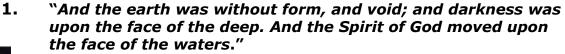


I. THE <u>FIRST</u> DAY (v. 2-5)

A. (v. 2)



- a. "And the earth was without form and void"
 - 1) **NOTE**: Many Hebrew scholars hold the view that the grammatical structure should say, "*But the earth became waste and desolate,"* in a view called <u>THE GAP THEORY</u>.
 - a) The word "*was*" is an active verb meaning "*became*."
 - i. Cf. Genesis 19:26 Lot's wife "became" a pillar of salt.
 - b) The LXX and the Latin Vulgate translate verse 2 as "<u>But</u> the earth <u>became</u>..."
 - c) The Aramaic Bible says, "But the earth was ruined and uninhabitable".
 - d) The other passages where these words "*without* form and void" are used, it is generally speaking of Divine Judgment.
 - i. Cf. Isaiah 34;11; 45:18; Jeremiah 4:23-28
 - e) **KEY**: I find the Gap-Theory compelling, but it should NEVER be used on scientific grounds to explain the age of the earth, geological columns, fossil records, etc., which would be better explained by the Flood.
 - 2) Though I find the Gap Theory compelling, there are difficulties with that position when compared to other Scriptures, and I find it <u>UNNECESSARY</u>.
 - a) God said that everything was created in 6 Days.
 - i. Cf. Exodus 20:11 "For <u>in six days the</u> LORD made **heaven and earth**, the sea,





and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

- b) The foundation of the Earth was laid "at the Beginning."
 - i. Cf. Hebrews 1:10 "And, Thou, Lord, <u>in the</u> <u>beginning</u> hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands"
 - ii. Cf. Hebrews 4:3 "For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world."
- c) Adam and Eve were made at "the beginning of the creation."
 - i. Cf. Matthew 19:4 "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which <u>made them at the beginning</u> made them male and female,"
 - ii. Cf. Mark 10:6 "But <u>from the beginning of</u> <u>the creation</u> God made them male and female."
- d) Holy Prophets have been around "since the world began."
 - i. Cf. Luke 1:70 "As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, <u>which have been since the</u> world began:"
 - ii. Cf. Acts 3:21 "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, <u>which God hath spoken by the mouth</u> of all his holy prophets since the world <u>began</u>."
- 3) **Q** = When were the Angels were created?...



- a) <u>WITHIN</u> the 6 days of creation. (2:1; Exodus 20:11; Job 38:4-7)
 - i. <u>AFTER</u> God's light in the stretched-out heavens (Psalm 104:2-4).
 - ii. <u>BEFORE</u> the foundations of the Earth before Day 3 (Psalm 104:5).
 - a. Maybe on the 1st Day (Genesis 1:6; Job 38:4-7)
- 4) $\mathbf{Q} =$ When Did Satan Fall?...
 - a) <u>AFTER</u> Day 6 of creation.
 - i. Cf. Genesis 1;31-2:1 God saw everything and it was very good.
 - a. It wouldn't be very good if Satan and his demons were running around.
 - ii. Cf. Isaiah 14:12-16
 - iii. Cf. Ezekiel 28:13-15 Satan was "in Eden the Garden of God" and was perfect in his ways from the day he was created, until iniquity was found in him.
 - b) <u>BEFORE</u> Adam and Eve consummated their marriage. (2:23–3:1; 4:1)
 - i. It seems from the Text that right after God blessed their marriage, Satan was tempting them in the Garden before they could fulfill God's command to be fruitful and multiply (1:28).
 - ii. We don't need to know the details of their sex life, but from the Text, it would seem that they didn't consummate the marriage until 4:1.



- b. "and darkness was upon the face of the deep"
 - 1) "deep" Heb. tehom "sea; abyss; depth"
 - a) Greek LXX "Abyss"
- c. "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."
 - 1) "moved" Heb. "hovered; brooded; fluttered; flew; shook"
 - a) Cf. Deuteronomy 32:11; Jeremiah 23:9
 - b) The idea of this Hebrew word is that of a mother bird caring for and protecting her eggs.
 - 2) "upon the face of the waters"
 - a) The Holy Spirit is *hovering* over the lifeless water, preparing it to be developed.

