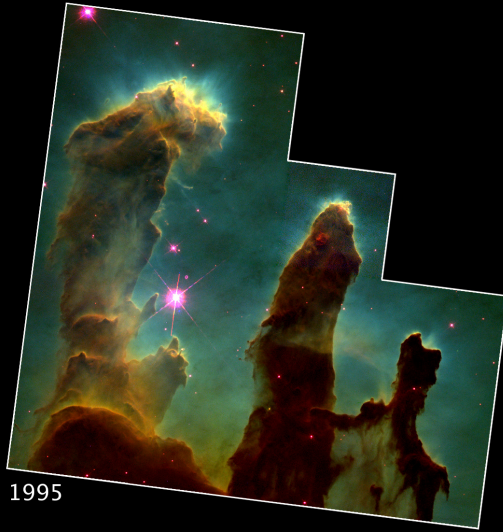


Creation

Insights from Scriptures and Science



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Session 2: Creation

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Understanding Creation from Scriptures

- *Creatio ex nihilo* = creation from nothing
 - Genesis 1: 1-2
 - Job 38: 4-11
 - Psalm 89
- *Creatio continua* = creation continues
 - Psalm 104

Understanding Creation from Science

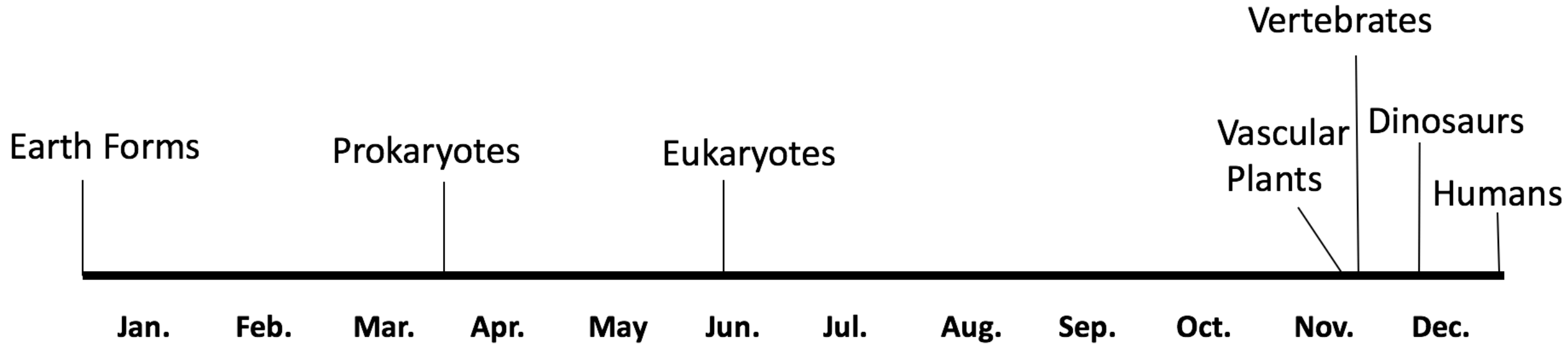


Figure 2.1. Creation events if the 4.5 billion years of earth were a single calendar year.

Questions for Discussion

1. Imagine that a non-Christian asks to know what the Bible and your faith teaches you about creation. How do you answer?
2. If creation is not just historical (*creatio ex nihilo*) but also continual (*creatio continua*), what is being continually created?
3. Physicist Ian Barbour wrote that individuals can view particular topics like “Creation” in four different ways: the interaction between the science and the theology can either be **conflict** (the two are mutually exclusive), **independence** (the two are completely separate ways of knowing), **dialogue** (both lead to questions that only the other way of knowing can address), or **integration** (the two ways of knowing are really just part of a single reality). Discuss which of these four you support.