

TABLE 1A - THE ACADEMY'S VERSION OF PREHISTORY ¹

THE ACADEMY'S 1-PREHISTORIC PERIOD (13,800,000,000-650 BP). ²

1A - EARLY PREHISTORIC ERA (JH) (13,800,000,000-3,000,000 BP)

- 1A-0 - Origin of Universe (13,800,000,000 BP)
- 1A-1 - Evolution of Universe before Sun (13,800,000,000-4,600,000,000 BP)
- 1A-2 - Evolution of Solar System before Earth (4,600,000,000-4,500,000,000 BP)
- 1A-3 - Evolution of Earth before Life (4,500,000,000-3,800,000,000 BP)
- 1A-4 - Evolution of Life before Primates (3,800,000,000-66,000,000 BP)
- 1A-5 - Evolution of Primates before Hominoids (66,000,000-6,000,000 BP)
- 1A-6 - Evolution of Hominoids before Stone Age (6,000,000-3,000,000 BP)

1B - MIDDLE PREHISTORIC ERA (JH) (3,000,000 BP-1550 BC) ³

- 1B-1 - Stone Age (3,000,000 BP-3,000 BC)
 - 1B-1A - Old Stone Age=Paleolithic (3,000,000 BP-10,000 BC)
 - 1B-1A-1 - Lower Paleolithic (3,000,000-500,000 BP) - Hominoids
 - 1B-1A-2 - Middle Paleolithic (500,000-130,000 BP) - Man's Childhood
 - 1B-1A-3 - Upper Paleolithic (130,000 BP-10,000 BC) - Man's Youth
 - 1B-1B - Middle Stone Age=Mesolithic (10,000-8,000 BC) - Man's Early Adulthood starts
 - 1B-1C - New Stone Age=Neolithic (8,000-3,300 BC)
 - 1B-1C-1 - Pre-pottery Neolithic (8000-6500 BC)
 - 1B-1C-2 - Pottery Neolithic (6500-3,300 BC)
- 1B-2 - Chalcolithic or Copper Age (3500-2300 BC) (overlaps 1B-1C & 1B-3A)
- 1B-3 - Bronze Age (3300-1650-1060 BC)
 - 1B-3A - Early Bronze Age (3000-2100 BC)
 - 1B-3A-1 - Early Bronze Age 1 (3300-3000 BC)
 - 1B-3A-2 - Early Bronze Age 2 (3000-2700 BC)
 - 1B-3A-3 - Early Bronze Age 3 (2700-2200 BC)
 - 1B-3A-4 - Early Bronze Age 4 (2200-2100 BC)
 - 1B-3B - Middle Bronze Age (2100-1650-1550 BC)
 - 1B-3B-1 - Middle Bronze Age 1 (2100-2000 BC)
 - 1B-3B-2 - Middle Bronze Age 2 (2000-1650-1550 BC)

1C - LATE PREHISTORIC ERA (JH) (1650-650 BC)

- 1C-1 - Bronze Age continued (3300-1650-1060 BC)
 - 1C-1A - Middle Bronze Age continued (2100-1650-1550 BC)
 - 1C-1A-1 - Middle Bronze Age 2 continued (2000-1650-1550 BC)
 - 1C-1C - Late Bronze Age (1550-1060 BC)
 - 1C-1C-1 - Late Bronze Age 1 (3300-3000 BC)
 - 1C-1C-2 - Late Bronze Age 2 (3000-2700 BC)
 - 1B-3A-3 - Late Bronze Age 3 (2700-2200 BC)
- 1C-2 - Sub-Mycenaean Age (1060-1000 BC) = Greece's Dark Age
- 1C-3 - Iron Age 1000-650 BC - Man's Late Adulthood starts
 - 1C-3A - Muddled Age (1000-750 BC)
 - 1C-3B - Early Archaic Period (750-c.650 BC)

¹ The Academy is my term for the current scientific and scholarly establishment, most of whose members dismiss the existence of a metaphysical reality and insist that all investigations into Universe and its contents be confined to physical phenomena alone. Moreover, they tend to treat the theories of biological macroevolution and geologic uniformitarianism as facts rather than hypotheses. Although I have done my best to be accurate in the presentation of the Academy's view of pre-history, I am sure that I have made mistakes. One of my difficulties has been that every book and webpage which I have consulted provides different dates for (a) the time-periods involved and (b) the initial appearances of biological species.

² Although the Academy does not divide the Prehistoric Period into three eras, as I have done, I include my divisions here to make comparing the two versions easier.

³ Note in three places the transition in notation from Before Present (**BP**) - i.e. today - to Before Christ (**BC**) - i.e. 2,000 years ago.