

The Book of Genesis

Chapter One

The Six Days of Creation

Lesson Verse: Psalm 119:160 (**Memory Verse**)

I. Lesson Introduction

- A. In this first chapter in *Genesis* we will cover the creation of the world. *Genesis* has been called the Book Of Beginnings, and for good reason. In this book we study the beginning of everything material. *Genesis* is the beginning of everything we know today.
- B. We think that we have really come a long way in many areas, especially with computers, and space exploration.
1. But just in *Genesis chapter 11* only, we learn about:
 - a. The world being all of one language
 - b. _____ in rebellion against God
 - c. Worshipping Babylonian style
 - d. Attempting to get into outer space
 - e. A focus on people getting into cities
 - f. The calling of _____ out of that mess into their Promised Land
 - g. And it all being controlled by one man, _____.
 2. Some 6,000 years later:
 - a. The world is rapidly heading towards one language (English)
 - b. More and more integrated
 - c. Unified in rebellion against God
 - d. Worship is almost all Babylonian in nature – catholic
 - e. Spending trillions in getting into outer space
 - f. Everybody is crowding into cities – and away from the country
 - g. The Hebrew people are being called back into their land (since 1917)
 - h. And the world is waiting on the one-world ruler (the anti-christ).
- C. This Bible is SOME Book!
- D. According to our Memory verse (Psalm 119:160), everything in the Bible is true from the very beginning – let’s take a look at the beginning!

II. Lesson Study - The Six Days of Creation

- A. Where the Bible Begins
1. The Bible begins with “*the beginning*” – the start of everything
 2. What was before that moment, is only alluded to (see Job 38:4-7)
 - a. There was the existence of God
 - b. The existence of angels – the “_____”
 - c. God’s heaven – His place of dwelling (see acts 17:26-28)
 - d. Eternity itself (Psalm 90:1,2)
 3. But as far as *this* universe is concerned, this was THE beginning.
- B. This is the Beginning of the First Day – Day 1 (Gen 1:1-5)
1. Let’s look carefully the first 10 words
 - a. **In the beginning**
 - 1) There was a beginning
 - 2) Hebrew, **bereshit**, (ray-sheeth) describes an absolute beginning. Not ambiguous, or mysterious, but describes, at one moment, there was absolutely nothing, and then the next moment, there was something!

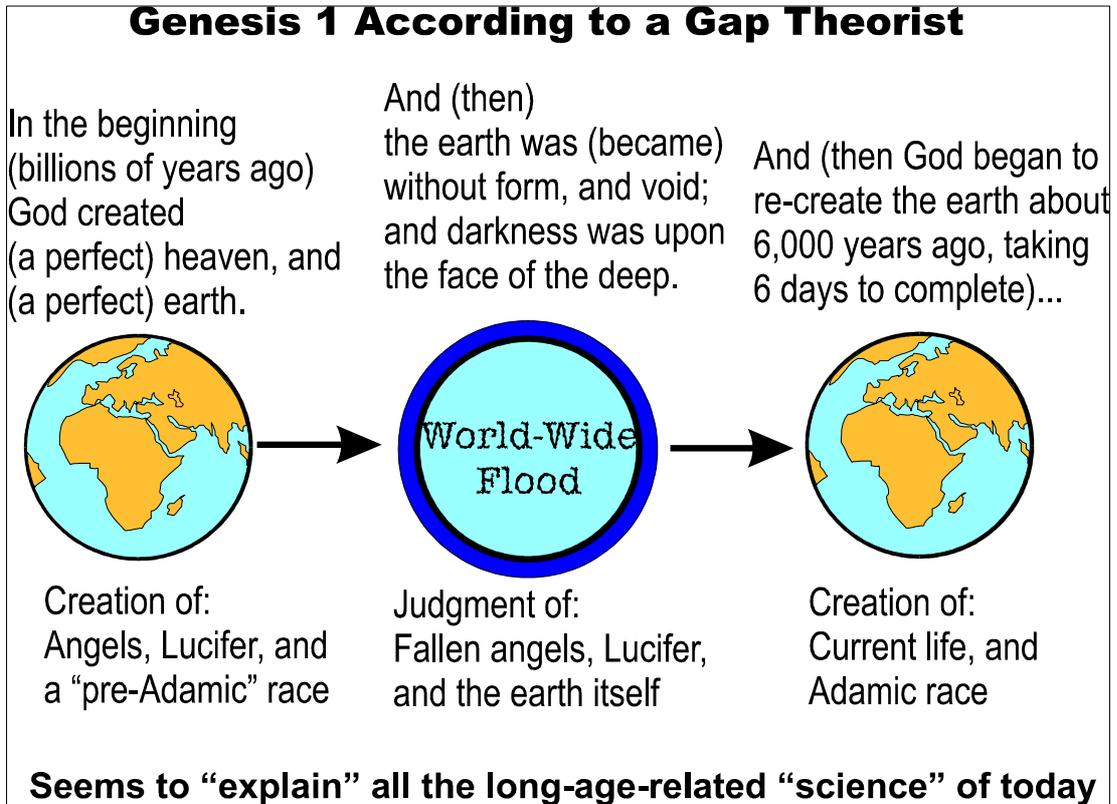
- b. **God** – one Creator, one Deity – he is therefore called the Father (Isa 44:6,8), or the Originator of everything.
 - 1) Hebrew _____ (El-O-Heem) - God in its *plural* form. Here is the Trinity in the very title of God at creation.
 - 2) This is His title – not really a name. Like, President, Prime Minister, Pharaoh, King, Pastor – all are TITLES, not a name
 - 3) The Mormons make **Elohiym** into a name, which it isn't!
 - c. **Created** – created out of nothing (Rom 4:17)
 - 1) Hebrew: **bara** (Baw-raw) to create from nothing. He alone created everything *from nothing*. Both the very Heaven and the Earth
 - 2) God loves to create – it is part of his character
 - a) He doesn't "copy" from anyone else
 - b) He is creative – has His own ideas, and ways of doing things
 - c) He created out of nothing, the raw materials for everything
 - d) And then from those materials moulded and shaped and produced all that we have today
 - e) And He will again "create" all over again new heavens and a new earth in the future (Isa 65:17)
 - d. **The heaven** (Isa 42:5)
 - 1) NOT *the heaven(s)* like in all the new Bibles

