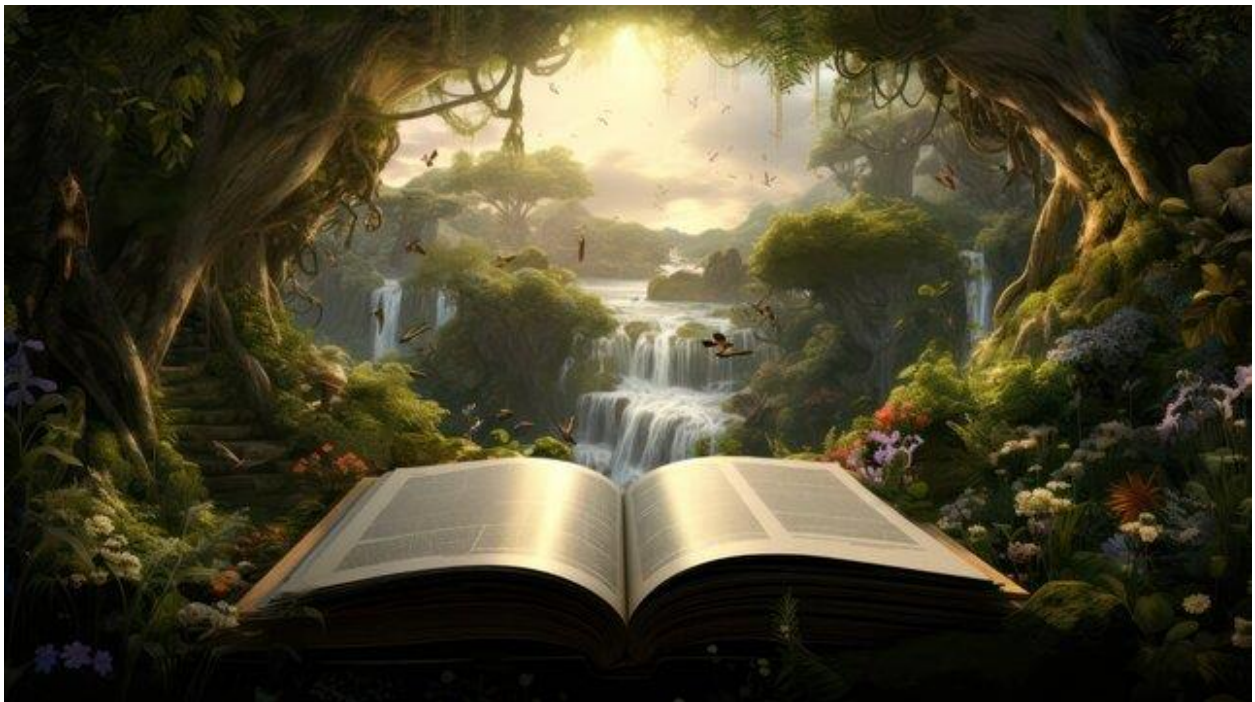


Genesis – Lesson 2

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-2:3



Memory Verse

Genesis 1:1

***“In the beginning God created
the Heavens and the earth.”***

Worldview Introduction



Knowledge

Information, true or false, gained through revelation or experience applied to a foundation of truth

Worldview

A set of beliefs based on a foundation of truth we use to view and guide our life.

Identifying an Individual's Worldview



- 1. Where did life come from?
(Origins)**
- 2. What does it mean to be human?
(Identity)**
- 3. What is the purpose of life?
(Meaning)**
- 4. How should I live?
(Morality)**
- 5. What happens after I die?
(Destiny)**



Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

2 Corinthians 10:5

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

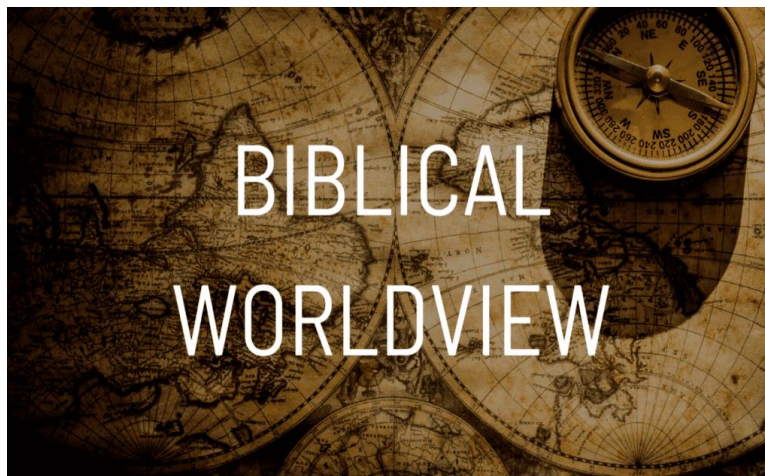
Worldview Systems



Evolutionary Worldview

Attacks God's Word

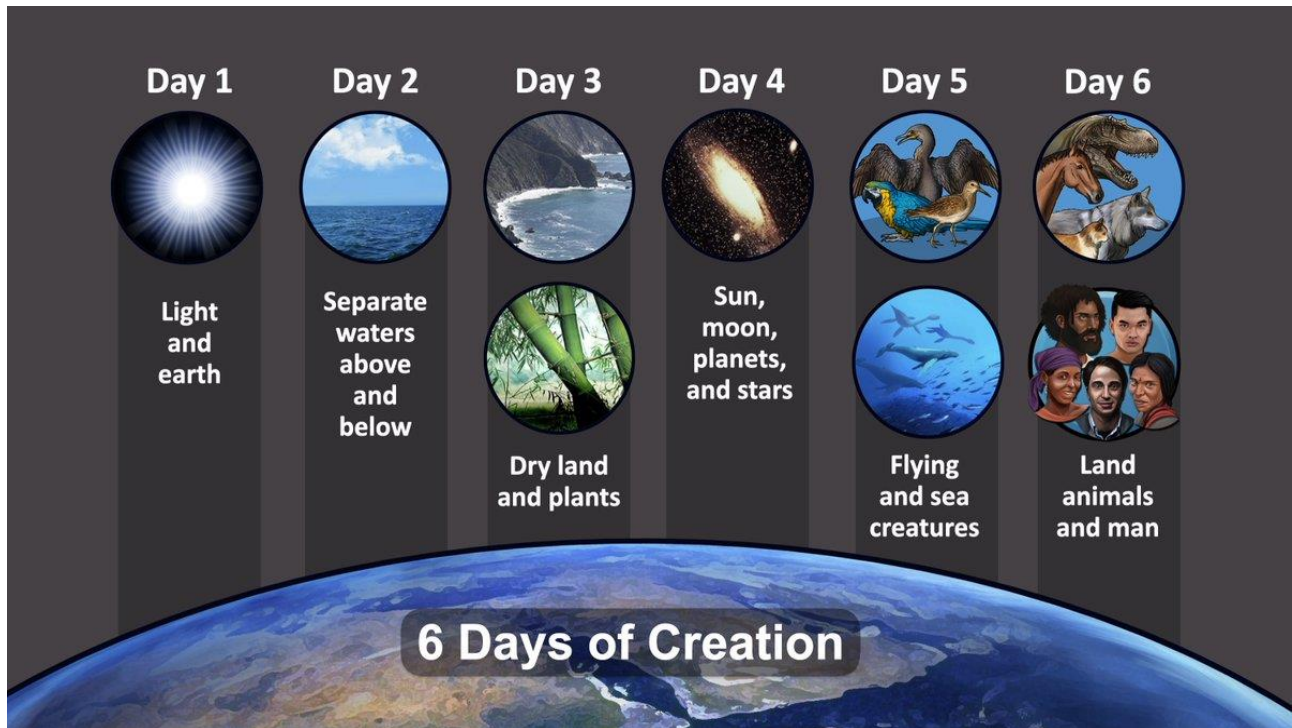
Attacks God's Authority



Biblical Worldview

Desires God's Word

Upholds God's Authority



What was the state of the earth before God organized creation?

