

The Third Day of Creation
 Genesis 1:9-13
 Back to the Beginning, part 7

- When the word DAY is modified with a number, which occurs more than 100 times in the LAW alone, it is always a literal meaning of the word, DAY. See examples in Genesis 7:4, 10,11, 12, 13, 17, 24; 8:3,4,6,10,12,14.
- Carbon-14 Dating is often used as some sort of proof that the world is old, but it is not a reliable way to date fossils.

The Six Days of Creation	
1: TIME, SPACE, MASS & LIGHT, Heaven & Earth; Light divided from darkness	4: LIGHT BEARERS: Sun, Moon & Stars
2: SEAS & HEAVEN: Firmament divides waters above & below	5: FISH & FOWL to fill the seas and air
3: EARTH & VEGETATION Grass, plants, and fruit trees	6: LAND ANIMALS, INSECTS & MAN created to fill the earth & eat the vegetation

(Only Day 3 and Day 6 has this phenomena of two “AND GOD SAID” statements as well as two statements, “and it was so” and “God saw that it was good.”)

1. God SPEAKS and SHAPES the Earth: DRY LAND APPEARS, v.9,10

- The land rumbles and quakes as great mountains rise and tsunamis crash into the new shorelines. God shapes mountains & hills, oceans & seas, rivers & lakes, canyons & cliffs, valleys & springs of water, and beaches & shorelines. The garden of Eden was formed and four great rivers were cut out into the new earth (Gen.2:10-14).

2. God SPEAKS AND SPRINGS FORTH the VEGETATION, v.11-13

A. SEED Bearing Vegetation: the seed is on the outside

- a. GRASS, v.11,12; (*deshe*) ground covering vegetation, Psalm 23:2.
- b. HERBS (*eseb*): bushes and shrubs that yield SEEDS.

B. FRUIT BEARING Vegetation: the seed is on the inside of the fruit

C. Unique aspects of God’s Creation of Plant Life:

1. Plant life is different from animal or human life in that there is no “breath” (NEPESH) in plants (see v.20)
2. Plants were created fully grown and with the appearance of age.

3. The creation of plant life before marine animals flatly contradicts (theistic) evolution.
4. Plant life is the first thing created “after his kind” (MIN), v.11,12.
 - The origin and orderly continuity of life is stated as being fixed within each kind. This emphasizes the limitations of variation and teaches the permanence of kinds. Every seed has the capacity to function only on the basis of its own extremely complex genetic code of the DNA that is in it. 1 Cor. 15:38,39.
5. “After his kind” is consistent with the “Law of Biogenesis” and boldly contradicts (theistic) evolutionary teaching that we all have a common ancestry and that one “kind” mutated into another “kind” which morphed into yet another “kind,” etc.