NKJV In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 NIV In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - 2) But, like the Jews have always understood it

PENT In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 - 3) And, like John understood it (Rev 20:11; 21:1)
 - 4) And like Jesus understood it (Mt 24:35)
 - e. **And the earth** (Heb 1:10)
 - 1) A ball of spinning water-covered rock
 - 2) That's how God started with the earth
 - 3) More will be covered in verse 2
2. What Was Created? Only the raw materials
- a. _____ – it has a starting place. It also will have an end (Rev 10:6)
 - b. _____ – Three kinds of matter were created
 - 1) The earth
 - 2) Water - physicists are only just now coming to understand the true nature of this universe – it is flexible, and stretching, expanding – but not because of a "big bang!"
 - 3) And Heaven itself – not the heaven where God dwells, but "space"
 - c. _____
 - 1) Space has a fabric to it – a substance that is stretching
 - 2) It is the container that God created for holding everything that is material
 - d. _____
 - 1) The earth is spinning from the first moment
 - 2) The whole universe seems to have begun in motion
 - e. _____ (Energy is really made evident in verse 3 though)
3. What was the purpose in all this "creating?" (Isa 43:7; Rev 4:11; Isa 45:18)
4. What the Biblical Record is firmly, and clearly AGAINST (there is no way to merge these with the Bible's clear meaning):

- a. **Athiesm.** Atheism teaches that there is no God, but the Bible starts off blasting right away at the atheist with God already existing before “the beginning.”
 - b. _____. Polytheism believes that there is more than just one God. The examples of polytheism include Greek Mythology, Hinduism, and the New Age movement. The Bible says, GOD!
 - c. _____. Evolution states everything is here by chance without God. How can you believe the Bible AND Evolution?
 - d. _____ teaches all of the creation is “god” (i.e., that God is a part of the universe), but the Bible states that He is separate from it!
 - e. _____ (Diesm) teaches that God is away from His creation, and totally disconnected from it, whereas the Bible states that once God started this universe, He has been involved in its operation ever since (Heb 1:1-3; Col 1:16,17)!
 - f. _____ - Einstein believed in the eternity of matter (matter itself is all there is), but the Bible states that all matter had a beginning, and a Beginner/Creator!
 - g. _____. With the act of creation, God shows that there was a purpose in His creation – HALELUJAH!
5. The Earth’s Condition
- a. The earth’s condition - _____
 - 1) No form or shape
 - 2) Void, means it is empty, or blank
 - 3) Hebrew: erets (eh-rets) earth, land. And the Earth was without form; Hebrew: tohuw (to-hoo) nothing, and void.
 - 4) The Hebrew word here is bohuv (bo-hoo) empty. NOTE: As we can see from the Hebrew translation, there is no doubt where we came from. The author of this book, believed to be Moses, is very exact in his choice of words. In the beginning there was God and He created from nothing the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void. In the beginning God was already here and has been forever.
 - b. The water covering
 - 1) For centuries' men laughed at the God who wrote those words.
 - a) Science knew that the basic building block of the universe is not water as described in verse 2, but **hydrogen**, the simplest of all atoms.
 - b) But, in 1766 Dr. Henry Cavendish discovered the element **hydrogen** residing in the most common of all materials. He found it by experimenting with water. In fact for many years before, men had called it by its earlier name that was simply the water element.
 - 2) It is indeed a wondrous God who can take the most propound truths, and put them in simple terms so that common folk like you and I can understand. God called it water years before men would be able to figure out what it actually was. So here we see the first thing that God created was hydrogen, the basic building block of all matter.
 - c. The Spirit’s care
 - 1) The words describe God’s Holy Spirit not “hammering away, or even chipping away at the earth” to make it good.
 - 2) But the words describe God carefully moulding and shaping as it hovers over the face of all the water
 - 3) This is how the Christian witness works on people to get them to repent and turn to Christ (2Tim 2:24-26)
 - d. The “_____”. Some dispensationalists place a large “gap” between verse 1 and verse 2
 - 1) What is the Gap Theory?
 - a) The gap theory comes wrapped in many different shapes and forms. There are as many variations of this theory as there are theologians to support it.

