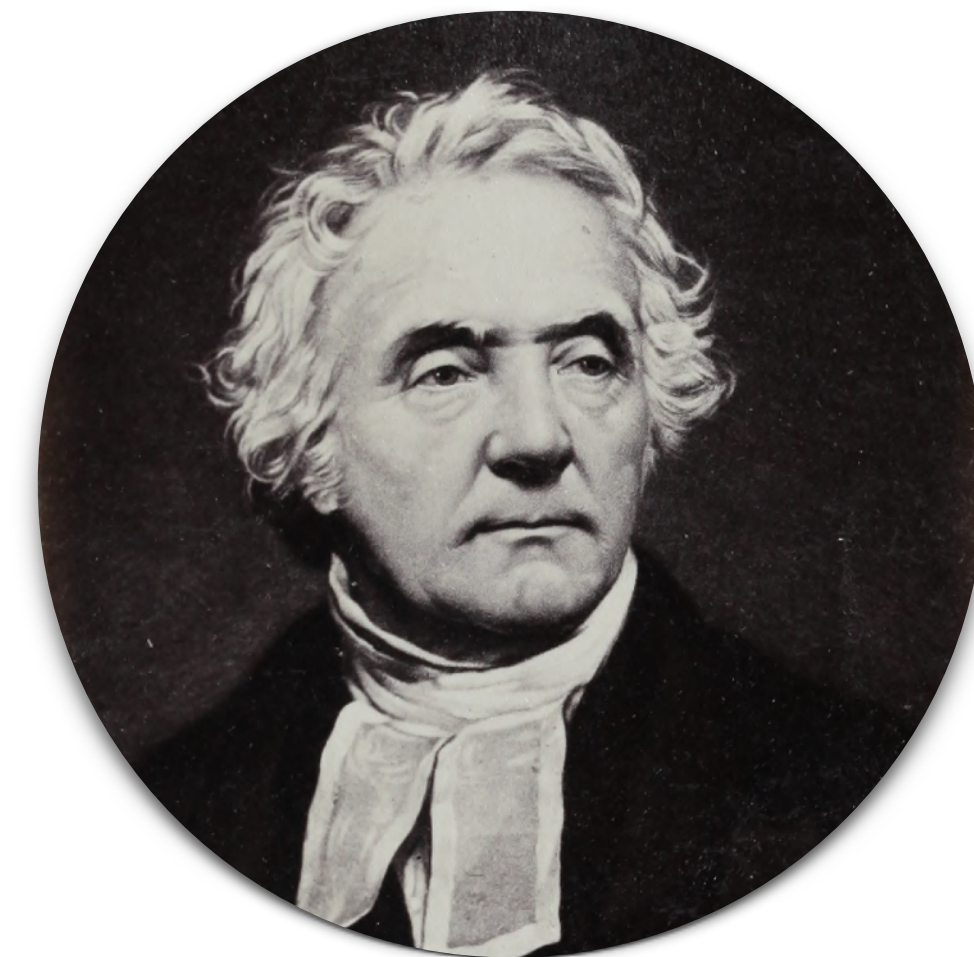
