

# CG Equip: Beginnings

## Lesson 2 – The Foundation of Time

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### Summary

This lesson explored the biblical foundation for understanding the age of the universe and creation. Pastor David examined how the predominant secular worldview of "deep time" (billions of years) came to dominate Western culture in just the last 200 years, and why the traditional church position of a young earth and literal six-day creation matters theologically.

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### Key Takeaways

1. **The Real Battle:** The conflict isn't between faith and science, but between God's Word and man's word
  2. **Historical Church Position:** For 1,800 years, 98% of church scholars held to a young earth and literal six-day creation
  3. **The Linguistic Reality:** The Hebrew word "yom" (day) combined with numbers or "evening and morning" always means a 24-hour day in Scripture
  4. **Theological Implications:** Accepting millions of years before Adam means:
    - o Death existed before Adam's sin
    - o God becomes the author of death
    - o The gospel message is undermined
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### Discussion Questions

#### Understanding the Message

1. **Before this lesson, what was your understanding of creation and the age of the earth? Has this message challenged or confirmed your beliefs?**
2. **Pastor David mentioned three key figures: Charles Lyell, Charles Hodge, and Charles Darwin. How did their "strategy of subversion," "subtlety of compromise," and "triumph of naturalism" progressively change Western thinking?**
3. **Why do you think Charles Lyell said his goal was "freeing science from Moses"? What does this reveal about the true nature of the debate?**

## Digging Deeper

4. **Read Exodus 20:11 together. God Himself spoke these words audibly to the Israelites. Why is this significant when discussing the length of creation days?**
5. **Pastor David said, "If you marry your beliefs to science and the current scientific mindset, you're going to quickly become a widow." What did he mean? Can you think of examples where scientific consensus has changed?**
6. **Discuss the three theological dangers of accepting millions of years:**
  - o Death existed before Adam
  - o God is the author of death
  - o The gospel is false

**Why are these theological issues more important than scientific debates?**

7. **Review the scientific evidence presented (galaxy wind-up problem, magnetic field problem, heat problem, soft tissue in fossils, etc.). Which piece of evidence did you find most compelling? Why?**

## Personal Application

8. **Pastor David mentioned that removing the biblical foundation "makes God not even distant, it makes Him dangerous, even the author of death." How might believing in millions of years affect someone's daily relationship with God?**
9. **Read Psalm 11:3: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" What "foundations" in your own faith life need to be examined and strengthened?**
10. **How can you respond graciously to friends, family, or coworkers who hold to an old-earth view? How do you balance truth with love in these conversations?**

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## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge:

Choose **one** of the following to practice this week:

1. **Study for Yourself:** Read Genesis 1 slowly, noting every time "evening and morning" appears. Ask God to show you what He wants you to see in His Word without the lens of cultural pressure.
2. **Research Further:** Watch a Christian documentary on Mount St. Helens or explore resources from organizations like Answers in Genesis or the Institute for Creation Research. Come prepared to share one interesting fact with the group next week.
3. **Have a Conversation:** If you have children or grandchildren, ask them what they're learning about creation and the age of the earth in school. Use this as an opportunity to gently present the biblical perspective.

4. **Pray for Discernment:** Identify one area where you've allowed cultural "facts" to override biblical truth. Spend time in prayer asking God to renew your mind and strengthen your confidence in His Word.
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## Memory Verse

**Exodus 20:11 (ESV)** *"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."*

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## Closing Reflection

- What is one thing God spoke to you personally through this lesson?
  - How does understanding the foundation of time affect your confidence in the rest of Scripture?
  - What question do you still have that you'd like to explore further?
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## Prayer

- Thank God that His Word is trustworthy and true
  - Asking for wisdom to discern truth from cultural lies
  - Praying for boldness to stand on biblical truth even when it's unpopular
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## Additional Resources for Further Study

- **Book:** "The Genesis Flood" by John Whitcomb and Henry Morris
- **Website:** AnswersInGenesis.org
- **Documentary:** "Is Genesis History?" (available on streaming platforms)
- **Book:** "Thousands...Not Billions" by Dr. Don DeYoung