

**Genesis 1: In the Beginning**

**Last time we were together we looked closes at Genesis 1:1-3** God spoke light into the darkness. We noted that this is reference to light and darkness in the physical realm, but as we move along into the story of creation we find that God is also setting forth the reality that there is spiritual light and darkness. Darkness only exists in the negative, the absence of light. See John 3. We as followers of Jesus Christ are called to “put aside the deeds of darkness”. Romans 13:8-14

**Genesis 1:6-10 Water, air and land.** This would seem to the sky as we know inside our atmosphere. At the beginning of the creation there was a canopy of water above the sky. Giving us one of the sources of water as read about in the account of the flood. (Gen. 7:11) It also explains how it is that animals that could not survive in below freezing temperatures have been found on ice in the cold regions of the globe. The canopy over the air would have provided a more tropical environment worldwide. The land rose from the water on the third day (resurrection day).

**Genesis 1:11-13 Plants and Trees.** We read a fuller explanation of this in Genesis 2:4-9. Now it would seem that the process over the entire earth had been started in Genesis 1:11-13, But he intervened on man’s behalf in the Garden of Eden and planted a garden himself for the benefit of Adam and subsequently his wife Eve.

**Genesis 1:14-19 Lights in the sky.** Outer space is certainly a vault, and God placed the celestial bodies in that vault. Primary purpose? To Glorify Him as all creation is to do, but also to serve as signs to mark the days years and sacred times. govern the day and night, to give light to the earth. Note that the terms sun and moon are left out. They are nameless to refute the worship of them as was prevalent in the days of Moses, who wrote this book by the Holy Spirits leading. They are just “lights” in the sky. From this reading, we see that these bodies are to serve as a great backdrop to the drama unfolding on this special planet called earth.

**Genesis 1:20-23 Fish and Birds** They were to “teem” fill the sky and sea. We see this among the birds in our area tremendously! They can fill the sky! With God, everywhere life is found. His design is for life to flourish upon the earth. It was not until sin came into the world that death entered.

**Genesis 1:24-25 Livestock, creatures on the ground, wild animals.** These creatures are just as stated. Domestic and wild animals, insects etc. Each according to their kind or categories.

**Genesis 1:26-29 So, God created mankind.**

**In HIS image- a trinity.** Mind (soul- seat of the will), body (that with which we interact with the created world around us) and the spirit (through which our soul communes with God our creator. Mark 14:32-38; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 reveals the main division between people today. Those who have the spirit and those who do not. See Also Romans 8:15-17.

**Genesis 1: 27** That we are created in HIS image (not “created” is written 3 times in one verse) is the reason why human life is to be protected. From conception to old age. (Jer. 1:4-5; Ps. 139).

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Humans are image bearers of God. This is foundational to understanding all things in this created world and even God himself. If humans get this wrong, they are profoundly out of sync with God and the realities of the World which He has created and that we live in. A whole universe of errors descends from this one crucial error.

That God created humans either male and female (no other) is foundational to our understanding ourselves and our universe as well. This truth, no matter what foolish people try to do, cannot be changed. Interestingly it would seem that those who scream the loudest “trust the science” for everything else deny this fundamental scientific fact. Men are men and women are women. God created them that way. The first step to being happy in the universe that God has created is to accept and enjoy the beauty of what God has decreed for you in this life. No human can decree it, only God can.

**Genesis 1:28-2:3** God blessed his own design. To reject that design is to step out of His blessing. Obviously only a male and female can be fruitful and multiply (somehow many in our society have reached the delusional state that this is not an absolute truth). Humanity is to take dominion over the creation.

Originally the plants were given for food- meat would come later after Noah leaves the Ark. God then declared it all very good. **God Rested.**

**Worldview Implications:** Overall we see that the universe was created in an orderly fashion. It was not an accident, it was designed.

**According to their kinds.** These are strong categories. God in HIS creation is dividing and putting laws in place to govern his creation. Note that life does evolve within its kind and there is evidence for this (micro-evolution) but there is absolutely no evidence nor will there ever be if we believe the Bible, for evolution from one kind or category of creature to another (macro-evolution) such as from an ape to a man. **There is no way to synchronize with credibility** macro-evolution such as Darwin suggested with the Biblical creation narrative.

**Evening and then Morning.** The boundaries for each day. These were literal days setting forth the order of our calendar. The rhythm of life. Interestingly, the Jewish people mark their days after the sun goes down (darkness). The sunlight pierces the darkness at mid-day. Just like the first day of creation and each day following.

**Humans, Made in God’s Image- male and female.** That our nation and the world is rejecting this means that humanity has reached a level of depravity like the time of Noah before the flood. This rejection of God’s design goes back to the very foundation of how God created us. Those who reject God’s design will be judged by God severely.

**God said it was good...very good. Then rested.** This is how it all began by his decree and design. Sin would change this. One day it will all be redeemed and made new.