Isaiah 45:18

“For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited”



Genesis 1:1-5

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.”

Psalm 104:1-2

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
² Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.”*

Genesis 1:2

“formless and empty” / “without form, and void”

tohuw waw bohuw (tō'·hü va bō'·hü)

Not a sign of destruction or ruin

a state of incompleteness, uninhabitable and not yet energized with purpose

“hovering” / “moving”

râchaph (raw-khaf')

to flutter, energize, incubate, fertilize, activate

seminal potential for the rest of the days



Earth was created as a sphere

- **Proverbs 8:26-27**
- **Job 26:10**



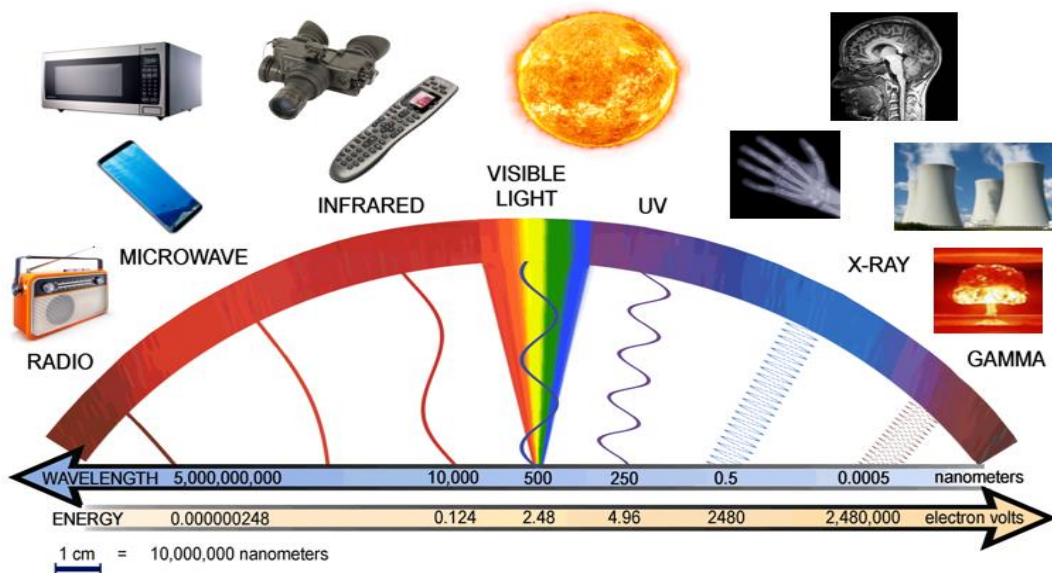
Genesis 1:3-5

Light = “owr”

God’s Glory and Power

John 1:1-5; John 8:12

Electromagnetic Spectrum



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Creation Days – 24 hour/day

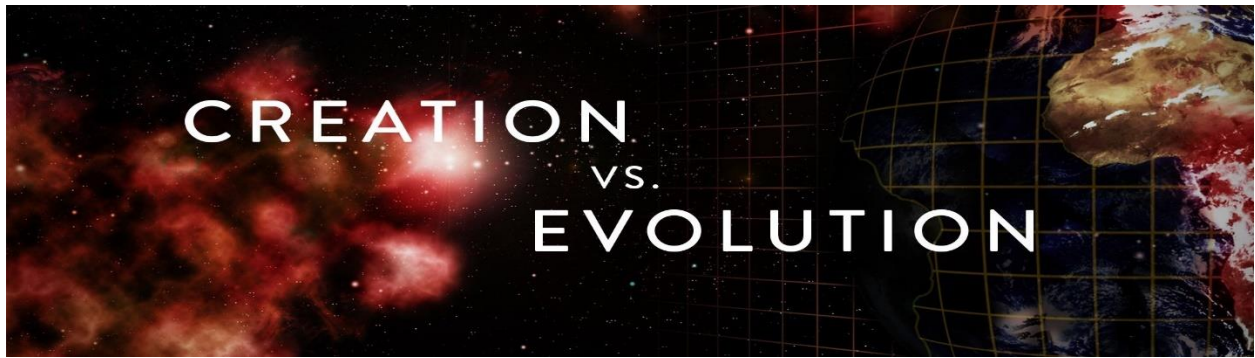
“Evening and morning, one day”

