

Genesis 1:6-19 - Lesson 05

The Days of Creation

1. Our Perspective

- a. We are studying Genesis as Bible believers, letting God be true
- b. It changes our perspective as does flying, elephants, puzzles, conflict thesis
- c. Is Earth, man, and life specially created; or one of many in the universe?

2. Days of Creation

- a. The pattern: God says, it happens, he names, he judges, then the end.
- b. 1 - Matter, water (the deep), light, day, and night (1:1-5)
- c. 2 - Space between the waters, Heaven (1:6-8)
- d. 3 - Earth, seas, reproducing plants, fruit, seeds (1:9-13)
- e. 4 - Sun, moon, stars for the Earth (1:14-19)
- f. 5 - Living creatures in the water and air (1:20-23)
- g. 6 - Living creatures from the earth, man (1:24-31)

3. Day 2 - Firmament, Heaven (1:6-8)

- a. A mistranslation? No. Archaic? No. Things are firmly fixed in Heaven.
- b. Waters above and below - Job 26:7, 37:18, 38:30; Psa 104:3, 148:4, Isa 40:22, Rev 4:6
- c. Did God create Heaven here, or just make it? - Gen 1:26, 27, 2:4; Isa 43:7, 45:7

4. Day 3 - Earth, seas, reproducing plants, fruit, seeds (1:9-13)

- a. The gathering of the waters he called Seas - Job 11:7-9, Rev 21:1
- b. God decrees and commands the seas to obey - Pro 8:24-29 (Matt 8:27), Job 38:4-16
- c. He measures in his hand the dust of the earth - Isa 40:12, 48:13, Jer 31:37
- d. The plants are created before the sun and living creatures in one day - Jon 4:10

5. Day 4 - Sun, moon, stars (1:14-19)

- a. Apparently, the firmament contains what we know as outer space.
- b. For signs, seasons, and measuring time - Job 9:8-9, Amos 5:8, Isa 40:26
- c. They were created by God for the earth - Psa 8:3, 74:16, 104:11-19, 119:91, Acts 2:19
- d. How did the sun stand still, turn back, and turn dark? Jsh 10:13, Isa 38:8, Mt 27:45
- e. The sun and stars created on day 4 opposes pagan religions and evolution

Comparing Creation in the Bible to Evolution

“How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him” – 1 Kings 18:21

The Biblical order of creation does not align with the current teaching of the order of evolution. Reconciliation requires fundamentally changing the Bible or the theory. Since God’s words are true from the beginning (Rom 3:4, Psa 119:89 & 119:160), evolutionary theory about origins must be wrong.

Order of Creation in the Bible	Order of Evolution
God created matter in the beginning	Matter existed in the beginning
Earth created before the sun and stars	Sun and stars existed before the earth
Light shone on earth before the sun	Sun is the first light on the earth
Oceans made before the land	Land existed before the oceans
Land plants are created before marine life	Marine life existed before land plants
Fowl (birds) made before land animals	Land reptiles evolved into birds
Whales made before land mammals	Whales come after land mammals
God created man	Man created God
Man created from the dust of the earth	Man evolved from stardust
Man created before woman	Woman needed before man
Man made before it rained	It rained before man existed
God made all things in six days	Nothing made all things over billions of years
Creation complete	‘Creative’ process still occurring
Man the cause of sin and death in the world	Death before man, not a result of sin