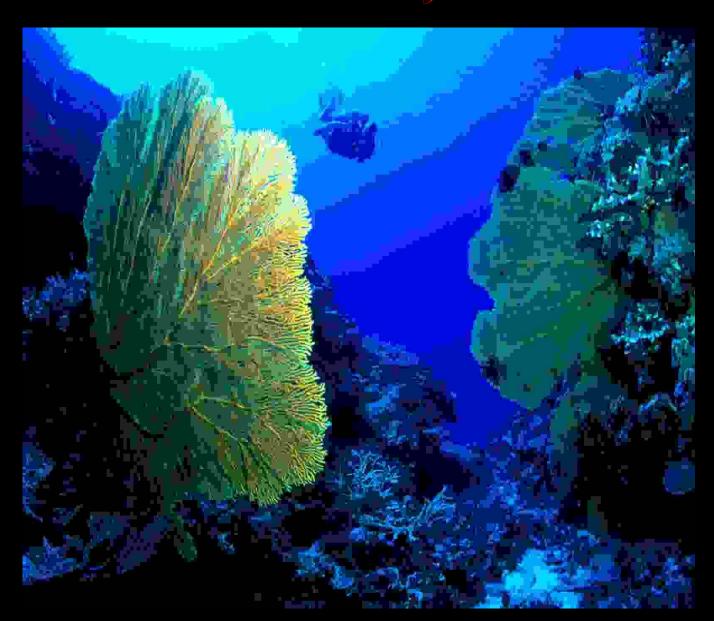
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Review:

We must remove our preconceived notions regarding creation that we learned in secular school. God speaks and we must listen to the plain text that is clearly presented to us through traditional grammar and word definition.

Proverbs 8: 8-9 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, And right to them that find knowledge.

God tells us to pay attention to Him as He has spoken. Again the text tells us that the creation occurred in a literal six-day week with 24-hour days. In fact the liberal theologians who abandon any serious hermeneutics usually embrace the long-day theory do so without any scientific evidence.

When we end the six days of creation I'll provide a list of observable scientific facts supporting the 24-hour day, six-day creation account refuting evolution.

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A common Hebrew word is vaiyomer or He said. In this case it is "and God said." The activity that He is about to speak into existence is the expanse or as some translations say firmament. We would say the sky or atmosphere. The important concept for us to grasp in this verse is that God is "speaking" into existence the "rakeeah" or the expanse. This Hebrew word means to spread out or stretch. Some other places in Scripture where this same expression is used are:

- 1. Job 9:8 He alone stretches out the heavens.
- 2. Psalm 104:2 The heavens are stretched out like a tent curtain.
- 3. Isaiah 40: 22 God stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

- 4. Jeremiah 10: 12 The Lord has stretched out the heavens.
- 5. Zechariah 12:1 God stretched out the heavens.

These usages of the Hebrew word for stretch (rakeeah) are not quaint poetic hyperbole or exaggerations. They mean to express the properties of the heavens that we cannot see or fully understand. Space is not an empty vacuum. We have difficulty defining space and understanding the concept of the property of space. Scripture gives us some insight as to some of its properties.

- 1. Space can be torn (Isa 64: 1);
- 2. It can be worn out like a garment (Psalm 102: 25),
- 3. It can be shaken (Hebrews 12:26; Haggai 2:6; Isaiah 13:13).
- 4. It can be burnt up (II Peter 3:12).
- 5. It can be split apart like a scroll (Revelation 6:14);
- 6. It can be rolled up like a mantle (Hebrews 1:12) or scroll (Isaiah 34: 4).

Clearly God has given us multiple characteristics of what we cannot see. Nachmonides a Jewish rabbi from Spain in the 13th century taught that there are ten dimensions. Four are knowable such as the three spatial (height, width & depth) as well as time. The other six are "curled" into the four we are able to detect while in our bodies. We will see them all when we are released from these bodies at death or if the Lord comes for us first.

II Corinthians 4: 18 while we look not at the things, which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things, which are, seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

In other words our hearts and expectations should be on eternity because we will not stay here very long. We must have the heavenly view of life of which Christ spoke (Matthew 18: 8; 19: 17; Mark 9: 43, 45).