Exodus 20:8-11

Colossians 1:16-17

God's account in Genesis 1 of Creation in 6 days

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
					
Earth covered by water, light	Atmosphere and sky	Dry land, plants and fruit trees	Sun, moon, and stars	Birds, and sea creatures	Land animals, Adam and Eve



Problems Evolutionists Cannot Answer

1. How Life Originated
2. The Origin of Matter
3. The gap between animals and vegetables
4. How the different species were formed
5. The absence of missing links
6. What stopped evolution?
7. The reversion to original types
8. Some animals have never changed
9. Origin of sex
10. Second Law of Thermodynamics
11. Few people & animals who lived on the earth
(supposedly millions of years of age)
12. Law of Genetics
13. Individual animals couldn't have survived without
all the necessary apparatus they now have
14. The balance of nature that must exist in creation

15. The spiritual and rational nature of man

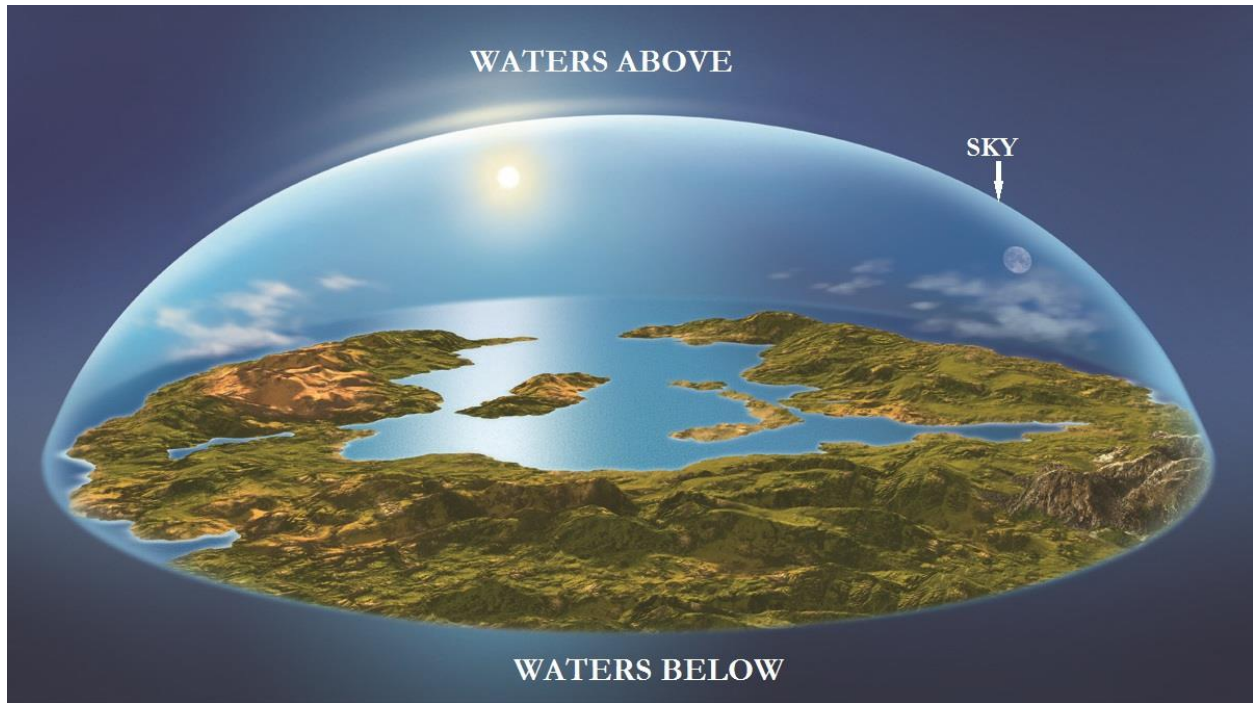
16. Design in nature



Genesis 1:6-8

⁶ Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ God made the expanse and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