- b) Simply stated, the gap theory is the idea that a long period of time existed between God’s initial creation in Genesis 1:1 when "God created the heaven and the earth" and Genesis 1:2 when the earth was "without form and void."
- c) Most gap theorists believe that prior to Genesis 1:2 the "first" earth was inhabited by angelic creatures, such as Lucifer, as well as the mysterious dinosaurs. A pre-Adamite race of men is also thought to have populated the earth at this time.



- d) Many gap theorists teach that the world existed in this manner for millions of years, if not billions. The gap’s end is believed to have occurred when God, finding iniquity in Satan’s heart, was compelled to destroy the earth with a flood and *make it* "without form, and void" (Genesis 1:2).
 - e) God then proceeded to "re-create" the earth in six literal days as described in Genesis 1:3-31. The gap theory, also known as the "ruin-restoration" theory.
 - f) To understand the reasoning behind the gap theory one must understand the Scripture references used by the theory’s proponents. After grasping what the gap theory entails, one must then use the light of Scripture to attempt to validate or invalidate the theory (Acts 17:11). At the conclusion of this validation process, two questions will then be left to answer: Does the Bible teach the gap theory, and does it really matter whether the gap theory is taught or not?
- 2) They base a lot of the theory on three things:
- a) The meaning of the word "replenish"
 - (i) People think words can only have one meaning – and if they don’t like the primary meaning of an English word, people go to the Greek, or to the Hebrew hoping to find a meaning that suits their religious belief
 - (ii) English words frequently change meanings over the years. In Romans 1:13, Paul said he wanted to come but was let, a word which used to mean "hindered," but today means "allowed." Forty years ago, the word gay was the common English word to mean "happy." James 2:3 "And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing,..."

- b) The use of the words, “without form and void” (Jer 4:23-26) But the truth is in the next verses in Jeremiah 4 – verse 27-29. Their context is not about the creation, but about the Jews being carried away into captivity, and also about the coming tribulation!
- e. Problems with theory
- 1) There are many problems with the gap theory.
 - a) Invented 1814 in response to the teaching the earth was old--not historical position of the Christian church.
 - b) Violates scriptures Gen. 1:5; 2:2-3, Ex. 20:11; Heb. 4:4.
 - c) Puts _____ before Adam’s sin--violating Rom. 5:12, 1Cor 15:21
 - d) Has Satan fall before day 7--violates Gen. 1:31; 2:8; Ezek 28:12-15
 - 2) Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.
 - a) Is this verse talking about Adam and Eve, or some pre-Adamic creatures? If it is talking about Adam and Eve, then it is not the beginning of the creation, IF there was a pre-Adamic race. If it is talking about the beginning of some pre-Adamic race, Adam and Eve were not created at the beginning.
 - 3) Mat 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
 - a) Here he asks "Have ye not READ ...?" You can READ about the beginning of Adam and Eve, male and female, created at the BEGINNING. You cannot read about some pre-Adamic race being created anywhere. Therefore this verse is talking about Adam and Eve being created at the beginning.
 - b) That pretty much rules out anything being created before the beginning, since there was no earth before the beginning for them to live on.
 - 4) Summary
 - a) If beginning means anything remotely close to what beginning is, then there can be no long gap between Gen 1:1 and Adam and Eve. If you put thousands of years in a gap, not to mention millions, you have "the beginning" creation and Adam & Eve) actually happening in the middle, or near the end. That's why I believe that IF anything happened before (ie. Satan's fall), it happened before Gen 1:1 altogether and was not part of our universe.
 - b) Do you see what has to be done to force feed a gap? Beginning must really mean middle or end. Day must really mean long ages. Was must really mean became. Replenish must only mean refill. Nothing can mean what it plainly SAYS. If we are going to be that loose with words from the very (ahem!) beginning (hack!) of the Bible, how can we ever settle on ANYTHING inside it?
- f. From a Builder's point of view. When a builder builds a Home, It starts out with OUT FORM and they set FORMS to lay the Foundation. The house is “VOID” meaning that the materials are all there but the site is empty. Every new house a builder builds starts out with them getting materials. While they are in that stage, the house is Without Form and is Void. The Same way with God. He could have said, “Every thing be created at this moment.” But chose not to. Instead he did it much like a Carpenter does: He Created the Materials, (Builders wish they could do that) Heaven and Earth, and all Atomic Structure. But it was STILL with out *form*. Then He went thru the next five days putting it all together. I WISH I could build like that!
- g. **Questions for gap theorists to answer:**
- 1) Was Satan already the "god of this world" (2Cor. 4:5) when God gave Adam dominion (Gen. 1:26-28) over the earth?
 - 2) Thousands of species of living animals are also found as fossils. If fossils represent animals destroyed in "Lucifer’s flood" did God recreate these exactly as before?
 - 3) When God said everything was "very good," was Satan evil, and were Adam and Eve standing on thousands of dead plants and animals?
 - 4) Wouldn't Noah's world-wide flood have erased all evidence of the "billions of years "taught in the gap theory?