B. (v. 3)

1. "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

- a. "And God said,"
 - 1) The first recorded *Word of God*!
 - a) Cf. John 1:1-3 "In the beginning <u>was</u> the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same <u>was</u> in the beginning with God. <u>All</u> <u>things were made by him; and without him was not</u> <u>any thing made that was made</u>."
 - b) **KEY**: The speaks of the <u>ETERNAL, PRE-EXISTENCE</u> of Jesus Christ!
 - i. Cf. Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in



Israel; <u>whose goings forth have been from of</u> <u>old, from everlasting</u>."

- 2) Creation was made by the Word of God.
 - a) Cf. Psalm 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."
 - b) Cf. Hebrews 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."
- b. "Let there be light: and there was light."
 - 1) Very emphatic in Hebrew: "*Light be! And light was!*"
 - a) **NOTE**: This *light* is not that of the sun, moon, and stars (v. 14), but that of God Himself! (cf. Rev. 21:23-24; 1 John 1:5-6)
 - b) **KEY**: The Word of God brings light!
 - 2) Cf. John 8:12 Jesus said, "*I am the light of the world:* he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."
 - a) **Transfiguration** Matthew 17:1-8; Job 38:18-21; Psalm 19:1-2; 119:105
 - 3) Cf. 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
 - a) **KEY**: Before Christ, we were in darkness, and the Holy Spirit moved through the Word of God, and His light shined into our lives!



C. (v. 4)

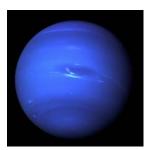
1. "And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."

- a. "divided" Heb. "separated"
 - 1) We have discovered that light is *divided* on the <u>SPECTRUM</u>, and we can *divide* the light with a <u>SPECTROSCOPE</u>.
 - 2) Even in the darkness, there is the <u>INFRARED LIGHT</u> which is not visible to the eye, but is still there.

D. (v. 5)

1. "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

- a. "the evening and the morning"
 - 1) I think we probably have it backwards. We would say, "Morning and Evening", but the Bible puts the *evening* first!
 - a) For the Jews, a day has always been from SUNDOWN (6pm) to SUNDOWN (6pm) [or Sunset to Sunset], so at 6pm on Sunday night would be the beginning of Monday.
 - 2) This shows that the Earth was already rotating in the 24hour rotation, which means that it was already rotating on its axis.



b. QUICK EARTH FACTS:

- 1) <u>ONE ROTATION</u> = 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.09053 seconds, or spinning at 1,000 mph!
 - a) Just sitting there right now, you are moving at a rapid speed!



- 2) <u>AXIS</u> = Tilted 23.4 degrees
- 3) <u>VELOCITY AROUND THE SUN</u> = 66,622 mph (18.5 mi/s)
 - a) **NOTE**: At this rate, you could go from San Fransisco to Washington D.C. in 3 minutes!!! Woohoo!
- 4) <u>CIRCUMFERENCE</u> = 24,873.6 miles
 - a) Surface Area = 196,936,994 square miles

II. THE <u>SECOND</u> DAY (v. 6-8)

A. (v. 6)



1. "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

- a. "firmament" Heb. "expanse; space"
 - 1) The speaks of the <u>ATMOSPHERE</u> that surrounds the Earth.¹
- b. <u>WATER VAPOR CANOPY</u> formed around the earth.²
 - 1) Global Greenhouse, thus uniformly pleasant warm temperature all over the world. Thus, uniform humidities from daily local evaporation and condensation.
 - 2) No violent windstorms, tornados, or hurricanes. Only a gentle breeze.
 - 3) No Rain and different hydrologic cycle.
 - 4) Ideal temperatures and moisture which would bring lush vegetation all over the world. No ice caps; No deserts.