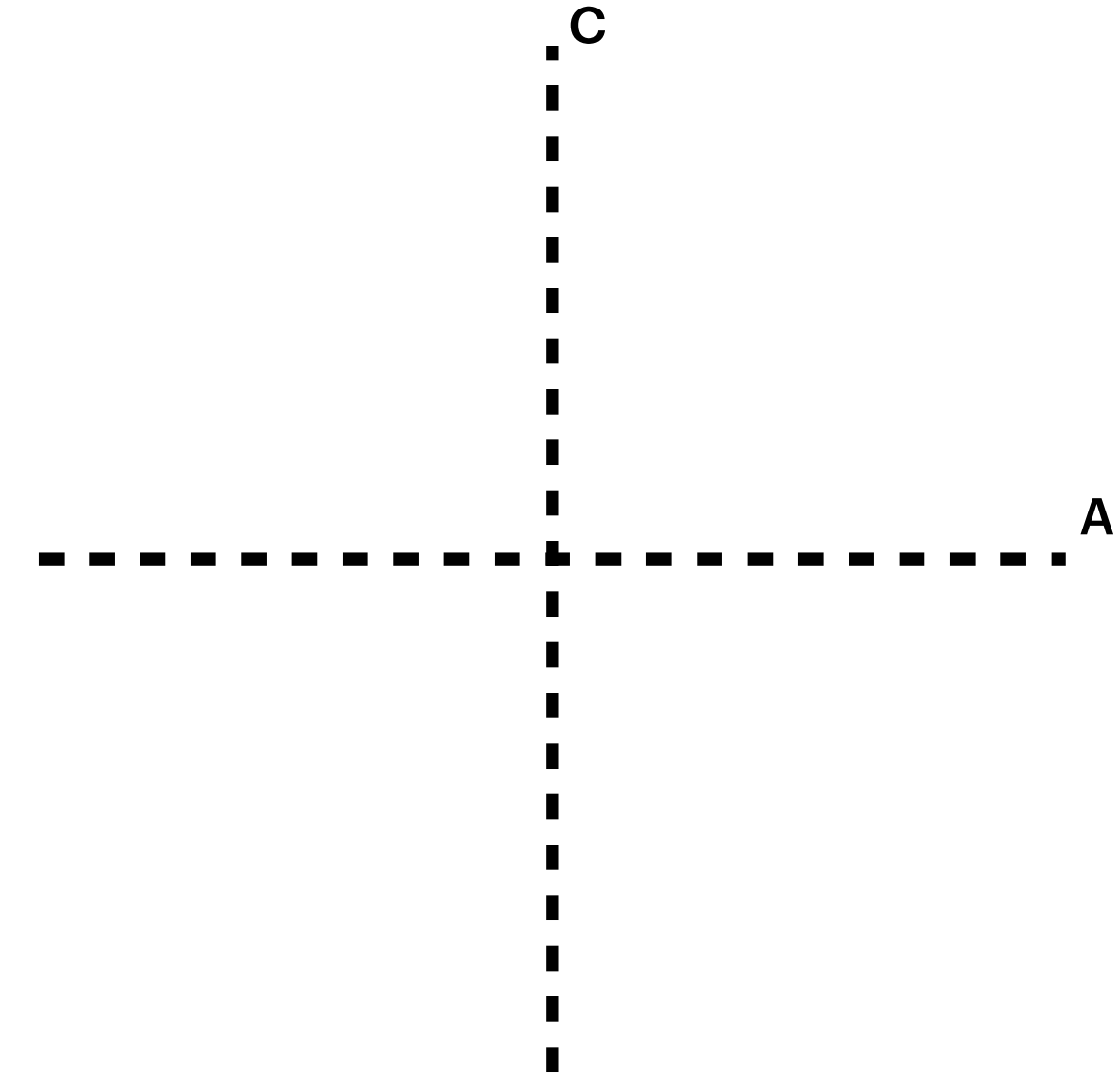