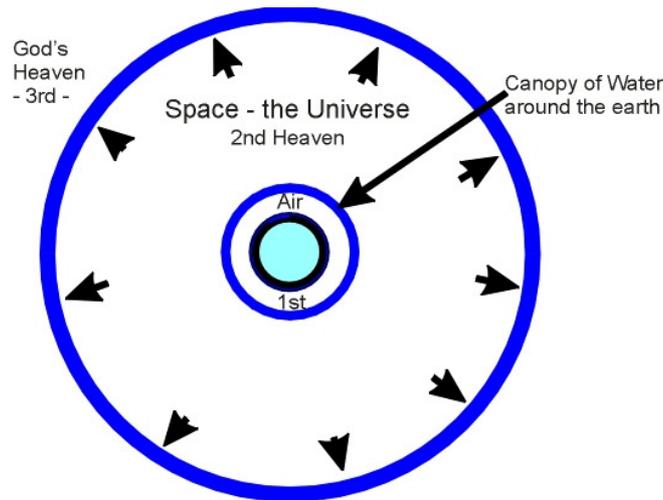
- 5) What did God mean in Ex. 20:11 and 31:17?
 - 6) Does everyone who reads the Bible need some "guru" to tell them what the Bible says?
 - 7) Why can the words "let" (Romans 1:13) and "gay" (James 2:3) change meanings in 400 years but the word "replenish" cannot?
 - 8) Why do we need a gap? What took place during this time? Isn't this just trying to compromise the Bible with the current teaching that the earth is old?
 - 9) Why does Revelation 21:1 state that the earth we live on now is the "first" earth if it really is not?
6. *Genesis 1:3-5* THE CREATION OF NIGHT AND DAY
- a. And God SAID (Gen 1:3; Ps 33:6)
 - 1) Enter _____ (Eph 3:9; Col 1:16,17)
 - a) The Word of God (John 1:1-3; 14)
 - b) Always was the Word of God in heaven (1John 1:7)
 - c) So, when God said, it means, God the Father SPOKE something, and His Word (Jesus), went and created it
 - d) Not as a man, but as the Word
 - e) That powerful WORD one day, became FLESH and dwelt amongst us! AMEN!
 - 2) Notice the Similarities
 - a) Our first birth is a _____ Birth – like the earth's creation
 - b) Our second birth is a SPIRIT birth (as in verse 2 and 3; see also 2Cor 4:6)
 - c) We are just like the earth BEFORE God begins work on it – left alone, man is worthless, empty, and void!
 - b. The Light Was Made By The Spoken Word Of God.
 - 1) Light is the most basic form of what we today call energy. Here then we have the two main ingredients of our universe, matter and energy, as any proper science book will tell you. This fact was first discovered by Sir Isaac Newton. However it was not until the time of Albert Einstein that modern man would discover the third ingredient. We still need one more item to make our creation recipe complete. Once again, man does not create anything. All man can do is merely break it down to its simplest form so that he may understand it.
 - 2) He commanded the light shine out of the darkness. (2 Cor 4:6)
 - 3) Darkness would have remained on the face of the deep, had not God willed there to be light. In the same way, darkness would have perpetually been on the face of fallen man if the Son of God had not come and brought forth True Light.
 - c. What was *this* Light?
 - 1) It was shining before the sun shone (Day 4)
 - 2) It is able to shine brighter than the sun (Acts 9)
 - 3) It heats and lights up the universe just like normal sunlight does – and yet it is not the light of the sun.
 - 4) It has to be God's Light
 - a) Either God created this Light – which is probable, but would be very limiting
 - b) Or God allowed His Light to shine upon the earth, and kept shining on it until He made the Sun.
 - c) I believe it was Jesus shining (Acts 26:13; 1Jn 1:5)
 - d. God Separated The Light From The Darkness.
 - 1) Dividing the Darkness from the Light
 - a) God did not create everything to blend and merge always
 - b) God made some things very different from other things, and intended them to be kept separate (2Cor 6)
 - 2) What was the Darkness?