¹ Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Kings 8:27; 1 Chronicles 16:26; Nehemiah 9:6; Job 9:8; 38:4-7; Psalm 8:1, 3; 19:1; 33:6; 57:5, 11; 68:4, 8, 33; 89:5, 11. Psalm 96:5; 97:6; 102:25; 104:2; 115:16; 148:4; 150:1; Proverbs 8:27-28; Isaiah 40:22; 42:5; 45:12; 51:13; Jeremiah 10:12; 32:17; 51:15; Daniel 12:3



- 5) Highly effective filtration of ultraviolet radiations, cosmic rays, etc.
- 6) Increased Atmospheric Pressure, which would contribute to health and longevity of plants, animals, and humans.
 - a) Modern Hyperbaric Medicine is used commonly for sports injuries and recovery (hyperbaric chambers).
- c. **NOTE**: The Bible has always taught the earth was a <u>SPHERE</u>.
 - 1) Cf. Isaiah 40:22 "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:"
 - 2) Cf. Job 26:7 "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."
 - 3) Cf. Proverbs 8:27 "When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass ("circle") upon the face of the depth:"

III. THE THIRD DAY (v. 9-13)

DRY LAND (v. 9-10)

A. (v. 9)



- **1.** "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so."
 - a. Cf. Psalm 95:3-6 "For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <u>In his hand are the deep places of the</u> earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he <u>made it: and his hands formed the dry land</u>. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

PLANT LIFE (v. 11-13)



B. (v. 11)



1. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."

a. Fruit yields fruit "after his kind."

- 1) Orange trees yield oranges. Not apples.
- 2) If I plant Avocado Seeds, I want the tree to yield Avocados! Not Limes!
- 3) "*whose seed is in itself*" The difference between fruit and vegetables. Fruit has seeds!

b. Grass and Herbs yield seed "after his kind."

- 1) Potheads cannot use this verse to justify smoking weed!
 - a) Marijuana is a result of the curse.
 - b) *Pharmakia* (i.e. drug use) is a sin!
- c. **NOTE**: The Inventive Genius of God in how Seeds <u>PROPAGATE</u> themselves!
 - 1) <u>PROPELLER</u> Seeds.
 - a) Pinecones are seeds that have a little fin, and when it opens, it spins out and rotates far enough away that it gets out of the shade of the tree where it can grow into a new pine tree.
 - b) I wonder how long the pine tree could have existed before it decided, "I need to get my seeds out further," so it evolved the little wing.
 - 2) <u>EXPLODING</u> Seeds.



- a) The pod dries, then it explodes and opens with a "pop" to shoot the seeds out.
- 3) <u>UMBRELLA</u> Seeds.
 - a) The little dandelion that grows in your grass turns the seed into a puffy little umbrella/parachute, and the wind comes carries it off to propagate itself.
- 4) <u>HITCHHIKING</u> Seeds.
 - a) Some seeds have a little hook on the end, and you or an animal walks by and that little seed hooks onto your pants or socks, and gets a free ride! And when you get that irritation on your ankle, you reach down and pull that seed out and throw it down. You helped the seed propagate itself!
 - b) Other seeds develop a quick-drying glue. The second it touches you, the glue sticks to you, but when it completely dries, it falls off and propagates itself.
- 5) <u>COVERED</u> Seeds (i.e. fruit).
 - a) These seeds surround themselves with luscious tasting fleshy part, and you eat it and blow out the seeds, propagating them. (i.e. watermelons, apples, peaches, etc.)
 - b) The Bear eats the blackberries, and then they propagate the seeds later on somewhere out in the woods!

IV. THE <u>FOURTH</u> DAY (v. 14-19)

- A. (v. 14)
 - **1.** "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:"