REPRESENTATIVE:
KEN HAM

The Gap Theory

Also known as ruin-restoration creationism

- Sometime after Genesis 1:1, Satan rebelled and God pronounced a cataclysmic judgment upon the once perfect earth. This judgment brought about the conditions described in Genesis 1:2.
- This view allows for the earth to be ancient while still interpreting the six days of creation as literal 24-hour days.
- Increasingly popular near the end of the eighteenth century and first half of the nineteenth century.

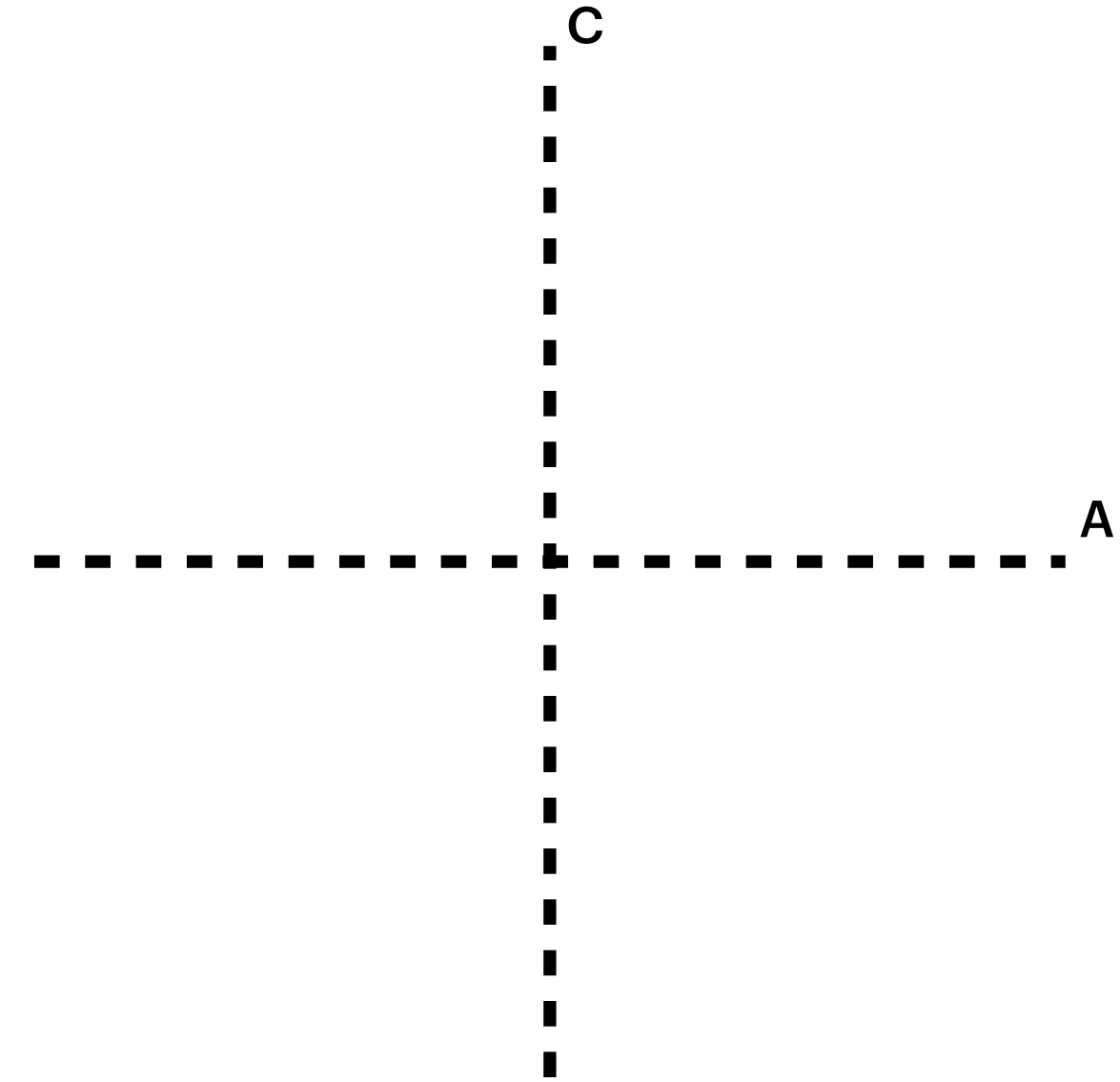


REPRESENTATIVE:
THOMAS CHALMERS

The Day-Age Theory

Can also be known as Old Earth Creationism

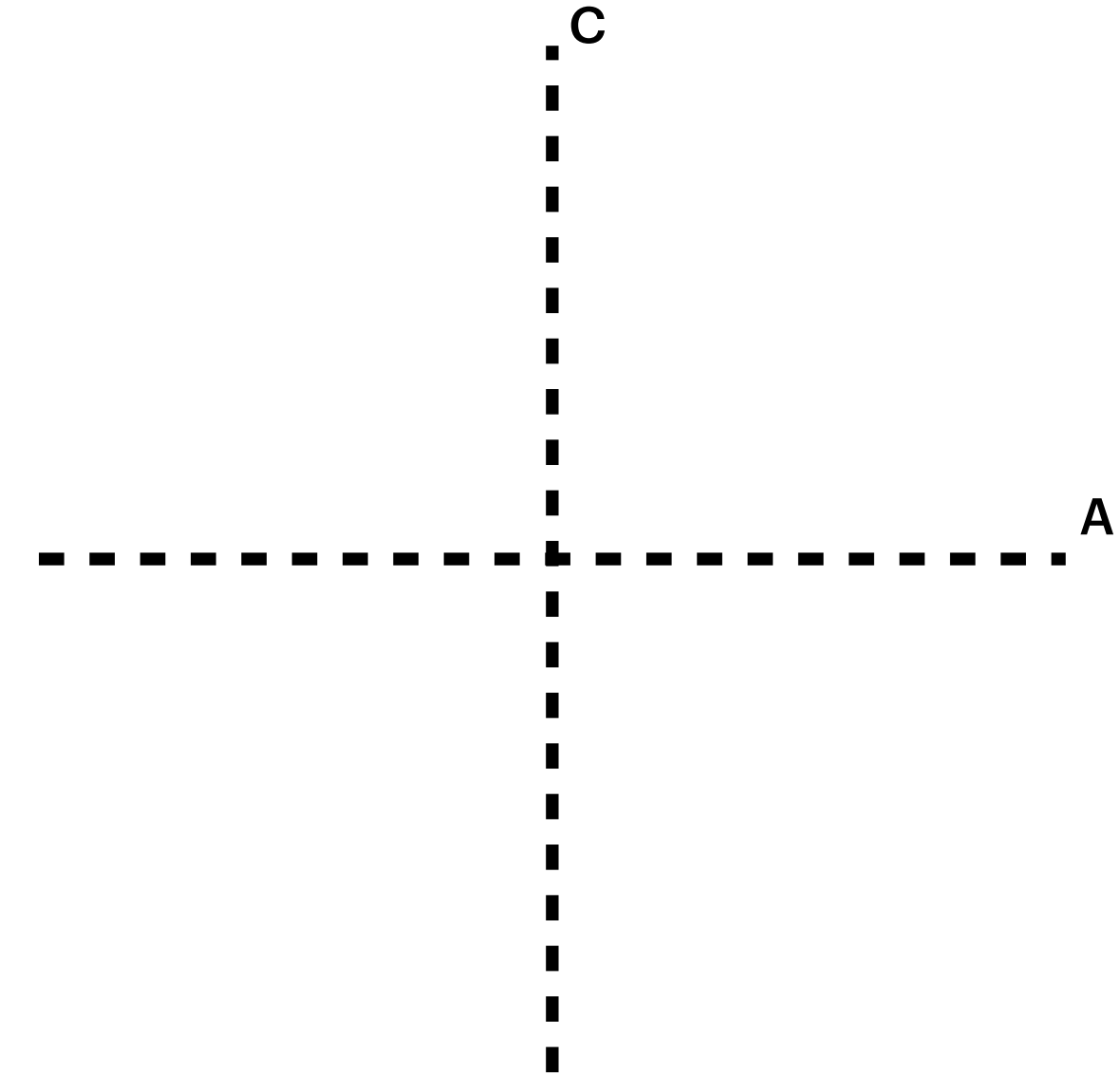
- Each day of creation in Genesis one is an era of time.
- This view understands the six days to extend over millions or billions of years.
- Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8



