



THE BEGINNINGS OF CREATION

FOUNDATIONS FOR COVENANT WITH GOD

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- That God And Man Exist Within A Covenant Relationship
- God Has Unconditionally Promised What He Will Do
- In Covenant We Have Promise & Hope For A Great Future, Including Eternal Life

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Genesis is the book of beginnings

- “Genesis” is a Greek word meaning “origin.”

Genesis sets forth the beginning of :

- The Heavens and the Earth;
 - Man and of Sin;
 - Salvation and of Punishment
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- **READ: Genesis 1:1 To 2:2**

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- “creation/evolution issue is not a side issue; it is central to the life and death struggle to maintain our faith in God.”
- Lindsay, D. G. (1990). Foundations for creationism. Christ for the Nations.
- If You Accept “In The Beginning God Created...”
- You Also Can Accept The God Of Covenant & Creation

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- What Did God Create?
- **Genesis 1:1 (NIV)** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- God Created Not Just A Few Things, He Created All Things

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God Created Everything That Exists Including Us

- We Cannot Exist Without Him
- Everything That God Created Can Have Purpose & Meaning
- He Chooses To Offer The Covenant Of Redemption
- To All Who Believe On Jesus Christ

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What Was God's First Creation?

- Before Creating The Heavens And The Earth
- Before Humanity Existed
- God created the realm of the Angels and heavenly ministering spirits.
- “The angels shouted for joy at God's creation”
- Therefore, they existed before he began his creation

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What Did God Create Next?

- The heavens and the earth (the universe).
- **Genesis 1:1 (NIV)** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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How Long Ago Did God Create The Universe

- (1) Heaven and earth were created in six literal days.*
- (2) The earth was created “empty and void.”*
- (3) Satan’s fall occurred after the creation of Adam and Eve.*
- (4) Fossils came into existence at the time of Noah’s Flood.*
- (5) Earth is probably not older than 10,000 years.*

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- The Creation-Reconstruction view, says that between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1 -- a great catastrophe occurred.
- Perhaps the fall of Satan (see Ezek. 28:11–19).
- This caused God's original, perfect creation to become without form and void
- **Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)** 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was (or, BECAME) formless and empty

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What Happened To The Earth?

- *Those who say the “earth became formless and empty” say:*
- *That is because Lucifer and his hosts were thrown out of heaven*
- *The whole earth BECAME void and without form.*
- *Then Water covered the face of the whole earth*

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What Are Some Of The Main Points Of Creation

- God created all things in “the heavens and the earth”
 - At one point in time each thing was not, God spoke, and it was
 - The earth was empty, lifeless and completely dark.
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- God created light (Ge 1:3-5).
 - He gave orderly form to the universe (Ge 1:6-13).
 - Then he filled the earth with living things (Ge 1:20-28).

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- Seven times God states that what he created was “good”
- Each part of God’s creation was exactly as he intended.
- God created the world to reflect his glory (i.e., beauty, splendor, wonder) and greatness
- Fire Bible.

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The Method God Used In Creation Was The Power Of His Word.

- God simply spoke. “God said ‘Light!’—and light came into being.”
- God only has to say a word and something happens
- God just spoke, and it came about.

Cameron, K., & Comfort, R. (2004). The School of Biblical Evangelism

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- **Creation teaches us about God and ourselves.**
- **God:** (1) He is creative; (2) As Creator he is distinct from his creation; (3) He is eternal and in control of the world.
- **Ourselves:** (1) Since God chose to create us, we are valuable in his eyes; (2) We are more important than the animals.

Handbook of Bible Application.

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What We Believe & Know About Creation Determine Our View Of The World

- When you know the Creator, you notice his signature throughout His creation.
- When you don't know Him, all you see is nature.

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Did God Create Everything In Six Days ?

- All the creative acts happened in 24 hours.
- Genesis, Chapter 1, verses 5, 8,13, 19, 23 and 31:
- And there was evening ,and there was morning --the 1ST... 2ND ... 3RD... Day. -- Etc.
- **God Did An Incredible Amount In A 1 Week Period**

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What Is The Unproven Theory Of Evolution?