- a. *"lights"* Heb. מָאוֹר *maor "luminaries; light holders; light-bearers"*
- b. "signs" Heb. "tokens; signals; indicators"
 - 1) Signs of the Constellations (Job 38:31-33) as <u>NAVIGATIONAL INDICATORS</u>.
 - a) Throughout history, the stars and constellations have been used to navigate by land and by sea.
 - b) NOTE: The Stars were grouped into Constellations (Heb. Mazzaroth) by God (Job 9:9; 26:13; 38:31-32; Amos 5:8), which is thought by many to be a reference to the Twelve Constellations of the Zodiac. However, nowhere in the Bible is there any indication of a "Hidden Meaning" in the Zodiac, even the gospel message as some theorize.
 - c) KEY: Astrology is the "interpretation" of an assumed influence the stars and planets exert on human destiny, and it is clearly *forbidden* in Scripture. (Deut. 4:19; 18:10-14)
 - 2) Signs of tHE GLORY OF GOD (Psalm 19:1)
 - 3) Signs of <u>ISRAEL'S PRESERVATION</u> (Jeremiah 31:35-36)
 - a) **NOTE**: God told Abraham to look at the stars as an illustration of His promise to give Abraham an innumerable seed (Gen. 15:5). Thus, every time Abraham looked up at the night sky, he was reminded of God's faithfulness and goodness.
 - 4) Signs of <u>GOD'S JUDGMENT</u> during the Tribulation Period.
 - a) Cf. Isaiah 13:9-10; Joel 3:15; Matthew 24:29; Luke 21:25-26; Revelation 6:12-17
 - 5) "seasons" Heb. moadim "appointed times; appointments; appointed feasts"



- a) Refers to the 4 divisions of the year (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter) which are marked by temperature changes and weather patterns, resulting from the earth's changing position with regard to the sun.
- b) **NOTE**: Normally this Hebrew word *moadim* refers to the Jewish Feasts.
- c) KEY: There are those sensationalist preachers that try to use the constellations and the Jewish Feasts to predict the coming of the Lord (i.e. Feast of Trumpets; blood moons; etc.), but that is not the plain meaning of the Text! It is also bordering on Astrology, where they are "interpreting" the signs in the heavens as signs from God, which the Bible clearly forbids!

B. (v. 16)

- **1.** "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also."
 - a. *"lights"* Heb. מָאוֹר *maor "luminaries; light holders; light-bearers"*
 - b. "*the greater light*" = The Sun
 - 1) Cf. Psalm 19:4-6 David, in speaking of the Heavens, said, "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. <u>His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and</u> his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

2) <u>QUICK SUN FACTS:</u>





- a) DISTANCE FROM EARTH: 93,000,000 miles
 - i. It's Light takes 8 minutes to reach the Earth.
- b) <u>SIZE</u>: 109x wider than the Earth, and 333,000x as massive.
 - i. 1,000,000 Earths can fit inside the Sun.
- c) <u>TEMPERATURE</u>: The temperature inside the Sun can reach 27 million degrees Fahrenheit.
- d) <u>COMPOSITION</u>: Mostly Hydrogen (70%) and Helium (28%).
- e) <u>VELOCITY</u>: Travels at 492,126 miles per hour!
 - i. It's really zooming and dragging us along!
- f) <u>MADE LIFE POSSIBLE</u> on Earth, providing warmth as well as energy that organisms like plants use to form the basis of many food chains.
- c. "*the lesser light*" = The Moon

1) QUICK MOON FACTS:

- a) <u>STABILIZES</u> Earth's wobble, which has made the climate less variable.³
 - i. The Moon also affects the surfers, affecting the *Spring* Tides and *Neap* Tides in our Oceans.
- b) <u>RADIUS</u> = 1,080 miles.
- c) <u>DISTANCE FROM EARTH</u> = About 238,855 miles
- d) <u>VELOCITY AROUND EARTH</u> = ~0.62 miles per second, or 2,288 mph



³ NASA website. <u>https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/earth/indepth</u> 13 of 25



- e) <u>ROTATION</u>: Rotates at 10 mph, yet we always see the same side of the moon. The other side is always hidden.
- f) The <u>ONLY</u> extraterrestrial body that has ever been visited by humans.
 - i. July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," as he stepped off the ladder onto the Moon.
- d. "He made the stars also."
 - 1) The Stars are <u>INNUMERABLE</u>!
 - a) Cf. Jeremiah 33:22 "As <u>the host of heaven cannot</u> <u>be numbered</u>, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me."
 - i. **NOTE**: Jeremiah wrote that before the Hubble Telescope!
 - a. The total number of stars visible from all the Earth's Hemispheres are about 6,000, with only about 3,000 stars that can be seen at one time on a clear night.
 - b. Galileo (1564–1642), using his homemade telescope, saw a ten-fold increase in the number of visible stars, up to 30,000.
 - c. Our Milky Way Galaxy has about 200 billion stars.
 - d. Today, with the Hubble Telescope, the scientists estimate that there are