The rakeeah (or atmospheric heavens, the creation of air) is the vault of the heavens. It is the expanse that divided the waters above from the waters below. God called this heaven for the first time thus it is the "first heaven." This is the earth's atmosphere, which we breathe. It is the gaseous layer that covers the earth. This is the only day that God does not say "it was good." According the rabbinic tradition Gehenna (Lake of Fire) was created on day two and Gehenna is not good.

The "waters above the firmament" (rakeeah) probably constituted a vast blanket of water vapor surrounding the earth above the troposphere and in the ionosphere well into space. There was no rain as yet upon the earth (Genesis 2:5) and there would not be until He caused the worldwide flood to come upon the earth. This vapor canopy had some characteristics to sustain life and provide for a uniform temperature on the earth. Weather did not come about until after the flood.

When we get to Genesis chapter two we will discuss watering the earth in more detail.

Genesis 2: 5-6 And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth: and there was not a man to till the ground; but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Todays Message:

Genesis 1: 9-13 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after their kind: and God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day (ASV).



The waters under the firmament (Hebrew רָקיע "rakeeah") completely covered the earth at the beginning of the third day. Remember that this water (seas) covering the earth was the result of the sin of Satan, which caused the earth to be corrupted. God began one of His acts of dividing on this day. This would be His third major dividing within the creation account thus far. The Hebrew word (יִקְּוֹר) "yeekavoo" gives insight into the division God carried out. The word has a meaning of collecting together or dividing out, that is, separating one thing from another. In binding together the Hebrew word gives the connotation of binding together as by twisting.

- 1. Light was divided from darkness.
- 2. The firmament divided the waters above from the waters below.
- 3. The division would be the dry land from the lower waters.

Just as in day one the energizing agency was the Word of God (John 1: 3). Now the dry land was separated from the lower waters. The cataclysmic action of creation yeekavoo caused the materials to arrange themselves isostatically (gravitational equilibrium) with heaver materials sinking and lighter materials floating. Lots of matter remained suspended in the waters below as the dry earth began to clear.

As the solid surface began to appear the waters simultaneously began a twisting current network of channels that descended into substrata reservoirs. The earth opened up its crust to receive the water from the surface to newly formed networks of tubes and waterways, which were described as the conduits for the water to be "gathered into one place." The water in the form of twisting currents descended to distinct basins deep within the earth. The Bible speaks frequently to the hydronic cycles of water movement.

Ecclesiastes 1: 6-7 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again (ASV).

This hydrology of water on day three of creation is different than the cycles we have now due to the Flood. The continental and marine areas were rearranged through the Flood, which came upon the entire earth. What is important for us to realize here is the earth became porous to receive the twisting current channels of water descending to their sub strata destinations. These same waters watered the Garden of Eden and would bring forth a tremendous volume of water to contribute to the Flood.

What we see today in the hydronic cycle is described in the book of Job.

Job 36: 27-28 For he draweth up the drops of water, Which distil in rain from his vapor, Which the skies pour down And drop upon man abundantly.

THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS OF HYDROLOGY ARE DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE.

₩ Water Cycle Ecc. 1: 6-7; Job 36: 27-28

4 Jet Stream Ecc. 1: 6-7

♣ Evaporation Job 26: 8; Ecc. 1: 6-7, Amos 9: 6

♣ Source of River Water
 ♣ Fresh-Water springs in the Sea
 Ecc. 1: 6-7
 Job 38: 16

♣ Pathways in the sea
Ps. 8: 8; Isa 43: 16

In the thirty-eighth chapter of the book of Job, God asks some astounding question to Job. Some of these are:

- 1. God created the foundations of the earth. This speaks to the fabric of space, time and matter and the space-time interconnection (Job 38: 4-6).
- 2. God controls the tides and brought the floodwaters upon the earth (Job 38: 8-11).
- 3. The earth's isostatic balances now preclude another global deluge (Ps. 104: 6-9).
- 4. There are fresh water springs in the sea (Job 38: 16).
- 5. God asks Job if he understands the composition of hail and snow (Job 38: 22)

6. God explains the strange nature of water and temperature, which is outside of basic physics. Virtually all materials expand when heated and contract when cooled. Water does exactly the opposite (Job 38: 30). Embodied within this strange nature of water is the characteristic of clouds. They hold water, which is heaver than air, and yet they do not fall out of the sky!

