



Creation in Genesis 1

**The Cosmological Account
of Creation**

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- **Genesis 1:1-2:4 = The Cosmological View of Creation.**
 - Moses outlines the sequence and content of God's creative activity.
 - Jesus tells us to believe Moses (Luke 24:25-27).

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- **Luke 24:25-27** And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

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- ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
- **John 5:44-47** How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

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- ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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- Why should we believe Jesus?
- The historical proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ establishes His claims to be God and speak the Truth.
- Let's hear God Word about the Creation of the World.

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Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Day 1 – a 24 hr. period

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

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⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven.
And there was evening and there was
morning, the second day.

Day 3 – a 24 hr. period

⁹ And 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 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Day 3 – a 24 hr. period

¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and

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trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Day 4 – a 24 hr. period

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

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¹⁶ And God made the two great lights-- the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-- and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light

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from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Day 5 – a 24 hr. period

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to

Day 5 – a 24 hr. period

their kinds, 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 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds-- livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything

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that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the

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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 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over

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the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

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³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there

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was evening and there was morning,
the sixth day.

Day 7 – Sabbath

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Day 7 – Sabbath

³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

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- **Grammatical Structure of Gen. 1:1-3** indicates the absolute beginning (compare John 1:1-3).

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

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³ All things were made through him [the Word], and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Who is the “Word”?

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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- **The identity of the Creator**

- All three persons of the Trinity are said to have created.

- **Father** (1 Cor. 8:6) – “Planner”

- 1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and

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one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

- **Son** (John 1:3) – **Mediate** agent of creation (Heb. 1:2) – “through whom”

Hebrews 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he

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appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

- **Spirit** (Gen. 1:2; cf. Psa. 33:6) –
Immediate agent of creation

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Day 3 – Dry Land, Seas, Plant Life

- **God's fiat:** “let the dry land appear”
 - Potential implications for geology: massive geological erosion, sedimentation, formation of pre-flood layers.
- 1:11 Note that the first multi-cellular life appears on the land, not in the sea contrary to theory of evolution.

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- “**after its kind**” – genetic limitation placed on reproduction
- 1:12 “and the earth brought forth” indicates grass, herbs, and trees appeared with apparent age.

Day 5 – Sea and Bird Life

- Creation of sea and bird life after plant life on the land.
- **1:20** “living creatures” = *nephesh chayah* – same phrase used in 2:7 “man became a living soul.”

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- Phrase does not refer to immortal spirit, but means “living being.”
- Used in 1:24 to refer to cattle, creeping things, and wild animals. cf. 1:30; 2:19.

Day 6 – Tame, Wild, & Creeping Life

- 1:24 – cattle = generic term for domestic livestock animals
 - Creeping things would appear to include insects, reptiles, etc.
- 1:26 “**Let us make mankind**” – the use of 1st person plural
 - Hebrew uses the plural 1st p. as a Majestic Plural.

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- Could be a numerical plural and reflect the Trinity.
- **“image and likeness”**
 - Minimum: mankind is like God in some way(s) – unlike God is most ways.
 - Only humankind made in God’s image and likeness. (not angels or animals)

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- 1:26 “**Dominion**” – reflects God’s kingship and likely a key element of the image of God.
 - Note “let them” – God gave dominion to both male and female
 - Dominion over: fish, birds, cattle, earth, every creeping thing

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- **1:28 Humans Blessed & Instructed**
 - Be fruitful & multiply & fill the earth
 - subdue = cause to serve one.
Man's job was to harness the earth's capacity for his service to God.

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- 1:31 – “everything he made was very good”

–Satan not fallen at this point (?)

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

The Creator

- What does Creation teach about the Creator?
 - God is wise and powerful (Job 28:24-27)

Job 28:24 For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. ²⁵ When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by

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measure, ²⁶when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, ²⁷ then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out.

–God is eternal and divine (Rom. 1:20)

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever

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since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

–Creation reveals God's glory and righteousness (Psa. 19:1; 97:6)

Psalm 97:6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

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- “Glory” = the unique excellence of God due to his character and being.
- Righteousness = God’s self-consistency; i.e., He measures up to His own standard (cf. Deut. 25:15)

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–God’s Immensity and infinity (Isa. 40:12-14)

Isaiah 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Summary

- The Biblical account of creation is what Jesus tells Christians they are to believe.
- The theory of evolution is unbelieving man's attempt to explain the universe.
- The design seen in creation obviously points to a Designer – the Creator-God.
- God is sovereign over His creation.

Next Week

More truths that God wants us to learn from the Biblical account of creation.