

Unembarrassed Supernaturalism –

Why We Believe Genesis 1

I. Why Christians Should Be Unembarrassed Supernaturalists (*A call to believe God's Word over all other claims*)

- **God has spoken** – Scripture is sufficient and truthful in all it affirms.
 - *Genesis 1:1; 2 Timothy 3:16–17*
- **Creation reveals the glory of God** – He spoke, and light burst forth without the sun.
 - *Psalms 19:1; Genesis 1:3*
- **Belief in creation is an act of faith**
 - *Hebrews 11:3; 2 Corinthians 4:4*

II. What the Text of Genesis Clearly Teaches About the Days of Creation (*Four indicators that support a literal 24-hour day*)

1. **The use of the word “day” (Heb. *yom*) with an ordinal number**
 - *Genesis 1:5* – “the first day”
 - Always used literally in the OT when paired with a number.
2. **The waw-consecutive verb forms**
 - Indicates historical narrative (not poetry or allegory).
 - Used 51 times in Genesis 1.
3. **The pattern of “evening and morning”**
 - Used 37 other times in Scripture—always a normal day.
4. **The question of genre:** how did God intend for us to read this?

III. Evaluating Non-Literal Views of Genesis 1 (*Common alternative views and their weaknesses*)

1. **Day-Age View**
 - *2 Peter 3:8* misused; “*yom*” better rendered differently if meant figuratively.
 - Still conflicts with scientific sequencing of events.
2. **Framework Theory**
 - Treats the text as metaphorical or poetic structure.
 - Lacks poetic markers; introduced only ~50 years ago.
3. **Theistic Evolution**
 - Denies Adam as a historical figure.

- Makes death pre-date sin—contradicts *Romans 5:12*.
- Undermines the authority of Scripture.

IV. What's at Stake in this Debate? (*Why this matters for more than just theology of origins*)

1. 2,000 years of church testimony

- Honor the wisdom of previous generations (*5th Commandment*).

2. The clarity and sufficiency of Scripture

- Scripture speaks plainly—not just to scholars.
- *Psalms 119:130* – “*The unfolding of your words gives light.*”

3. The integrity of Biblical Christianity and the Gospel

- Adam and Christ are inseparably linked.
- *Romans 5:12, 19; 1 Corinthians 15:22*
- If Adam was not real, Christ's role as the second Adam falls apart.
- *Geerhardus Vos*: “If the creation history is an allegory, then the narrative concerning the fall and everything further that follows can also be allegory.”

V. Behold the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ

- He is the Creator (Genesis 1; John 1:1–3), the Redeemer, and the Restorer.
- He wore the thorns of our fallen creation, died, rose, and is making all things new.
- Our hope is not just in a restored Eden, but in a better one secured forever in Him.
 - *Revelation 21:5; Romans 8:19–21*