OTHER ALLUSIONS TO CREATION IN JOB 38

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After the division of the waters below to form the dry land God spoke again and organized chemical elements of the earth in deeply complex systems. Each of the systems had a unique informational intelligent reproductive design incorporated within them. Each fruit tree, grass, and herbs all were created as fully mature organisms and had the programmed ability to reproduce after their own kind. These general classifications are intended to cover all the taxonomic divisions God intended. Present taxonomic nomenclature is man-made not God made. It is important to be mindful of the fact that the whole universe was made as a fully developed universe with all that is in it. This was how God created it from the onset of creation.

It is important to realize that each organism had the ability to reproduce "after its own kind." Each organism of creation was endowed with deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA).



This digital programming is the set of instructions our God gave to each organism. The main role of DNA molecules is the long-term storage of information. DNA is often compared to a set of blueprints, like a recipe or a code, since it contains the instructions needed to construct other components of cells, such as proteins. What is important for us to realize is that each organism can only reproduce after its own kind not any other. In other words one organism cannot morph or evolve into another. There is a lot of horizontal verity within a species that allow for differences in characteristics. There is no vertical change programmed to allow one to become another. This is the hand of God.

The Hebrew word "for kind" (their is implied) is lahmeenaahoo (לְמִינֶהוּדּ), which means groups of living organisms belonging to the same created "kind" if they have descended from the same ancestral gene pool. This does not preclude new species because this represents a partitioning of the original gene pool. Information is lost or conserved not gained. A new species could arise when a population is isolated and inbreeding occurs. By this definition a new species is not a new "kind" but a further partitioning of an existing "kind." It comes from a root, which means to portion out.

1 Corinthians 15: 38-39 but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes.

This concept is further delineated in Leviticus 11: 13-12.

The evolutionary dogma that all things are evolved from a common ancestry is negated in these verses. Further, there is no empirical evidence that the evolutionary account of origin is valid. One needs substantially more faith to believe in that contrived explanation of the origin of time, space and matter than the biblical account, which matches honest scientific observations.

Here on day three we see plant life created before any animal life, which contradicts the evolutionary system. In that explanation of life, marine life is evolving hundreds of millions of years before the evolution of plant life.

As seen in Job there are a series of questions that God posed to Job. There are seventy-seven to be exact and the use of the number seven is no casual number. It is the number God uses for completion of Godly fulfillment. Most of these questions mankind is still unable to answer after more than 4,000 years since they have been asked. The scientific process as pursued by the great "founding fathers" of their respective fields, Newton, Boyle, and Pascal. et.al. did their investigations for the glory of God. Most of the scientific fields especially in the formerly great universities have been taken over by humanists. Unfortunately the so-called Christians have been indifferent and let this satanic takeover occur. The various fields of science should have given us a window into the glory and majesty of God. Instead they became a device for ignoring and rejecting the creator of the universe.

It is only on this day that God makes two statements of His sight of "it was good." This is the only day He says this.

John 2: 1-11 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. And Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not vet come. His mother saith unto the servants. Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. Now there were six waterpots of stone set there after the Jews' manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of the feast. And they bare it. And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and knew not whence it was (but the servants that had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calleth the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man setteth on first the good wine; and when men have drunk freely, then that which is worse: thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of his signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

On the third day of the week Jesus performed His first miracle. He changed water into wine at a Jewish wedding. Because of the "double blessing' of God in the creation account for day three the orthodox Jews will typically get married on Tuesday, the third day of the week. As Christians we should be humbled to realize He carried forth His double blessing of day three in creation to His first miracle on the third day of the week for all to experience and realize how He revealed Himself to us.

Next session: Day four; Lights in the Heavens.

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