

## THE CREATION IN SIX DAYS

universe in six literal 24 hour days then you cannot go to Heaven!”

A. **There is** an obvious need for such a study, because we are bombarded by information from those who advocate the theory of evolution.

1. The evolutionary model demands an expanse of time into the billions of years, while a fair reading of the Scripture could not allow for that possibility.

2. It is unsettling to find out that some who call themselves Christians, & gospel preachers, advocate a type of evolution called *progressive creation*.

3. One young teacher at F. C. espoused the idea that the “days” of creation could be something other than 24-hour days.

4. A gospel preacher is quoted to have said, “If you do not believe that God created the

a. One brother spoke up & objected to that statement, & he was told to sit down & shut up.

b. The preacher was concerned that a loose attitude towards God’s clear teaching would eventually cause a person to be lost.

c. His objector was concerned that this preacher had put himself in the position of God.

**[Science** cannot prove six literal 24-hour days for creation; so many scientists reject the idea outright.

**But** neither can science disprove CREATION, as God defines creation. **The** Genesis record tells us that God created/finished the heavens & the earth in six 24-hour days, & He rested (ceased from activity) on the seventh day.]

## I. THE MEANING OF “DAY”

A. A “day” consists of 24 consecutive & contiguous (adjacent or adjoining) hours (Gen 1:5, 8, 13).

Num 7:11, 12, 18 – For the LORD said to Moses, “They shall offer their offering, one leader **each day**, for the dedication of the altar.” 12 And the one who offered his offering on the **first day** was Nah-’shon. 18 On the **second day** Ne-than-’el ... presented an offering.

1. On each consecutive day, for 12 days, a leader from each tribe offered an oblation for the dedication of the altar – *so what does logic tell us about the days of creation?*

Gen 1:3-8 – Then God said, “Let there be **light**”; & there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; & God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, & the darkness He called Night. So the evening & the morning were the **first day**.

6 Then God said, “Let there be a **firmament** in the midst of the waters, & let it divide the waters from the waters.” 7 Thus God made the firmament, & divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; & it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening & the morning were the **second day**.

a. There is no evidence of “gaps” between the 24 hour days.

b. The record of each day ends with the words, “evening & morning”, followed by, “THEN GOD SAID” (He created again).

[To be fair with the text, we have to conclude that God is referring to the same length of time in Numbers 7 that He is in Genesis 1.]

## II. CREATION ACCOUNT: BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

A. People generally go three different ways when it comes to the Biblical account of creation.

1. Either they believe what the Bible clearly states, i.e., that God miraculously created all things (in the heavens & on the earth) in six literal days.

2. Or they believe that the creation account is symbolic (allegorical) & left to interpretation.
  
3. Or they believe that it should be rejected outright because it conflicts with so-called science.

B. **The Bible**, which is from God, presents the creation as a work that God has already completed.

**Isa 45:12** – *I have made* the earth, & created man on it. I – My hands – stretched out the heavens, & all their host I have commanded.

**Jer 27:4-6** – Command them to say to their masters, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel – thus you shall say to your masters: 5 *I have made* the earth, the man & the beast that are on the ground, by My great power & by My outstretched arm, & have given it to whom it seemed proper to Me. 6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; & the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him.

**Jer 32:17** – ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, *You have made* the heavens & the earth by Your great power & outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

**Psa 33:8-9** – Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For *He spoke & it was done*; He commanded, & it stood fast.

**Psa 148:5** – Let them praise the name of the LORD, for *He commanded & they were created*.

**Psa 146:5-6** – Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 *Who made heaven & earth, the sea, & all that is in them*; Who keeps truth forever,

**Psa 115:15-16** – May you be blessed by the LORD, *who made heaven & earth*. 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; but the earth *He has given* to the children of men.

1. The theory of evolution presents the universe as if it were in the developmental stage – an ongoing product of natural forces.

2. But the word “made” (**Gen 1:7, 16, 25, 26**) suggests finality & completion with regard to what was immediately made.

- a. That is CREATION; Hebrew: “bara” – *out of nothing, something*.

C. **Now if** a person cannot take God at His word on the subject of creation, then why would a person believe anything recorded in the Scripture?

1. How can one not believe any miracle recorded in the Bible, & then accept the Bible as a credible report of the facts?

- a. The answer is you cannot accept the Bible as a credible report of facts while rejecting its account of creation.
- b. Everything we believe must be accepted BY FAITH (Rom 10:17).
- c. Every question we have that pertains to life & godliness can be answered from His word.
- d. And when we do that, we have derived our answer “by faith”.

**Someone** says, “Oh no, there are some questions we do not have answers to. What about extra-terrestrial life?”

**Answer:** God, in His word, has not only given us the answers to the questions we need to know, He has also given us the questions to ask.

**To ask** questions about things that that God has given no answers to, & then to come up with our own answers is just plain sinful.

**Col 2:18-19** – *Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility & worship of angels, **intruding into those things which he has not seen**, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 & not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished & knit together by joints & ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.*

D. **The Biblical** account of creation can only be accepted “by faith”.

- 1. I am not saying there is not plenty of solid scientific evidence for the creation, but only the word of God can explain the genesis of it.

**Heb 11:3** – *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the **word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

2. By faith we accept what God inspired Moses to write in Genesis.
  
3. People need to understand that when they take issue with the Bible, they are failing to exercise faith, & they cannot please God.

**Heb 11:6** – But *without faith it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, & that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

4. Now can you see why the preacher said that you must believe the Biblical account of creation or be lost?

**Barnes:** “The “faith” here exercised is confidence in the truth of the divine declarations in regard to the creation. The meaning is that our knowledge on this subject is a mere matter of faith in the divine testimony. It is not that we could ‘reason’ this out, & demonstrate that the worlds were thus made; it is not that profane history goes back to that period & informs us of it; it is simply that God has told us so in his word.”

### III. MORE PROOF

#### A. The Hebrew Sabbath Law.

**Exo 20:8-11** – “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor & do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 ***For in six days the LORD made the heavens & the earth, the sea, & all that is in them,*** & rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day & hallowed it.

1. In the creation week there were six creative (active or work) days & one rest (or inactive) day.

- a. A model for the Jewish workweek.

#### B. The Measurements of Time in the Creation.

**Gen 1:14-19** –Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; & ***let them be for signs & seasons, & for days & years;*** 15 & let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; & it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, & the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 & to rule over the day & over the night, & to divide the light from the darkness. & God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening & the morning were the fourth day.

1. The measurements of time include not only “days”, but also “signs, seasons & years”.
2. In other words, man would not only be able to use the sun, moon, stars & planets as a sign post indicating direction, but they could also be used to determine the passage of time.

[**God's** whole model falls apart IF a day is not a day, & IF a year is not a year, & IF a season is not a season.]

## CLOSING

- Holy Scripture is the only thing that can accurately account for God, for His power to create, & for the time He used to create.
- We pity those who feel the need to pacify those who take the scientific approach to life.
- Children -- don't believe those who consider the Bible to be a book of myths & allegories written in confusing & unclear language.
- Believe God, because He made His word understandable so that we may understand His power & desire to obey Him.