about a Septillion (1 x 10^{24}), stars in our Universe.⁴⁵

- ii. Cf. Isaiah 48:13 "Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and <u>My right</u> <u>hand has stretched out the heavens</u>; when I call to them, they stand up together."
- iii. Cf. Isaiah 40:12 "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, <u>measured</u> <u>heaven with a span</u> and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?"
- b) There are many Stars that are much <u>LARGER</u> than our Sun!
- However, God knows EXACTLY HOW MANY there are, and <u>HE CALLS THEM ALL BY NAME</u>!
 - a) Cf. Psalm 147:4 "He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."
 - b) Cf. Psalm 8:3-4 "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"
- e. **NOTE**: There are stars that are billions of light-years away, which would be the distance that light would travel (186,000 miles/second) from the source to the earth.
 - 1) The evolutionists say that this proves billions of years.
 - 2) However, God made the Universe and Earth in a <u>MATURE</u> <u>STATE</u> (i.e. Age-Dating factors).
 - a) Adam was a full-grown man.
 - i. **Q** = How old was Adam the day he was created?... ONE day old! Yet in a fully mature man's body.

⁴ https://www.space.com/26078-how-many-stars-are-there.html

 $^{^5}$ 1 Septillion = 1 billion quadrillion = 1 trillion trillion = 1 x 10^{24} 15 of 25



- Q = Did God put the "age-dating" factors to deceive man?... No! Man has tried to figure out the age of the Universe without a Creator. If they'd look, He already told us how He made it!
- b) The trees were full-grown trees with rings in them.
- c) The whole universe was made to fully function as a complete and fully developed entity.

C. Earth is a <u>PRIVILEGED PLANET</u>:

1. There are certain <u>FACTORS</u> for a planet to be <u>HABITABLE FOR</u> <u>LIVING ORGANISMS</u>:

- a. Correct location in the galaxy.
- b. Correct distance from the home star (ex. sun).
 - 1) Be in a certain habitable zone from the home star.
- c. Correct kind of star.
 - 1) A star not too cool, and not too hot.
- d. Protected by giant planets.
- e. Large moon.
 - 1) To stabilize the tilt of the earth's axis.
- f. Terrestrial planet (dry land).
- g. Plate tectonics.
 - 1) The crust needs to be just thick enough for plate tectonic activity.
- h. Magnetic field.
 - 1) Core of planet needs enough heat to generate a magnetic field that will protect from space debris.
- i. Oxygen-rich atmosphere.



j. Correct land/water ratio.

2. The <u>DESIGN</u> of the Cosmos and the <u>FINE-TUNED</u> Universe.

- a. "It just so happened" that the earth was 93 million miles away from the sun. 5% closer burn up; 5% further freeze.
- b. "It just so happened" that the atmosphere became a combination of nitrogen and oxygen in a "just so happened" balance of about 79% to 20% with 1% of variant gasses.
- c. "It just so happened" that around the Earth there was a blanket of ozone.
- d. "It just so happened" that there was a magnetic force also that is circulating around the earth, also protecting it from the cosmic rays.
- e. "It just so happened" that in the water there was somehow a fortuitous combination of molecules of protein that "happened" to come together in just the right time at the right place in the right proportions under the right pressure and under the right heat, and spontaneously, these generated into the first cell!
 - Q = What are the chances of that "just so happening"?... The chances are extremely rare indeed. In fact, the chances are so great that it couldn't have happened "just so"!
 - 2) \mathbf{Q} = What are your chances of winning the Lottery?... 1/200,000,000?
 - a) **KEY**: The chance factor of the spontaneous generation of a living system is the same as if you won the lottery <u>EVERY DAY FOR 90 DAYS IN A</u> <u>ROW</u>!