REPRESENTATIVE:
HUGH ROSS

The Framework Theory

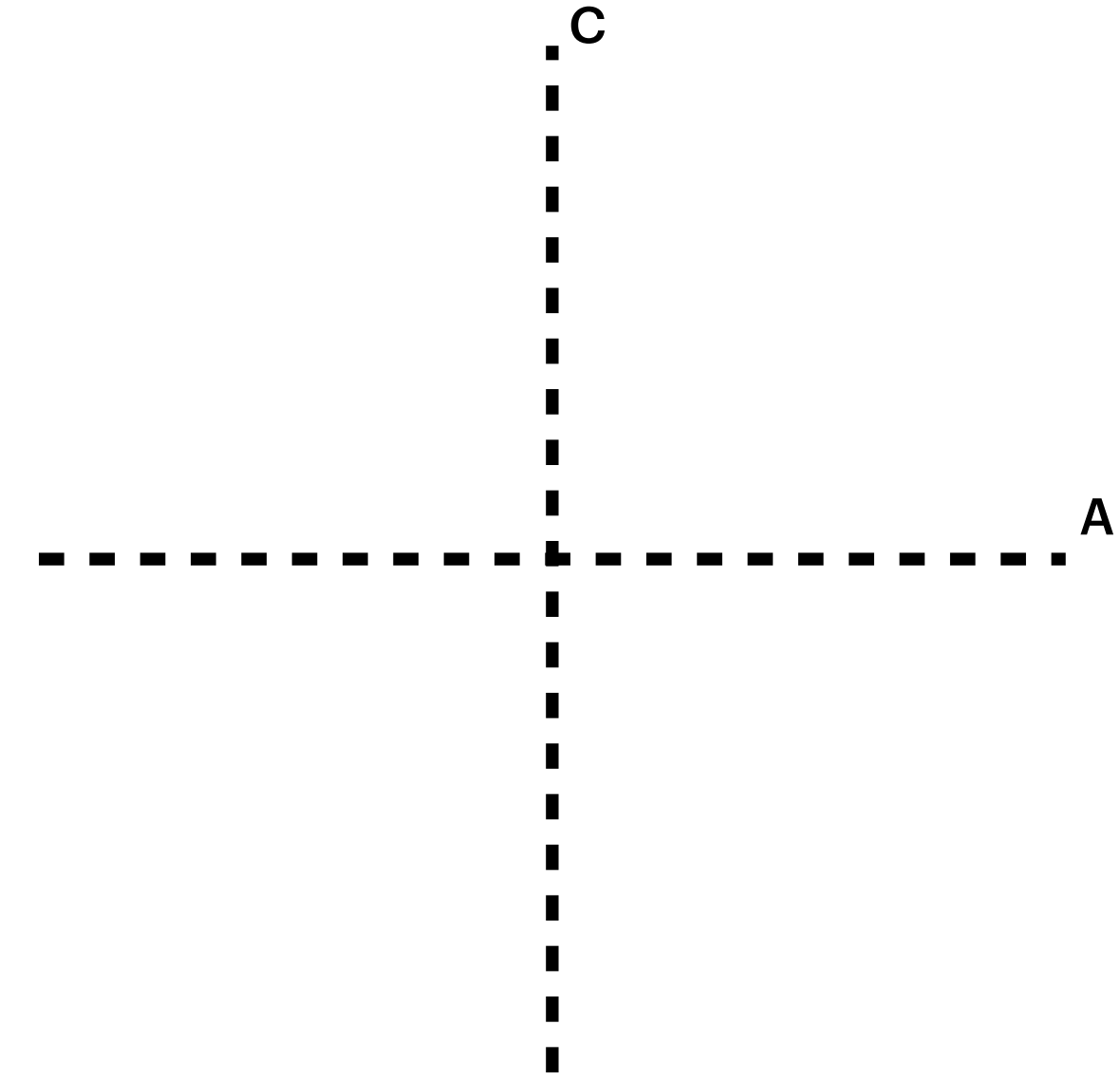
- Genesis 1–3 is a polemic against the polytheistic idolatry of the surrounding culture.
- The six days of creation are understood to be a literary structure rather than literal 24-hour days.
- The first three days describe the forming of creation, while the second three days describe the filling of creation.



