

Are there any **Pre-Genesis 1** texts before we get into the Text of Genesis?

- John 17:5⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you **before the world existed.**
- John 17:24 – *Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me **before the foundation of the world.***
- Here, Jesus claimed to share Glory with God, Isaiah 42:8; 48:11
 - God said He will not share His glory with another, Isaiah 42:8 – ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.
 - Isaiah 48:11 – ¹¹For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.
- 1 Peter 1:20 – *He was foreknown **before the foundation of the world** but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you*
- Revelation 13:8 – ⁸and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written **from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.**
- Ephesians 1:4 – *even as he chose us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love*
- John 1:1-2 – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ²*He was **in the beginning** with God.*
- Isaiah 48:16 – *Draw near to me, hear this: **from the beginning** I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there.” And now the Lord God has sent me, and his Spirit.*

I. Faith & Science

- **Faith** – The culture today wants to define faith as a blind trust/leap without rationality.
 - NT lens –
 - Hebrews 11:1 ^{ESV} *Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*
 - Hebrews 11:1 ^{KJV} *Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*
 - Faith is only as good as the Object you place it in



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Unreliable chair?

Faith is only as good as the person in whom the faith is placed



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Three Stooges?

Our Faith is in God

Deuteronomy 7:9

– Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, **the faithful God** who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Psalm 31:5

– Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, **faithful God**.

Psalm 93:5

– Your decrees are very **trustworthy**; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Psalm 111:7

– The works of his hands are **faithful** and just; all his precepts are **trustworthy**;

Daniel 3:17

– If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

Isaiah 25:1

– O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, **faithful** and sure.

1 Corinthians 1:9

– **God is faithful**, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

◆ The Object of our “faith” is God! **Not an unreasonable/blind faith!**

- Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 31:5; Psalm 93:5; Psalm 111:7; Daniel 3:17; Isaiah 25:1; 1 Corinthians 1:9

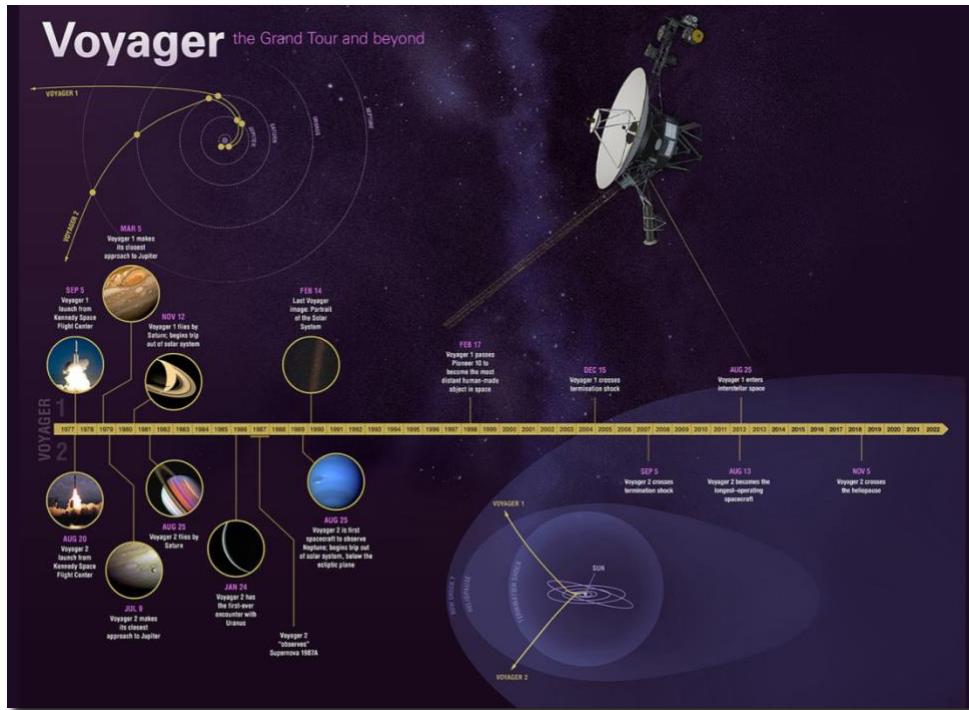
Genesis 1

1 In the beginning, **God** created the heavens and the earth.

- Heavens and the earth – KJV: **Heaven** and Earth
- This is the start of Time/Space/matter
- “Ex-nihilo” From Nothing
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 - God did not use pre-existing material. – He is the original Content Creator!
 - We don’t create things, we assemble things!
 - Homebuilder, deck, addition?
 - Music, story, software
 - Nothing is a strange concept
- **God** – Elohim
 - Singular with plural
 - Cluster of grapes, school of fish, “Back in my **day**”
- John 1:3 –³ *All things were made **through him**, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