V. THE <u>FIFTH</u> DAY (v. 20-23)

A. (v. 20)



- **1.** "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."
 - a. "moving creature" Heb. יְשֶׁרֵץ sherets "swarmers; swarming things; teeming life"
 - 1) <u>MARINE ANIMALS</u>: invertebrates, vertebrates, and reptiles.
 - a) **FISH**: Dorado, marlin, tuna, trout, swordfish, shark, Nemo, sushi, etc.
 - b. "every winged fowl"
 - 1) **BIRDS**: Chickens, turkeys, ducks, hawks, ravens, doves, dodo bird, pterodactyls, etc.
 - a) <u>PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER</u>:6
 - i. 88 hour non-stop flight (3 days, 4 nights) from Alaska to Hawaii.
 - a. <u>Problem</u>: They only eat enough food to burn the energy of about 70 hours.
 - b. <u>Answer</u>: They fly in formation, alternating leaders, which cuts the energy.
 - ii. Somehow, they navigate to the same location every year!
 - a. There are sometimes 100 mph winds that can blow them off course, yet they still get to Hawaii!
 - Description:
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⁶ <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6ZvXqA1P3E</u> 18 of 25



- iii. After their eggs hatch (about 4 eggs), the parents take off and leave the kids to fatten up. About 2 weeks later, the kids take off and meet up with their parents in Hawaii, thousands of miles of non-stop flight!
- KEY: God cares about the birds, but He cares <u>MORE</u> about <u>YOU</u>!
 - a) Cf. Matthew 6:25-26 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? <u>Behold the fowls of the air: for they</u> sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. **Are ye not much better than they?**"
 - b) Cf. Matthew 10:28-31 Jesus also said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <u>Are not two</u> <u>sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall</u> <u>not fall on the ground without your Father</u>. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <u>Fear ye</u> <u>not therefore, ye are of more value than many</u> <u>sparrows</u>."

B. (v. 21)

- **1.** "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good."
 - a. "great whales" Heb. אַנין *tannin "sea monsters; dragons; serpents*"⁷
 - 1) Refers to <u>LARGE SEA-CREATURES</u>, including those monsters of the past that are now Extinct.



a) <u>Dr. Henry Morris</u>: "The frequent references to dragons in the Bible, as well as in the early records and traditions of most of the nations of antiquity, certainly cannot be shrugged off as mere fairy tales. Most probably they represent memories of dinosaurs handed down by tribal ancestors who encountered them before they became extinct." (*The Genesis Record*, p. 69)

VI. THE <u>SIXTH</u> DAY (v. 24-31)

LAND ANIMALS (v. 24-25)

A. (v. 24)



- **1.** "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so."
 - a. "*cattle*" Heb. "*livestock; animals*" = <u>DOMESTICABLE</u> Animals.
 - 1) Dogs, cats, cows, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, guinea pigs, etc.
 - b. "*creeping thing*" = <u>SMALL</u> Animals
 - 1) <u>INSECTS</u> (flies, bees, spiders, scorpions, worms, snails, geckos, etc.)
 - a) Flies are the most interesting creatures that I try to swat!
 - 2) <u>SMALL REPTILES</u> (lizards, turtles, chameleons, etc.)
 - 3) <u>AMPHIBIANS</u> (frogs, bullfrogs, toads, salamanders, caecilians, etc.)
 - 4) <u>SMALL MAMMALS</u> (moles, rats, guinea pigs, bunnies, etc.)
 - c. "beast of the earth" = <u>LARGE WILD ANIMALS</u>



- 1) Lions, and Tigers, and Bears, oh my!
- 2) Alligators, crocodiles, cheetahs, rhinos, hippos, giraffes, gorillas, etc.
 - a) **NOTE**: All these animals were made "*after his kind*."
 - b) **KEY**: Evolution from one species to another has never been observed scientifically! It is believed religiously.
 - i. We have never seen a cat become a dog.
 - ii. We have never seen a monkey become a human.
- <u>DINOSAURS</u> (huge reptiles that are now extinct), including T-Rex, Stegosaurus, Spinosaurus ("spinelizard"), Triceratops, etc.
 - a) Cf. Job 3:8; 39:15-24; 41:1; Psalm 74:13-14; 104:26; Isaiah 27:1

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- **B.** (v. 26)
 - 1. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."