**The 2nd day of creation:
God creates an atmospheric division**



Firmament

- Psalm 148:4
- Genesis 1:14
- Genesis 7:11
- Isaiah 24:18
- Malachi 3:10
- Psalm 19:1
- Daniel 12:3



Genesis 1:9-13

⁹ Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. ¹³ There was evening and there was morning, a third day.



Day 3

- Separation of waters and dry land
- Creation of plants, trees and vegetation

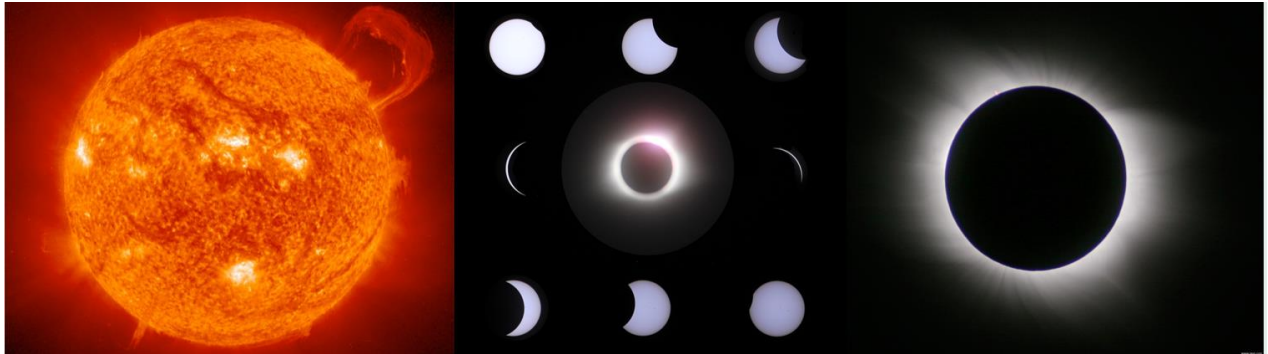




Genesis 1:14-19

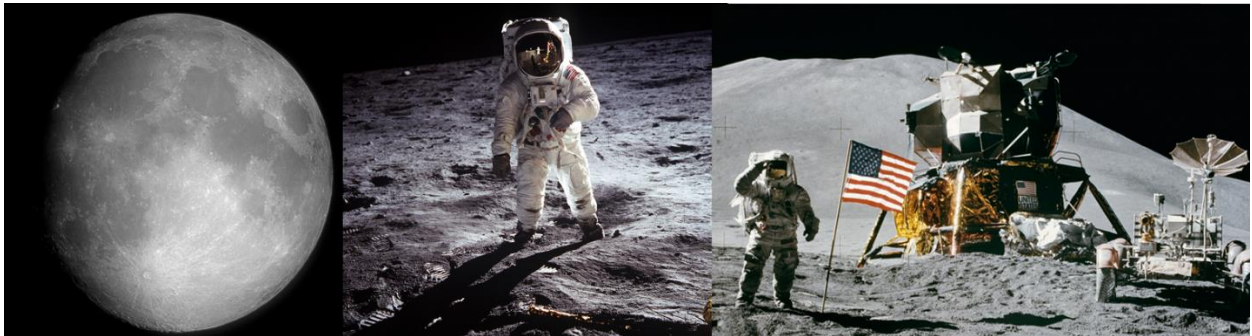
¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth” and it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. ¹⁷ God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

Let there be lights - Separate the day from the night
Let them be for signs, for seasons, for days and years



