

Genesis 1:2-31

V: 1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

- God created time, space, and matter all at once.
- God spoke, and the universe leapt into existence.
- Uni-verse: compound word – uni = one; verse = spoken word, expression.
- All the basic elements needed to make and form the rest of creation then existed.
- God speaks, it happens!

V:2 *“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.”*

The earth was without form: (H8414). tohuw, to'-hoo; formless confusion, empty space, chaos.

- A cosmic erector set, with billions of parts waiting to be assembled.
- Swing set from Wal-Mart or Home Depot: a jumbled mass of nuts, bolts, washers, and other parts.
- All waiting for the proper application of intelligence and energy.

Darkness was on the face of the deep: the absence of light.

(H2822) choshek, kho-shek'; darkness, obscurity.

- Swing set – chaos – no apparent order.
- 1st roll-up garage door, lots of part, no instructions.

The Spirit of God was hovering: Intelligence and power, waiting to be applied.

(H7307). ruwach, roo'-akh; wind; breath, i.e. a violent exhalation; blast, wind.

Genesis 2:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Abram & Sarai → Abraham & Sarah

Genesis 17:1; 5; 15 “¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I AM Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.”

“⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.”

“¹⁵Then God said to Abraham, as for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarahh, shall be her name.”

- This all happened after **Genesis 15:6** when Abram had “believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

2 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, (peculiar people) that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

- That is all of us!
- God cannot be put into a box, and He is not predictable that we can say we’ve figured Him out.
- He is consistent in this – He takes broken lives that are in disarray and darkness – and He brings order and light through His Son Jesus.
- If we’ll let Him.

Gap Theory: Just a theory, that there is a gap of time between verses 1 & 2.

- The idea is that there was once a world before the world that we now know, and that God destroyed this world and essentially started over.
- Some suggest this to accommodate or advance some form of theistic evolution, millions & billions of years in that space of time.
- Some suggest that it was somewhere in this gap of time that God created the angels, and that this allows for the fall of Satan and the 1/3 of the angels that followed him, or that this gap is somehow needed to explain this occurrence.

I personally reject this “theory” for a couple of reasons:

1. Trying to account for the fossil records in this manner would indicate that all these animals and men perished in this other world – which contradicts God’s word.

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.”

1 Corinthians 15:21 “For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.”

- If death preceded Adam, then basically God’s word is not true.
 - In a sense getting past verse one, but never getting to verse 2.
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- As I stated before, I choose to interpret the Bible literally. The plain reading is the plain meaning.
 - The plain reading of the text would never bring you to assume or understand that there was some gap in between these two verses. We would simply progress from verse one to verse two as part of an un-interrupted continuum.

- If in this case a day is not a day, but is some other spiritual thing i.e.: millions / billions of years.
 - Then why wouldn't it follow that "salvation" is not literal either, if the common meaning of the words that God used to communicate to us are set aside and they are given "figurative" or "symbolic" definitions how then can we rightly interpret the rest of the Bible. What or who is Jesus? Is Heaven real? Where does it end?
 - I believe that the plain reading reveals the plain meaning – literally.
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V:3 God said – and it happened.

There is power in the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is quick / alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

V: 4 God saw that the light was good, which infers that darkness is not good.

Jesus is light:

John 8:12 "... I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

- He separated the light from the dark.

2 Corinthians 6:14 "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"

V: 5 The 1st day.

- God used definitive terms: light, day light = day, darkness = night time.
- Each successive day is described in the same way:

"So the evening and the morning were the 2nd day."

- Indicating that the 1st through the 6th day were all equal in the amount of time accounted to each.
- It is also noteworthy, that God only worked in the light, not in the dark.

- Although it is not mentioned here in Genesis, it is possible that another act of creation took place on this first day, and before the 3rd day of creation.
- The creation of the angelic host and realm:

Job 38:4-7 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

- Angels are referred to as the “Heavenly host” many times, so there must have been a heavenly place for them to be – in God’s presence.
- The Bible doesn’t say much about angels, so I’m not going to worry too much about them or try to figure them out.
- Where the Bible is silent, I’ll try to be silent.

V: 6 This verse literally reads in the original Hebrew:

“God- said- be- firmament- midst- waters- let- divide- waters- waters.”

- The “firmament” is simply a division between the waters above and the waters below.
- There appears to have been a water shield or canopy suspended over the atmosphere, which initially protected the planet from the harmful effects of the sun. This was eventually ruptured during the great flood of Noah.
- The earth being shielded from harmful cosmic rays flourished in incredible ways.
- There were no polar ice caps, it was a tropical climate and planet. They’ve found charcoal deposits in the North Pole, 200’ under the ice. Mammoths found encased in ice in Siberia with tropic vegetation in their digestive tracts.
- There were no violent winds or storms due to the even temperatures – a hot house effect.
- Men lived longer healthier lives, bearing children even up to 900 years of age.
- They have found fifty foot tall asparagus ferns – having lived in ideal growing conditions.