- a) Basically it is the absence of light
 - b) God says that he creates darkness, but could He be talking about bringing darkness onto the world was God's doing, by not bringing Light on the world? I believe so!
- 3) What is Night? Simply the absence of Light on the earth.
- 4) Because light is a reminder of God, and holiness, and truth, men love DARKNESS (Jn 3:18) and do wickedness in the dark
- e. Time is shown to be a measurable event.
- 1) Now God has created the third and final building block by which our universe began. He created time. So now we have matter, energy, and time; from which all the rest of our universe springs. No scientist could describe it better or simpler than it is put in the first five verses of *Genesis*. The fact is, scientists complicate the matter of creation in much the same manner as man complicates the simple plan of salvation.
 - 2) The first question we always run into here is how long were the days of creation? Evolutionists would have you believe that each day was a billion years long, but what does the word of God say? In the scriptures the word day can mean any one of four different things.
 - 3) Let us look at these four terms found Scripture.
 - a) **John 11:9-10** tells us that this is the word Day as we most commonly think of it. It is the twelve hours when the sun is shining.
 - b) In **Matthew 26:1-2** we see what we call a literal day consisting of a period of twenty-four hours. The word day is used in one of these two ways at least 90% of the time that it appears in the Holy Scriptures.
 - c) The rest of the times that the word day is used is in a symbolic fashion, as in **Numbers 14:33-34** is the least used of all the terms for day. This day is a symbol for one year. This is only used in a few Old Testament prophecies, and that's all. In almost all other places where day is used as a symbol in prophecy it has the meaning found in **2 Peter 3:8**. This is a direct reference to the day of the Lord, a prominent Old Testament topic. Here we have a day that represents 1,000 years.
 - d) So which one of these days are the days of creation? To determine that we just need to look at all the references to day in Gen 1:5,8,13,14,16,18,19,23,31. God gave us a very clear message through all of these verses. The days of creation had an evening and a morning, or what we would call a literal, twenty-four hour day, totaling six days in all.
 - 4) Let no one deceive you on this. A sizable portion of the first chapter of Genesis is devoted to stating repeatedly this most important truth. Whenever you read any Bible passage, God makes it very clear as to what is the most important part. He simply repeats it over and over again as any good teacher would do. Here He says six times that the days of creation are six literal, twenty-four hour days, and anyone who would say that God is wrong here must readjust their thinking.

C. Day Two (Gen 1:6-8)

- 1. Dividing the waters – Now, God has two bodies of water:
 - a. Water on the earth – the oceans
 - b. Water above the earth – forming both a canopy, and an possible expanding shell of water to the outer extremities of the universe.
- 2. The First Firmament
 - a. What is the Firmament?
 - 1) Between the waters there was made a gap (here's that word again), or an empty expanse between the two waters
 - 2) In that expanse God placed an atmosphere – our heaven
 - a) The Air which we breath
 - b) 30% Oxygen
 - c) 70% Nitrogen

- b. Above the expanse of air, was now a layer of water, and above that was the other expanse (the main firmament) also called Heaven (it all used to be one and the same, but was now divided by a layer of water).
- c. The idea seems to be that the water stretched throughout the universe as it was expanding rapidly at this point with the outer-edge of the water being frozen and a barrier between this universe and God's heaven.
- d. Notice how the firmament was stretched at the creation, and is still stretching in expansion:
 - 1) Psalm 104:2 – God stretches out the heavens like a curtain
 - 2) Isa 40:22
 - 3) Job 26:7 – stretching out the “north” – expanding it farther and farther away from the earth?
 - 4) The idea is that at the first, God pretty well stretched out the universe from a central point near the earth to where it is now in just a few days.
 - 5) It is still stretching out, but much more slowly



- 3. Notice it was an entire day's work to do this, so the dividing of the waters took 24 hours – not an instant task – evidently, a lot of things were taking place during all this stretching out of the universe