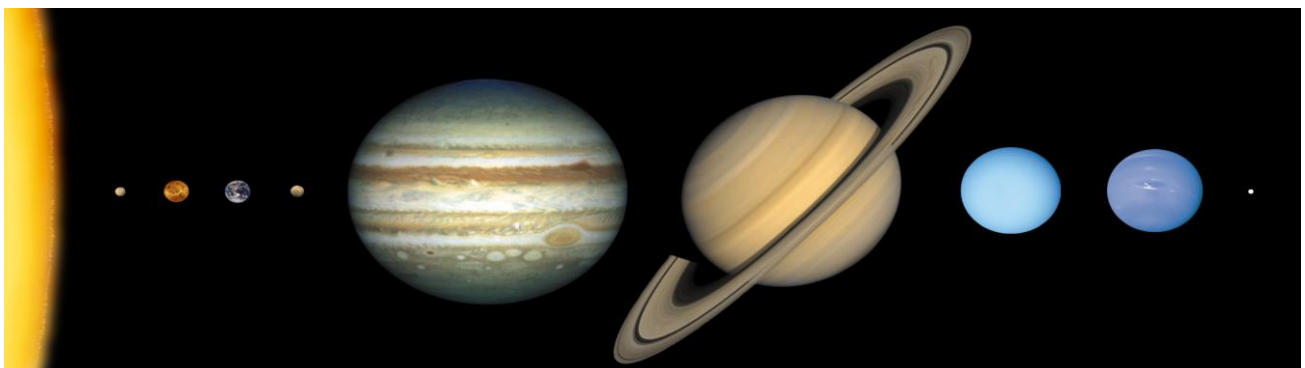
Sun (greater light)

and



Moon (lesser light)

He made the stars also.





God saw that it was good.



Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.



Genesis 1:20-23

²⁰ Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.



Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures



Let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens



Behemoth – Job 40:15-24

¹⁵ “Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox.¹⁶ “Behold now, his strength in his loins. And his power in the muscles of his belly. ¹⁷ “He bends his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are knit together. ¹⁸ “His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron. ¹⁹ “He is the first of the ways of God; Let his maker bring near his sword. ²⁰ “Surely the mountains bring him food, And all the beasts of the field play there. ²¹ “Under the lotus plants he lies down, In the covert of the reeds and the marsh. ²² “The lotus plants cover him with shade; The willows of the brook surround him. ²³ “If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth. ²⁴ “Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, With barbs can anyone pierce his nose?”



Leviathan – Job 41:1-34

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook? Or press down his tongue with a cord? ² “Can you put a rope in his nose Or pierce his jaw with a hook? ³ “Will he make many supplications to you, Or will he speak to you soft words? ⁴ “Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him for a servant forever? ⁵ “Will you play with him as with a bird, Or will you bind him for your maidens? ⁶ “Will the traders bargain over him? Will they divide him among the merchants? ⁷ “Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or his head with fishing spears? ⁸ “Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle; you will not do it again! ⁹ “Behold, your expectation is false; Will you be laid low even at the sight of him? ¹⁰ “No one is so fierce that he dares to arouse him; Who then is he that can stand before Me? ¹¹ “Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine. ¹² “I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, Or his mighty strength, or his orderly frame. ¹³ “Who can strip off his outer armor? Who can come within his double mail? ¹⁴ “Who can open the doors of his face? Around

his teeth there is terror. ¹⁵ "His strong scales are his pride, Shut up as with a tight seal. ¹⁶ "One is so near to another That no air can come between them. ¹⁷ "They are joined one to another; They clasp each other and cannot be separated. ¹⁸ "His sneezes flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. ¹⁹ "Out of his mouth go burning torches; Sparks of fire leap forth. ²⁰ "Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth As from a boiling pot and burning rushes. ²¹ "His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes forth from his mouth. ²² "In his neck lodges strength, And dismay leaps before him. ²³ "The folds of his flesh are joined together, Firm on him and immovable. ²⁴ "His heart is as hard as a stone, Even as hard as a lower millstone. ²⁵ "When he raises himself up, the mighty fear; Because of the crashing they are bewildered. ²⁶ "The sword that reaches him cannot avail, Nor the spear, the dart or the javelin. ²⁷ "He regards iron as straw, Bronze as rotten wood. ²⁸ "The arrow cannot make him flee; Slingstones are turned into stubble for him. ²⁹ "Clubs are regarded as stubble; He laughs at the rattling of the javelin. ³⁰ "His underparts are like sharp potsherds; He spreads out like a threshing sledge on the mire. ³¹ "He makes the depths boil like a pot; He makes the sea like a jar of ointment. ³² "Behind him he makes a wake to shine; One would think the deep to be gray-haired. ³³ "Nothing on earth is like him, One made without fear. ³⁴ "He looks on everything that is high; He is king over all the sons of pride."



