

## 2. The history of creation

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A doctor, an engineer, and a politician were arguing as to which of their professions was older. "Well," argued the doctor, "without a physician, mankind could not have survived, so I am sure that mine is the oldest profession." "No," said the engineer, "before life began, there was complete chaos. And it took an engineer to create some order from this chaos. So engineering is older." "But," chirped the triumphant politician, "who created the chaos? That would be the ancestors of my profession."

As we are going to study the history of creation by God this morning, we must note one very important thing. You will notice that there are three words repeated for eight times throughout this chapter. They are "Then God said."

The king of inventor, Thomas Edison who invented light bulb had to go through 10,000 times of trials and tests to achieve his goal. But for God, He simply commanded light into reality.

### A. DAY ONE - LIGHT

*Genesis 1:2-5* The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Some translate the idea in this v2 as the earth became without form and void. That really doesn't make sense.

What is the best way to understand the Bible? Using the Bible as a cross reference. *Isaiah 45:18* For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the Lord, and there is no other."

He did not create the world in vain which is used as 'void' in Hebrew in this verse.

Based on the idea of "without form, and void", some came up with what has been called the 'Gap Theory' within some Christian groups. They claim that there was a long and indefinite chronological time gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. Most 'Gap Theory' use the theory to explain the fossil record, assigning old and extinct fossils to this indefinite gap.

But the Bible says plainly death came by Adam according to Romans 5:12, and since fossils are the result of death, they could not have happened before Adam's time.

*Romans 5:12* Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

By the way, this is the first mention of the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

The first step from chaos to order is to bring light. This is also the way God works in our life. God brought the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into our chaotic past lives.

When we step into a dark room, we don't pick up a baseball bat and start to swing it to overcome the darkness. But we simply turn on the light. When we face the darkness in our lives, instead of fighting with our own strength, we must let the light of God take its presence.

Many people wonder if this was a literal 24 hour day or if it was a geological age. Some say that God created the world in six days, and others say He created it in six vast geological ages. The most plain and simple meaning of the text is that He created in six literal days.

## **B. DAY TWO - AIR SPACES**

*Genesis 1:6-8 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.*

The idea of a firmament is of an 'expanse' in NIV & NASB or 'space' in NLT. The waters of the land are separated from the water vapor in the sky.

Here, the Bible recognizes the existence of water vapor in the sky. The waters above the firmament thus probably constituted a vast blanket of water vapor. Such a vapor blanket would greatly change the ecology of the earth.

- It would serve as a global greenhouse, maintaining an essentially uniformly pleasant temperature all over the world.
- Without great temperature variations, there would be no significant winds, and the water-rain cycle could not form. There would be no rain as we know it today.
- There would be lush, tropical-like vegetation, all over the world, fed not by rain, but by a rich evaporation and condensation cycle, resulting in heavy dew or ground-fog.
- The vapor blanket would filter out ultraviolet radiation, cosmic rays, and other destructive energies bombarding the planet. These are known to be the cause of mutations, which decrease human longevity. Human and animal life spans would be greatly increased.
- A vapor blanket would provide the necessary reservoir for a potential worldwide flood.

## **C. DAY THREE - DRY LAND AND PLANT LIFE**

*Genesis 1:9-13 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.*

If we were witnessing God's creation on the third day, we could see all the plants, trees coming out of the earth and growing fast. I bet that was quite a sight to behold. I'd say that is real 'Miracle Grow'.

All this happened before the creation of the sun, because sun was not available until next day. This means the plants must have had sufficient nourishment because of the light God had created before the sun and the moon. Revelation 21:23 tells us of a coming day when we won't need the sun, moon, and stars any longer. There's no reason why God couldn't have started creation in the same way He will end it.

#### **D. DAY FOUR - SUN, MOON, AND STARS**

*Genesis 1:14-19* Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

God knew exactly how far to set the sun from the earth. A few million miles more or less and life as we know it would be impossible.

Some have mistakenly viewed these words "signs and seasons" as a biblical basis for astrology. They call these signs 'zodiac'. It is plain wrong to get into astrology.

In astrology, unbelievers use stars and planets for guidance. But the Bible says they merely display the handiwork of God. What folly to follow astrological charts, such as Gemini, Leo, Virgo, etc., of the Babylonians or worship the sun god in Egypt. Rather, one should trust the One who made these objects in the heavens. However, many humans repeatedly reject the Creator to worship the creatures.

*Ps 19:1* The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

*Rom 1:25* who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever, amen.

