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Besides all the evidence presented so far, the belief in a young age for the Earth also makes a lot of sense from the viewpoint of what we know

DATE	POPULATION
2010	6,900,000,000
1910	1,800,000,000
1810	470,000,000
1710	122,000,000
1610	32,000,000
1510	8,000,000
1410	2,000,000
1310	570,000
1210	150,000
1110	40,000
1010	10,000
910	2,600
810	685
710	179
610	47
510	12
410	3
310	2

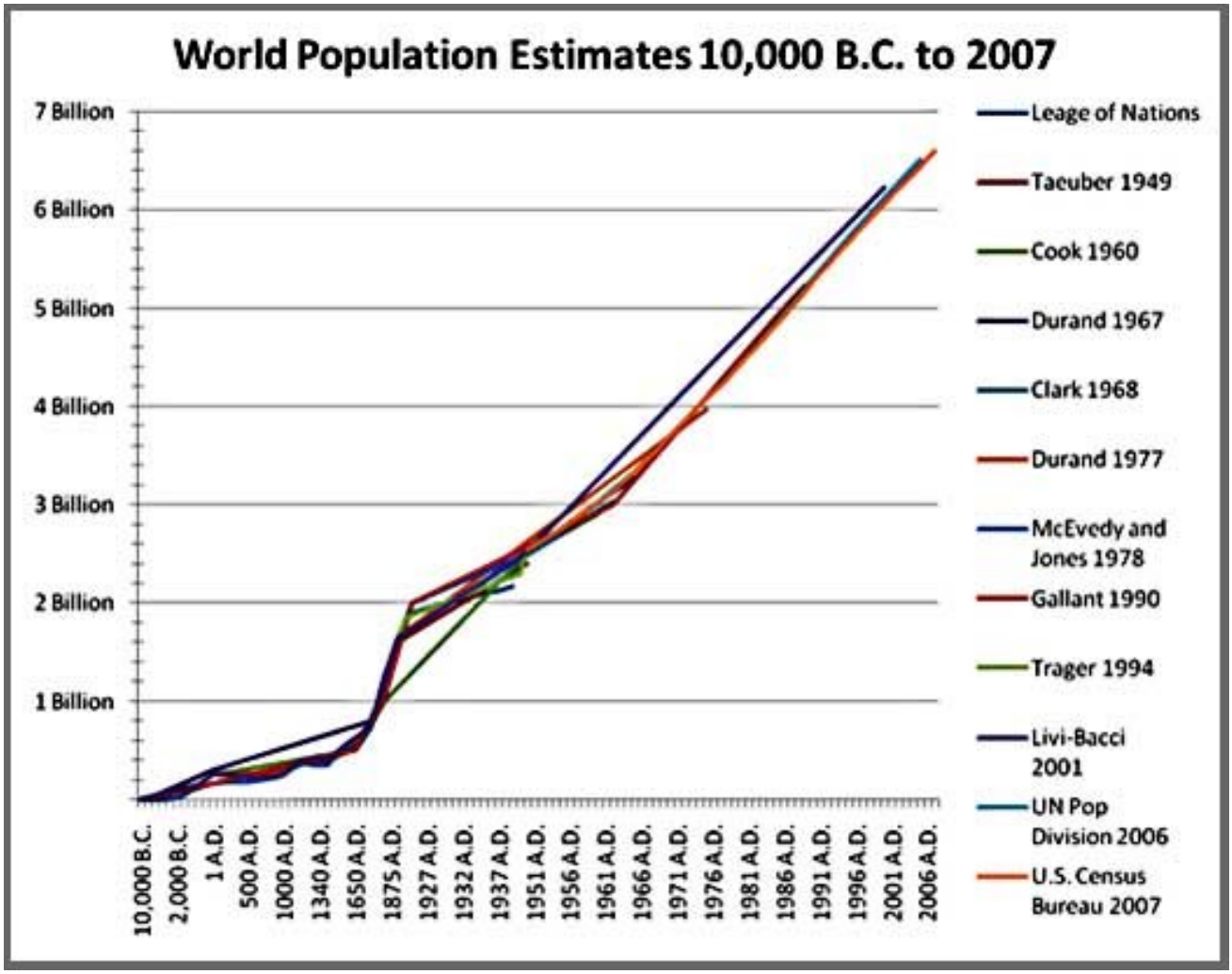
about population growth:

It is estimated that in the century from 1910 to 2010 Earth's population grew from 1.8 billion to 6.9 billion (increased by 383%). According to that rate of growth, if we work our way backwards mathematically – century by century – we would find that our present population began with only 2 people in 310 A.D.!

Of course, we know our present population could not have started in 310 A.D. But if you factor in certain things – like the lack of medical knowledge in days gone by – we can lengthen the time somewhat. So it doesn't stretch the bounds of believability to understand that the human race began with 8 people (Noah and his family after the Flood) only a few thousand years ago … and some reasonable time before the Flood, another Beginning with two people (Adam and Eve) at the time of

Creation.

What does stretch the bounds of believability is the conventional idea that mankind emerged from some primitive origin about 200,000 to 1,000.000 years ago. To have such a lengthy duration of population growth defies common sense.



– Chart by Scott Manning –

Many studies have been done by various people and organizations, including the League of Nations and the United Nations, but none of the population estimates stretch back any further than 10,000 B.C.

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