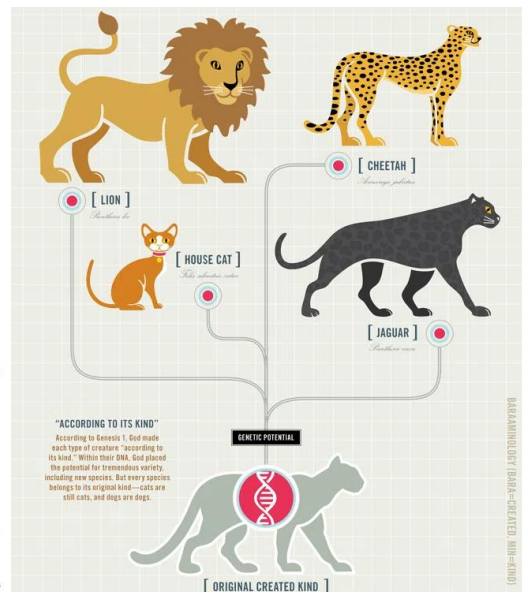
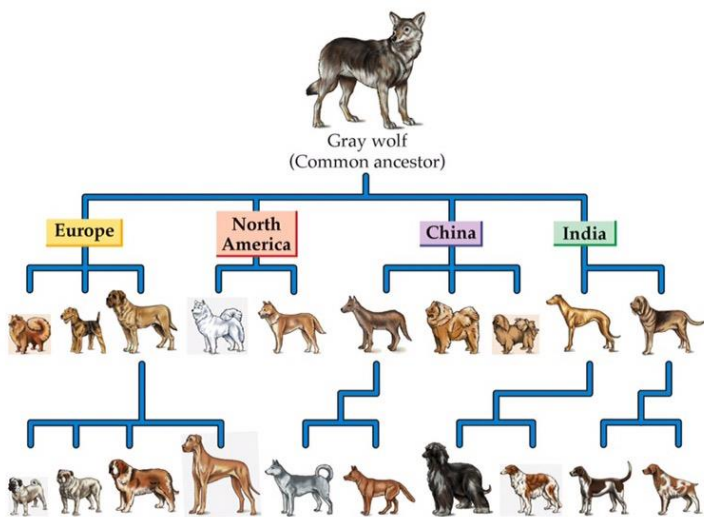
Genesis 1:24-25

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so.

²⁵ 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.

Day 6 – Land Animals (Gen 1:24-25)

- Terms for Land Animals:
 - Cattle – “livestock”; not just cows, but living creatures which man can domesticate and tame.
 - Creeping Things – smaller creatures which creep about or slither on the ground, e.g. insects, lizards, snakes, etc.
 - Beasts of the Earth – four-legged creatures that are *not fully tamed* by man, e.g. lions, tigers, elephants, etc.
- All were to reproduce “after their kind” – another direct contradiction to evolutionary theory that is easily verifiable!





Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.



Genesis 1:26-27 – Unique to Humankind

- Mankind can speak & write in languages
 - Mankind is creative & can reason
- Free-will capacity & choose between right and wrong
 - Conscience & heart-felt emotions
 - Religious inclination
 - Immortal Soul





Genesis 1:28

subdue = k̄aḇaš (kaw-bash')

- means - master, to bound, subdue
- nothing in conflict at that moment in history
- Study and understand the creation

rule = rāḡâ (raw-daw')

- means - dominate, govern, reign
- Take care and govern the creation



Genesis 1:29-30

Plants = food source

“chay nephesh” life was not consumed

NO DEATH BEFORE SIN



Genesis 1:31

After completing all of His creation God looks and says,

“Behold it was very good!”