Ancient Chinese people came up with the same concept. Chinese Zodiac has 12 categories like ancient Babylonian's. Out of that, you would see 12 animals, such as dragon, stork, tiger, dog, chicken, monkey and snake, etc., represent each type of person. So if you were born in 1956, you would be in 'the year of monkey'. Occultic people claim that they can use these zodiac signs to foretell individual's future. If that is the case, anyone who was born 1956, 1968, 1980 and every 12 years should have the same fate and the same future. But they don't. How bogus and stupidity this is! So, don't mess with fortunetelling or horoscope. They are nothing more than demonic.

Have you ever wonder if there is life on other planets? Obviously the U.S. government has. So, our government has been spending \$100 million a year looking for extraterrestrial intelligence in the space. In my opinion, it might be wiser to spend the money cultivating intelligent life in Washington D.C.

I like the way v16 says about the stars almost like an after thought, "Oh yeah, He made the stars also." Oh yeah, just trillion stars.

## **E. DAY FIVE - SEA CREATURES AND BIRDS IN THE AIR**

*Genesis 1:20-23 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*

I asked you to underline "according to its kind". This phrase appears ten times in Genesis chapter 1. It means God allows variation within a kind, but something of one kind will never develop into something of another kind.

The evolutionists love to talk about 'Microevolution' that they consider as a stepping stone to 'Macroevolution'.

For example, structure among dogs is diverse. The teacup poodle is very different from the Great Dane, but they are both dogs. However, they won't become mice, no matter how much breeding is done.

Evolutionists often give convincing examples of Microevolution, the variation of a kind within its kind, adapting to the environment. For example, the ratio of black to white peppered moths may increase when pollution makes it easier for dark moths to escape detection. Or finches may develop different beaks in response to their distinctive environment. But the moths are still moths, and the finches are still finches. There has been no change outside of the kind. Microevolution does not prove macroevolution.

## **F. DAY SIX - ANIMALS ON THE EARTH AND CREATION OF MANKIND**

*Genesis 1:24-25 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

Most people are unaware that Darwin's strongest opponents were not Christians, but fossil experts. Darwin admitted the state of the fossil evidence was "the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory."

The fossil record is marked by two great principles:

**1) Stasis - It means most species are unchanged in all their documented history.**

The way they look when they first appear in the fossil record is the way they look when last appearing in the fossil record. They have not changed.

**2) Sudden appearance - It explains in any local area, a species does not arise gradually, but appears all at once and "fully formed."**

If evolution means the gradual change of one kind of organism into another kind, the outstanding characteristic of the fossil record is the absence of evidence for evolution.

By the way, if you've ever wondered which of egg or chicken was first, it was chicken.

*Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

The use of the plural pronoun, such as, 'our' and 'us', is consistent with the idea that there is One God in three Persons, what we know as the Trinity.

The mankind was created in God's image. This brings a few points we must understand:

**1) This means there is an unbridgeable gap between human life and animal life.**

Though we are biologically similar to certain animals, we are distinct in our moral, intellectual, and spiritual capabilities.

**2) This means the incarnation was truly possible.**

Jesus, God in the Second Person of the Trinity could really become man, because although deity and humanity are not the same, they are compatible.

**3) This means humans possess spirituality.**

Man is made for communion with God. It is on the level of spirit we communicate with God. No animals, no trees, no other created beings have this privilege and spirit.

The theory 'Nebraska Man' was constructed on the basis of a pig's tooth. The theory of 'Piltdown Man' was also built around a modern ape's jaw.

For a long time the evolutionists were beaming over the discovery of the 'Neanderthal Man'. They thought that this primitive man was the missing link between modern man and ape-like creatures. Because this primitive man was a little slouch in form. He had brow ridges, bulbous forehead, sloping shoulders, bowed-legs and other so-called 'primitive' features.

But the other scientists like Dr. Francis Ivanhoe found out that the Neanderthal Man's primitive features were due to softening of his bones and other pathological conditions caused by his severe Vitamin D deficiency. Cripple him further with arthritis. If the Neanderthal Man could speak from his grave, he would say, "I was not a cave-man. I was just hurting."

*Genesis 1:29-31 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

God gave man dominion over the whole earth, but only vegetation is specifically mentioned as being for food. Seemingly, before the flood, the human race was vegetarian, but after the flood, man was given permission to eat the flesh of animals according to Genesis 9:3. From what we have learned in the Book of Revelation, we are going to go back to vegetarian diet in heaven. So chow down that 16 oz. T-bone steak while you can.

### **G. APPLICATION**

**1) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.**

Whether you believe it or not, that is truth.