REPRESENTATIVE:
GORDON WENHAM

The Temple Inauguration Theory

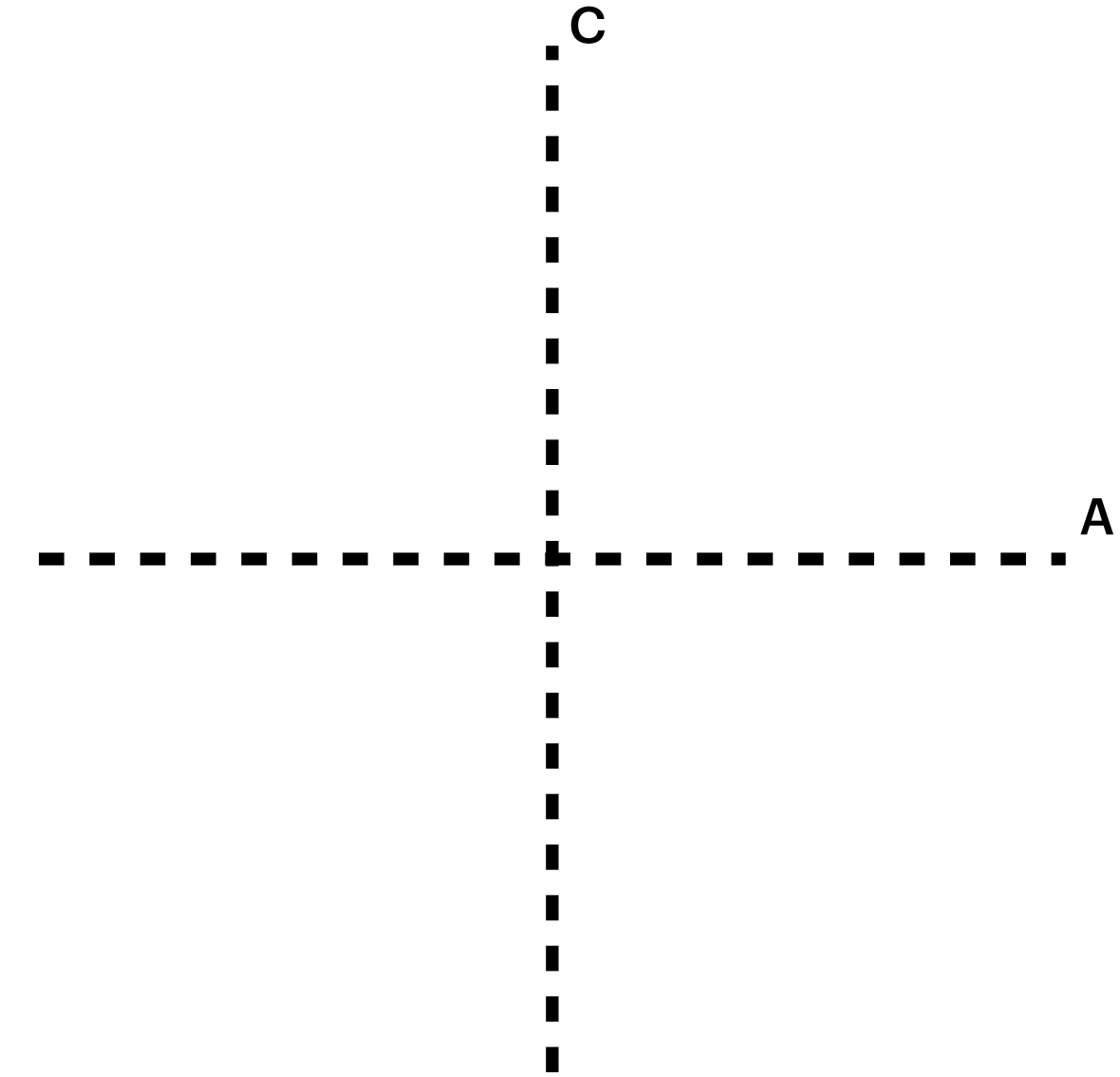
- Genesis 1:1–2:3 portrays creation in terms that would be recognised to the people of the ancient world as a temple building account. It is a description of creation as a cosmic temple.
- Genesis 1:14, 2:15



REPRESENTATIVE:
JOHN WALTON

The Historical Creationism Theory

- The Hebrew expression for “In the beginning” denotes an unspecified length of time—perhaps billions of years.
- The six days of Genesis 1 speak of the preparation of **the promised land** and do not refer to the creation of the earth or universe.
- Genesis 1:1, 3



REPRESENTATIVE:
JOHN SAILHAMER

SO THAT LEAVES...