D. Day Three (Gen 1:9-13)

- 1. The gathering together of the waters
 - a. God can change the physics of water and mater
 - 1) Jesus walked through closed and locked doors
 - 2) Jesus walked on top of water
 - 3) The Red Sea “congealed” (Ex 15:8; like jelly) with enough strength to hold back billions of tons of water on either side of the crossing for the Jews!
 - b. God could have drawn back the waters and allowed the land to appear from beneath – normal conclusion
 - c. But the words describe God creating land out of the water itself
- 2. The appearance of dry land
 - a. Was it under the water? Probably not
 - b. It seems that God brought forth land from OUT of the water (Psalm 136:6; Isa 42:5)
 - c. God did not just move the oceans to one side and reveal the land underneath
 - d. He gathered the waters together, and from Hydrogen and Oxygen made LAND!
 - e. Here we have one main continent of land – not the seven basic continents that we see today!
 - f. Later on (about 1700 years later, the continents will split up under the waters of the flood).
- 3. At the word of God, the land brought forth LIFE (1:11,12):
 - a. Out of the dead ground came living things!
 - 1) Grass – the most abundant form of vegetation – feeds most of life on earth, either in seed form or in its grass form.

- 2) Herbs – more advanced form of food – salads, etc.
- 3) Fruit trees – best forms of food: apples, oranges, grapes, etc.
- b. These may sound like simple things, but life is the most complex of things – life is completely impossible, yet here we are!
- 4. Note the words “*after his kind...*”
 - a. No possibility of evolution here
 - b. The first living things created were Plant-Kind
 - c. God created everything with only the ability to reproduce *after their own kind*.
 - d. The systems for the classification of life.

The Bible	Modern Science	Examples
The Bible is silent about lots of explicit information – evidently God wants us to figure some stuff out on our own!	Kingdom	5 Kingdoms (Plants, Animals, Fungi, Protista, and Monera)
	Phylum	<i>(don't worry)</i>
	Class	Mammal
“Kind”	Order	Meat-eating, herb-eating, or insect
	Family	Dog, cat, horse, whale, mankind
	Genus	<i>(don't worry)</i>
	Species (Darwin really focused his observation on the differences of the species)	Variations of each family (Negroid, Caucasian, Mongoloid), etc.

- e. God just said “**kind**” like the “cat” kind, or the “dog” kind, or MAN-kind!
- f. He divides life up into distinct groups called kinds. A kind is any living thing that can mate with another and produce offspring.
- g. Here is a basic rule: Like begets like. That is an apple tree brings forth apples. Apple seeds are found in the fruit known as apples. In the spiritual realm we find that Christ begets Christians. His seed remains in us. Therefore we are to bear fruit after our kind.
- 5. Again, so far, EVERYTHING was good!

E. **Day Four** (Gen 1:14-19)

- 1. The Second Firmament – The universe as we know it (Ps 19:1)
 - a. Again, this firmament is not empty – it has something that stretches and is pulled by gravity.
 - b. In this “firmament” God made lights - stars
- 2. Lights in the heaven
 - a. For the purpose of Signalling (for signs) the passage of:
 - 1) Time itself – hard to measure time without something reliable to measure it by.
 - 2) Days
 - 3) Seasons
 - 4) Years
 - b. The Sun – ruled the Day
 - c. The Moon – to rule the night, along with the stars
 - 1) God says the moon is a reflector (Job 25:5) not self-radiant! Advanced SCIENCE!
 - 2) Notice the shape of the Sun, and the Moon – ROUND

- 3) Somebody should have been more imaginative to say the earth is a BALL (Isa 40:22)
- d. He made the stars also – what an understatement!
- 1) The Bible says that the number of the stars is innumerable (Jer 33:22)!
 - a) The number of stars in our galaxy is about **100 billion**
 - b) The number of galaxies observed so far number at about 100 thousand (the sky is so vast that man just hasn't catalogued everything yet, and never will)
 - c) The number of galaxies that are probably out there viewable with our current telescopes stands at about **100 million!**
 - d) And yet God knows them all by name (Ps 147:4; Job 38:31,32)
 - e) What an awesome God!
 - 2) God said the stars were _____ (Job 22:12), and implied they were near to God – figure people in Gen 11 trying to reach heaven! Just realize the Bible predicted people would get up into outer-space (Ob 1:4)!
 - 3) The variety of starts reflects God's creativity, even in the biggest of things
 - 4) God made stars that man couldn't see at the beginning – we had to wait until the invention of the telescope to find out just how many stars God created!
 - 5) These are “set” in heaven – part of the universe – not part of the earth
- e. Creation in the universe is _____
- 1) God MADE (past tense) the stars
 - 2) But God **is still making** stars – continuation of creation (Amos 5:8)
 - 3) The universe is not unchanging and STATIC, but moving, and growing, and dying, and regenerating – AWESOME!
- f. One Other Thought – the “_____” Theory
- 1) One theory that people try to use to prove that the earth is billions of years old is called the day-age theory.
 - 2) One version of this theory says that the creation days were twenty-four hour days, but then a long period of time would pass between each of the days of creation.
 - 3) However notice that the plants were made on the third day, and that the sun is not created until the fourth day.
 - 4) If a billion years, or even one year, passed between the time the plants were made and the sun was made, then all plant life would have died out long before the sun started shining.
 - 5) Here we have yet another proof that the entire creation took place in one literal six-day period.
3. God thought all this was good!