- Colossians 1:16 – ¹⁶*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created **through him** and **for him**.*
- Hebrews 1:2 – ²*but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, **through whom** also he created the world.* (αἰών)

 - He created the age/Time
 - Forever & ever!
 - Everlasting Father? Isaiah 9:6
 - Vastness of the Creation
 - Voyager 1 Spacecraft
 - Launched 09/05/77



- It will have travelled a light day (The distance light travels in 24 hrs) in November 2026
- 38,210 miles per hour (approximately 17 kilometers per second)
- Proxima Centauri, is 4.24 light-years away
- “If the Earth was shrunk down to 4 cm — the size of a golf ball. At this scale, if the Earth were in front of you, the Moon would be at arm’s length, and not much bigger than a pea. Mars would be the size of a gumball, 800 feet away at its closest approach. Jupiter would be a beach ball a mile and a half away. And the Sun would be an incandescent globe fourteen feet across at a distance of 1500 feet.

So far, it's fairly comforting. Golf balls, peas, and beach balls are familiar objects. The entire solar system is 12 miles across — the size of a small town.”¹

- “If the sun is the size of an atom and other stars shrink to microscopic scales. The typical distance between them is 3mm. The Milky Way is a twisting spiral of stars about 100 feet across; the size of large house. Within this "house" are 400 billion stars. The nearest house is a mile away. Now we can visualize the extragalactic universe, where house-sized galaxies, each containing billions of stars, are sprinkled across a vast landscape with the separation of farmland villages on the Great Plains.”²
- The point is, God is way beyond our comprehension!
 - Is He not our good shepherd?
 - Don’t worry!

² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

- **Darkness** – Doesn’t have to mean evil
 - Psalm 18:11 – ¹¹ He made **darkness** his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water.
 - Psalm 97:2 – ² Clouds and thick **darkness** are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
 - A theme in **John’s** Gospel is **Light and Darkness**
 - John 1:5 – ⁵ *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*
 - John 1:9-10 – ⁹ *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*
- **Theories of Creation** – God did not give us every single detail of His work.

¹ <https://www.teachastronomy.com/textbook/How-Science-Works/A-Scale-Model-of-Space/>

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Gap theory- Genesis 1:1 & 1:2

Gap 

- - [C.I. Scofield](#) (1843 – 1921) promoted this theory
 - Gap of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
 - ◆ without form and void –  [Genesis 1:1-2 ASV](#) – **1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
 - ◆ Problem of death & Chaos/catastrophe for millions of years. Is this good? Why would God say it is good?

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In my father's **DAY**, it took three **DAYS** to drive across his property during the **DAY**.

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Joel 2:31
³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

2 Peter 3:8
⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

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Day-Age-Theory – One Day= period of time

○ **Day-Age** – Day Periods, not 24 hr.

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- Notable Christian thinkers who subscribed to an old universe:
 - ◆ Augustine
 - ◆ B.B. Warfield
 - ◆ John Walvoord
 - ◆ Francis Schaeffer
 - ◆ Gleason Archer
 - ◆ Huge Ross
 - ◆ Most of the leaders from the 1978 Chicago Statement on inerrancy³

³ Norman L. Geisler, *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1999, 273.