- a. The use of Plural Pronouns: "Us" and "Our"
 - 1) Spoken by *Elohim*, thus the Trinity!
- b. "Our image"
 - 1) This does <u>NOT</u> mean that God has a physical or human body.



- a) Cf. John 4:24 "...God is a Spirit..."
- b) Cf. Exodus 33:20 Moses couldn't see God's face because no man can see God and live.
- c) Cf. John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."
- d) Cf. 1 Timothy 6:16 "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."
- e) **NOTE**: Though God does not have a physical body, He designed man so that man's physical body could do many of the things God does: see, hear, smell, touch, speak, think, plan, etc.⁸
- The image of God <u>DOES</u> speak of the <u>SPIRITUAL</u> aspects of God's nature.
 - a) *Personality*.
 - i. Personhood distinct identity from other personal beings.
 - ii. Ability to think and communicate as rational beings to other rational beings.
 - b) *Self-Determination*.
 - i. Capacity of choice (i.e. free will)
 - ii. God has given you a choice to love and follow Him, or not to. You're choice.
 - c) Emotions.
 - i. We can feel and express emotions.
 - ii. We can give love and receive love.
 - iii. We can get angry, etc.



- d) Morality.
 - i. We have a moral sense of right and wrong.
 - ii. We have a conscience.
- e) *Creativity*.
 - i. Art, music, engineering, etc.
- f) Spirituality.
 - i. We are made for communion with God.
 - ii. Man is an inferior trinity spirit, soul, body
 - a. We relate to God in the Spirit.

C. (v. 27)

1. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

- a. "male and female"
 - 1) Gender has been established by God.
 - 2) Today, there is a cultural shift in the public discourse in relation to gender identity.
 - a) In our relativistic and pluralistic society, there are no absolutes on gender identities and sexual orientation.
 - b) There are many today that question their <u>GENDER</u> <u>IDENTITY</u> (transgender; non-binary), but really they're questioning God's authority and His Word.
 - i. Some are confused because they don't know God's plan or God's purposes for humanity, including gender and gender roles!



- In our society, there is a push to get rid of gender,⁹ but I believe that it is really just dark forces behind the scene that are trying to destroy people's lives and destroy society.
- 3) With mankind being made in God's image, it takes both genders to accurately reflect God.
 - a) A marriage between a biological male and a biological woman is to be a reflection of God!
 - i. We live in a culture that is pushing like crazy, with mega bucks, and constant advertising and promotion, that we can have a family that does not include a male and a female in marriage.
- 4) Both genders are <u>EQUAL</u> before God.
 - a) Men are not superior to women.
 - b) Women are not superior to men.
 - c) Cf. Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, <u>there is</u> <u>neither male nor female</u>: <u>for ye are all one in Christ</u> <u>Jesus</u>."
- 5) Yet, there is a <u>DIVINE ORDER</u> within marriage.

D. (v. 28)

- **1.** "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."
 - a. "Be fruitful and multiply"
 - 1) God loves people, so He wanted them to have lots of babies to fill the earth!

⁹ California legally recognizes third gender option. Oct. 16, 2017, <u>http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/</u> article179062891.html



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- 2) **NOTE**: There are some that reject all forms of birth control because of this verse, and they think that we should have as many babies as possible. However, I do not believe that this is a command for *every* couple to obey, but was a mandate for *Humanity* as a whole.
 - a) Jesus never had biological children, yet He was raised *under* the Law and Jewish customs (Gal. 4:4) and *fulfilled* the whole Law (Matt. 5:17).
 - i. Thus, this command is not a command for every *individual* to obey.
 - Jesus encouraged those who are called to a life of celibacy to receive it for the kingdom of God's sake (Matt. 19:12).
 - c) Paul the apostle said that marriage is good, but that sometimes it's better if a single person remains single so that they can serve the Lord without distraction (1 Cor. 7:7-9, 25-40).
 - d) Also, there is the issue of infertility. Some people just can't have children.
 - i. **KEY**: Children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5), but nowhere does the Bible say that someone is cursed because they cannot have children.