- The idea that all things have evolved, or developed, in the course of long ages, from simple things to more complex forms.
- This is an unproven theory which contradicts the Bible account of the creation.

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- **Genesis 1:25 (NIV)** God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.
- *Every creature reproduced after its own kind*
- *Dogs do not produce cats.*
- *Neither do cats and dogs have a common ancestry*
- *Why then should we believe that man came from another species?*

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- **Acts 17:26 (NIV)** From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.
- *God's Word: Man Did Not Evolve From Some Other Species*
- *He Was Made By God*
- *Man Was Created By God And Is The Pinnacle Of His Creation*

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Observations About Evolution.

- (1) Evolution is a naturalistic effort -- A way to explain creation without God
- (2) Evolution is not truly scientific. According to the scientific method, all conclusions must be based on indisputable evidence.
- (3) There is no evidence in earth's history or in the fossil record that shows one living thing that has evolved from another

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Man Is Not Just An Animal He Has Been Given Dominion By God

- God has given him dominion (authority) over all the animals (Genesis 1:28).
- Man is intellectually superior to them
- Every animal is “under his feet” and may be brought into submission by him
- Man’s dominion is obvious

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The Law Of Probabilities Refutes Evolution

- Evolutionists have been unable to answer the question of how life spontaneously arose from dead matter
- In statistical terms –it's impossible!
- Fred Hoyle's best-known analogy: a tornado in a junkyard taking all the pieces of metal lying there and turning them into a Boeing 747

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Likelihood Of Life From Inanimate Matter

- Biochemistry professor Michael J. Behe confesses its improbability:
- *“I believe that Darwin’s mechanism for evolution doesn’t explain much of what is seen under a microscope. Cells are simply too complex to have evolved randomly. Intelligence was required to produce them.”*
- **If Cells Are Too Complex To Have Evolved Randomly, Evolution Is Not The Answer. God The Creator Is!**

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Where Are The Missing Links?

- The scientists have failed to locate a single missing link out of the millions that must exist if their theory of evolution is to be vindicated
- *“There are gaps in the fossil graveyard, places where there should be intermediate forms, but where there is nothing whatsoever instead.”*

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Earth's Population Refutes Evolution

- If man has lived for a million years the number of the earth's population would then have to be not in the billions but in the trillions
- *Evolution is not a good theory—it is just a pagan religion masquerading as science*

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The Bible: Creation By Design Not By Random Chance

- Dr. Paul Gentuso, is a physician in Nashville, Tennessee, he was a budding evolutionist until he studied the human hand in medical school.
- *“It became obvious to me that there was a Creator who had intelligently designed and created the human hand. It was the first time in my adult life I could say with assurance that a Creator existed.”*

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- Today increasing numbers of scientists are confessing they cannot explain the wonders of the universe without acknowledging the existence of an intelligent designer.
- **We can detect the Creator in:**
 1. *The Existence of the Universe.*
 2. *The Complexity of the Universe.*
 3. *The Beauty of the Universe.*

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The Psalmist Has Said...

- **Psalm 19:1-3 (NIV)** 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. 3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
- **The Beauty And Glory Of God's Creation Points To The Assured Existence Of An All Knowing , All Powerful Creator God.**

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- **Genesis is about God.** God speaks. God blesses. God banishes. God judges. God chooses. God leads. God delivers. God is to be worshiped
- **Genesis is about God's plan to rescue his people through the seed of Abraham.**
- The writer of Genesis is telling the Israelites **where they came from** (creation) and **where they are going** (redemption).

Helm, D. R., & Dennis, J. M. (2001). The Genesis factor: probing life's big questions (pp. 20–22). Crossway Books.

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Genesis teaches that God intends to bless all the families of the earth through the seed of Abraham.

- That Is God's Covenant In Action
- God Is A Covenant Keeping God.
- You Can Depend On Him
- You Can Know Him Thru His Son Jesus Christ