Having created mankind to populate and rule over this world,
God declares what He has made as "very good."

After six days of creation, the universe not only existed, but it
was flawless in beauty, in function, in purpose, and in
potential.

God saw all of it and saw that it was very good.



Genesis 2:1-3

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. ² By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Did God get tired?

Was the Sabbath established on the 7th day of the creation week?



Sabbath was a personal covenant with Israel

Exodus 31:14-17

¹⁴ Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵ For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the Lord; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷ It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed.”

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the 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.

**Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man
not man for the Sabbath**

Mark 2:27-28

²⁷ Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

There is a Sabbath rest for the people of God

Hebrews 4:1-11

Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,

*“As I swore in My wrath,
They shall not enter My rest,”*

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; ⁵ and again in this passage, “They shall not enter My rest.” ⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ He again fixes a certain day, “Today,” saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

*“Today if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts.”*

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. ⁹ So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. ¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

“Overview of the Book of Genesis”

by: Shane Capps

The first five books of the Bible are known as the Torah (Hebrew: instruction or law) or Pentateuch (Greek: five books).

Title: Genesis means “beginning” or “origin”

Theme: Genesis, the book of beginnings, sets the stage for the great story of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Key Characters: Adam, (All have sinned) Abel, (A sacrifice is needed) Noah, (Raised to new life out of water above the world) Abraham, (Called out of the world) Isaac, (Willing subject to the father) Jacob, (Man who walks differently) and Joseph (Suffer for righteousness sake and exalted).

Who: This book was written by Moses. Matthew 19:8; John 5:46-47; Acts 3:22; Romans 10:5

What: This book was written to show us the beginning of...

- a. The universe,
- b. Man and Woman,
- c. Sin and death,
- d. The redemptive promise,
- e. Worship to God,
- f. Civilization,
- g. Diverse languages and nations,
- h. Hebrew nation, from whom the Messiah would come.

When: This book was written between the years 1446-1440 B.C.

Where: Possibly written while Moses and the Israelites were in the desert for forty years.

Why: The book simply shows the beginning, or origin, of everything, but more importantly, the promise of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

How: Moses wrote by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is seen in this book: “The Promised Seed, born of a woman, coming to save the world. Lineage limited to Shem (the race), to Abraham (the nation), and to Judah (the tribe)”.

General Outline:

- I. “History of Humanity in General: Genesis 1-11
 - a. Creation of the heavens and earth (1-2)
 - b. Adam and his family (3-5)
 - The fall of man (3)
 - c. Noah and his family (6-11)
 - The Flood (6-10)
 - The Babel rebellion (11)

- II. History of Israel in Particular: Genesis 12-50
 - a. Abraham... The father who gave his son (12:1-25:18)
 - b. Isaac... The son who took a bride (25:19-26:35)
 - c. Jacob... The flesh vs. the Spirit (27:1-36:43)
 - d. Joseph... The providence of God (37:1-50:26)”

Outline from “In the Beginning”

(Study Guide to Genesis) by: Keith Sharp

- (1) In the Beginning (1:1 – 2:3)
- (2) The History of the Heavens of the Earth (2:4 – 4:26)
- (3) The Book of the Genealogy of Adam (5:1 – 6:8)
- (4) The Genealogy of Noah (6:9 – 9:29)
- (5) The Genealogy of the Sons of Noah (10:1 – 11:9)
- (6) The Genealogy of Shem (11:10-26)
- (7) The Genealogy of Terah (The Sojourn of Abraham)
(11:27 – 25:11)
- (8) The Genealogy of Ishmael (25:12-18)
- (9) The Genealogy of Isaac (25:19 – 35:29)
- (10) The Genealogy of Esau (36:1 – 37:1)
- (11) The Genealogy of Jacob (37:2 – 50:26)