God took a literal week to reveal to Adam and/or Moses all His work in ages past.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Revelatory Day theory

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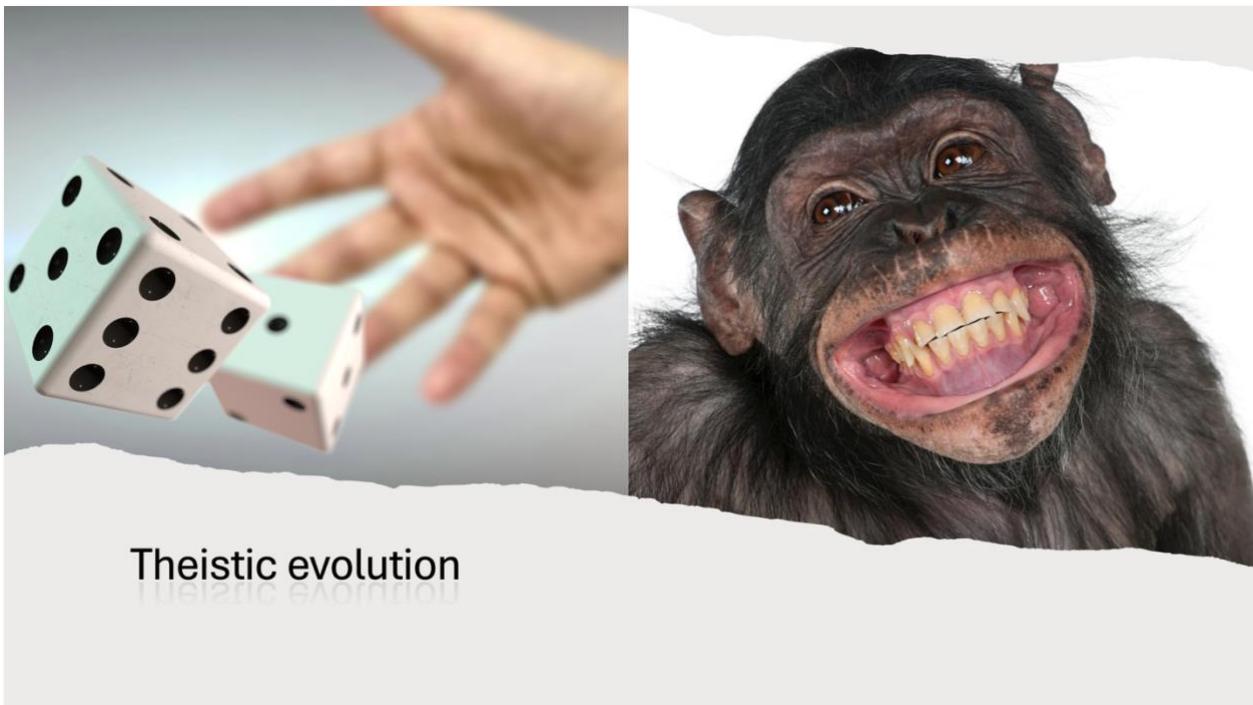
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Literary Framework theory

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- Moses was debunking the brainwashing from the Egyptian education.

- The creation story is set up to give a framework for understanding the truths of creation.
- On this view, the days and order of creation are not literal, but a “carefully arranged poetic description intended to convey theological truths rather than scientific details.”⁴
- Genesis 1, if taken literally, misunderstands the point.
- **Progressive creationism** 
 - Not literal 24 hr. days, but Millions/billions of years
 - Death from the start, not because of Adam. Adam was created after most of the life and death had already taken place on Earth.
 - The Flood was local
 - “The strongest evidences suggested for progressive creationism come mainly from the field of science, not directly from the words of the Bible.”⁵



- **Theistic Evolution** –  Not 24 Hr. Day, death, and God's sovereignty is called into question because He resorts to chance.

⁴ <https://printer.gotquestions.net/GeneratePF?articleId=89388>

⁵ <https://www.gotquestions.org/progressive-creationism.html>



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- **Six-Day-Literal:** All the other views attempt to accommodate/ explain what we observe. The Bible has contradicted prevailing contemporary thought, particularly in light of what secular archaeology claimed.
 - **E.g. – Pontius Pilate,**
 - **Time** is not the same everywhere. – GPS has to account for this.

^{2b} And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

- **The Spirit of God** – 1st mention of Him!
 - The same Spirit overshadowed Mary at the incarnation of Jesus – [Luke 1:26-38](#)
 - This is the same Spirit who indwells us
 - [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#) Or do you not know that your body is a **temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, **whom you have from God**? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
 - Interesting the Jesus walked on the water and demonstrated his dominion over it
 - [Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21](#)
- - The Lord bless you and keep you;
 - the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 - the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
- [Calvary Southport](#)