F. Day Five (Gen 1:20-23)

1. Now the waters of the oceans begin to produce living things – the first animal life
 - a. _____ – notice the named animal here – other names were generic (herbs, grass, fowl, etc.), but here the WHALE is named!
 - 1) Whales are NOT normal fish (skeptics like to point this out) because if Jonah were swallowed by a big fish (as Jonah 1:17 says), then when Jesus comes along and says that Jonah was swallowed by a whale, you have a problem – not really
 - 2) Whales are MAMMALS like us – they are not altogether like the modern scientific classification of fish – Yet Jesus called the fish a WHALE (Mt 12:40)!
 - 3) Well according to man's definition, a whale is not a fish
 - 4) Guess what! According to God, a whale IS a fish! God can classify animals any way he wishes to. He's God. He made them. It is man who came along later, after the fact, and changed the terms so that they would not fit together any more. Do we believe God or men? If God says a whale is a fish, by His definition, then it is incumbent on man to change their charts, not for God to change His word. Let God be true and every man a liar.
 - 5) And that settles it – re-do all the charts!

- b. Fish – now you have fish – trout, sharks, swordfish, etc
 - c. And fowl – birds – crows, doves, swallows, eagles, etc
2. These animals are **COMMANDED** to multiply and fill up the seas
- a. What a thought! What would have happened if the seas did fill up?
 - b. Evidently, God knew death was coming, and wanted to make sure there was enough of a population of all animal life to ensure it survives when sin ruins the world
- G. Day Six – the Longest Day (Gen 1:24-31)!**
1. From out of the ground came:
 - a. Cattle – horses, cows, bulls, moose, deer
 - b. Creeping things – insects, bugs, flies, gnats, misquitos
 - c. Beasts – bears, lions, tigers, SERPENTS (before the fall, see 3:1)
 2. Each animal was distinctly different than other animals
 3. Then came the last two creative acts of God
 - a. The creation of a man - Adam
 - b. And the creation of a woman – Eve
 - c. Two separate creative acts
 - d. If they had been formed simultaneously, there would have been no special-ness to their relationship
 - e. Animals don't have relationships
 - f. God wanted to show between a man and his wife how God wants to have a relationship with us!
 - 1) Adam will be first – like Jesus
 - 2) Eve (Christians) will come along both FROM Adam and FOR Adam (1Cor 11:8,9)
 - 3) More of this in chapter 2!
 4. The Creation of Adam
 - a. From the dust – not the clay, or the gold, or platinum
 - b. Dust is VERY hard to make ANYTHING into
 - c. Yet this humble beginning was to make God's best creation!
 5. The Image of God – the likeness of God
 - a. Not physical
 - 1) God made a body, and gave life to it
 - 2) But when God breathed into it, Man now had a living soul
 - b. The _____ of a man is in the image of God – unusual use of the word “image”
 - 1) All that God is – His characteristics – Man obtained
 - 2) Like:
 - a) Speech
 - b) Creativity
 - c) Loneliness
 - 3) Adam was a miraculous man. The day he entered the world, he could not only speak, but he is able to correctly give names to every kind of animal in the world.
 - c. The image of God is what Jesus Christ is (2Cor 4:4, 16-18)
 - 1) It is INSIDE – it is referred to as the INNER man, and the HIDDEN man
 - 2) The inner man (the soul) is eternal (1Pet 3:1-4)
 - 3) THAT is the part of us that is like God
 - d. The image of God was not just in Adam, but also in Eve
 - e. Also, EVERY human has the image of God in them – it is now marred by sin, but it is still there – that's why Bible believing missionaries go all over the world and preach not just to “white” people, but to aborigines and slaves, and prisoners and dying folks – because they ALL need to be saved (1Tim 2:3-6)!!!