V: 7 *“Thus God made”* – (H6213). 'asah, aw-saw'; to make from existing materials or components.

- The division of the waters above from those below, with the “heaven” in between.

“And it was so” – the very elements of our universe are obedient and subject to the will of God.

V: 8 That “heaven” is the atmosphere.

(H 8064) shamayim, shaw-mah'-yim; the sky, the visible arch in which the clouds move; as well as to the abode of the stars.

- 3 heavens
 1. Atmosphere.
 2. Stellar, outer space.
 3. The dwelling place of God.

“So the evening and the morning were the second day.”

V: 9-10 Separation of the land and the seas.

- God speaks; it happens..
- 1st time – And God saw that it was good.

V: 11-13 “God said” – “and it was so.”

- God calls forth the grass, the herbs, and trees – each with their own seed within itself, each with the ability to reproduce.
- God lends order to His creation.
- Each according to it’s kind – no trans mutation. Apple seeds bring apples, wheat seed brings forth wheat – no proof of evolution here.
- God saw that it was good.
- 3rd day.
 1. The first day: light was created.
 2. The second day: the atmosphere was created.
 3. Life came on the third day. - [Jesus rose again on the 3rd day!](#)

V: 14-19 God said & it was so.

- God established lights in the heavens, sun, moon, and stars.
- God established order, times, and seasons.

Psalm 74:16-17 “The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun. ¹⁷You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.”

Psalm 104:19 “He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down.”

1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

- Order and relationship in the solar system.
- Set at just the right distance to receive energy and warmth from the sun, but not so close that we would burn up. Not so far that we'd have a permanent ice age
- Our axis is tilted at 23 1/3 degrees, to give us 4 seasons, otherwise part of the world would be hot all the time, and the other part cold, throwing the planet off balance and causing us to wobble out of control.
- There are estimated to be 10²⁵ stars.
- There are 6 billion people on the earth, each one could have 11 billion stars!
- A good day's work!

“And God saw that it was good.”

“So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.”

V: 20-23 God creates sea creatures and birds of the air each according to it's kind.

“kind” (H 4327) “miyn”, meen; a sort, i.e. species:--kind.

- Groups of living organisms belong in 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”.

“Abounded”: abundantly, teeming, swarming – not just a few...

“And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them...”

“So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.”

V: 24-25 “Then God said”

- Living creatures: cattle, creeping things, beast of the earth.
- Each “according to it’s kind.” (10X’s in Ch. 1).
- Each created fully developed, able to reproduce – refutes Theistic evolution.
- Creatures can’t evolve if they can’t feed themselves, re-produce, circulatory, respiratory, neurological systems aren’t complete.

“And God saw that it was good.”

V:26 *“Let US make man in OUR image”*

- 2nd. reference to the Trinity, God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

“According to Our likeness.”

- God makes a creative distinction between animals, beasts of the field and man.
- Another refutation of “Theistic evolution”.

1 Corinthians 15:38-39 ³⁸But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. ³⁹All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.”

- God’s direction: Dominion over all the animals and over all the earth.
- Satan’s plan: precedence given to birds, creeping things, trees, fields.
- Debate: offshore drilling etc.

V: 27 Elohim created / bara – man in His own image.

- Because we know that God hears us, and because we know that we use our ears to hear, we assume that God has ears like us, or eyes, or any other physical attribute.

John 4:24 “God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.”

- We have no idea what God looks like.
- He didn't want us making graven images for that reason.

God is a Triune being	Man is a triune being
God is Sovereign	Man is self determinate to a degree.
God is Omnipotent, all powerful.	Man has power and ability.
God is Wisdom incarnate	Man has cognitive abilities, he's able to think and reason.
God is love.	Man has the capacity for love.
God is a Spirit	Man is a spiritual being.

- We are spiritual creatures; we are encased in these bodies of flesh, but the real us is spiritual and will one day be released to either spend eternity with our Father in Heaven, or to spend eternity in eternal separation from our Father in Hell.
- Someone told me once, that God is a homosexual, because he was a homosexual, and he was made in God's image. ☹️
- Lucifer was an angel of light, a worshipper of God, until the day that he rebelled against God, he made a choice and became something else – as do men.

“Male and female He created them.”

- God's word explains the origin of the sexes – evolution does not and cannot explain this.

V: 28-31 Then God blessed them.

Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth – 1 st command.	No kids - Abortion, homosexuality, feminist movement.
Subdue it.	Subject to it.

“God saw everything that He made, and indeed it was very good.”

“So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”