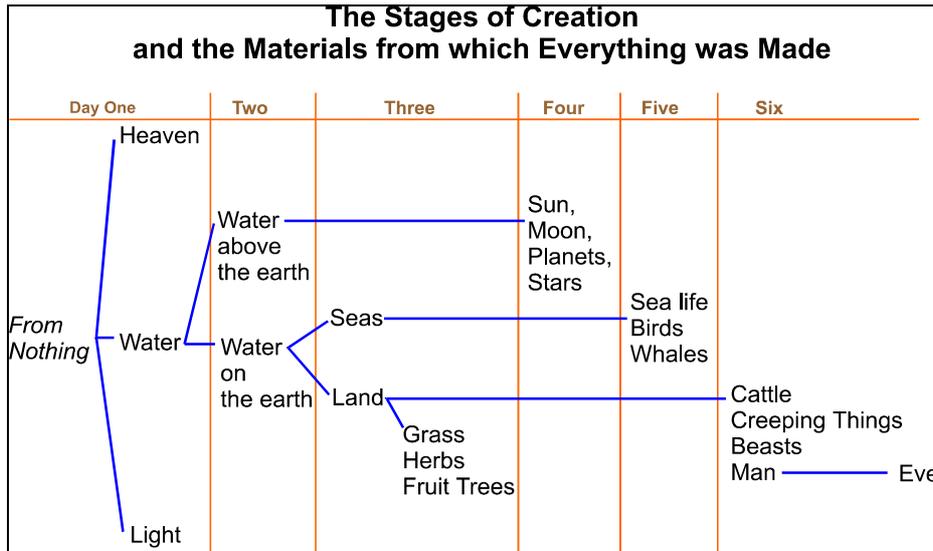
- f. God always intended on making an Adam, and a Eve – Eve was not an afterthought, or even a mistake!
- 6. God’s commands (1:26-28)
 - a. Have dominion – take control of everything about the earth
 - 1) Over the sea – eat the fish, and learn to swim
 - 2) Over the air – not just eat all birds, but learn to fly
 - 3) Over all land – explore every mountain and valley
 - 4) Over potential disease and pestilences
 - b. Replenish the earth
 - 1) Many people believe that this means there was a pre-Adamic race of men, because the word replenish, as we commonly use it today, means to fill something up again. However in the truest sense of the word replenish simply means to fill up. You can check this fact out in any dictionary.
 - 2) Notice that God tells us something else very important about the way that man is made. It is not good for us to be alone. There are many cases of people who have been isolated for long periods of time and have lost their minds. God knew this. He made us that way for a reason.
- 7. God’s Provision (1:29,30)
 - a. God made everything there is for man-kind
 - b. God man-kind for Himself
 - c. Once sin entered in, it has been only every man for himself!
- 8. Everything that God made was GOOD (1:31). Everything!
- 9. Questions that arise:
 - a. When was Lucifer “created?”
 - 1) It has to be before Genesis 1:1 because of Job 38:4-7
 - 2) It has to be outside of our time therefore
 - b. When does he fall?
 - 1) He has to fall after day 6 – because up until day 6, everything is good – there is no evil.
 - 2) The time that Lucifer falls has to be after day 6, and yet before the fall of man in Genesis 3
 - c. Didn’t God know that Lucifer would fall, and how everything would end up?
 - d. Then, why allow it to happen to begin with?
- H. Here is a chart describing the conflict evolutionary “science” (fairy tales), has with the Bible (real Science):



The Fight Against God

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter always existed • Sun and stars before earth • Land before oceans • Sun, earth’s first light • Fish before fruit trees • Insects before birds • Sun before land plants • Innovative processes still continue naturally • Everything is getting better with time • No need for God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter created by God • Earth before sun and stars • Oceans before land • Light before the sun • Fruit trees before fish • Birds before insects • Land plants before sun • Creation completed, adaptations continue • Everything <i>devolving</i> since the fall • Implicit need for God
---	--

III. Chart of The Steps of Creation



IV. Some Questions

- A. Write out the Memory Verse: Psalm 119:160 _____

- B. List the basic things that were created on each day of Creation Week:
 1. Day One:
 2. Day Two:
 3. Day Three:
 4. Day Four:
 5. Day Five:
 6. Day Six:
- C. What is the basic building block of all creation? _____
- D. When was Lucifer and all the angels created? _____
- E. Explain the “image of God” _____
- F. Give a good reason why there could not be a “gap” between Genesis 1:1, and 1:2 _____

- G. The Bible begins with what words? _____
- H. What was before that moment? _____

- I. What is the Hebrew word for God? _____
- J. List What Was Created in verse 1?
 1. _____ – it has a starting place. It also will have an end (Rev 10:6)
 2. _____ – Three kinds of matter were created
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____ (Energy is really made evident in verse 3 though)
- K. Was it only the raw materials of this universe or was it created as a finished product? _____

- L. Define the following attitudes towards God and creation
 1. **Athiesm.** _____

 2. **Polytheism.** _____

- 3. **Evolution.** _____

- 4. **Panthiesm** _____

- 5. **Existentialism** (Diesm) _____

- 6. **Einsteinism** - _____

- 7. **Fatalism.** _____

M. Define the “Gap Theory”. _____

N. What are the main problems with theory _____

- O. Point out the Trinity in the creation from Genesis 1:1-3.
- 1. God the Father: _____
 - 2. God the Holy Spirit: _____
 - 3. God the Word: _____

P. What is the Firmament created *in* chapter 1? _____

Q. Define the “Day-Age” Theory _____

R. What did God make life from on the earth? _____

S. What did God make MAN from? _____