

God Creates the Universe

Genesis 1-2

Since Darwin introduced his theory of evolution in the Nineteenth Century, the battle to usurp the creation of the universe away from God has been ongoing. Various groups¹ have dedicated themselves to studying numerous aspects of creation demonstrating that evidence from science supports the Biblical view of creation. In the first few chapters of Genesis, many of the basic doctrines of the Bible are introduced. In Genesis 1, there is an overview of the creation of the universe in which God creates every aspect of the universe in six, twenty-four hour days. In Genesis 2, there is a more detailed version of God's creation of Adam and Eve, the first human beings.

There and Then

Outline:

A complete outline for Genesis is available on the [Downloads](#) page in the *Outlines & Word Lists* folder.

Group ²	C	V	Description
The Creation	1	1-5	Day 1—Light & Darkness
		6-8	Day 2—Heavens
		9-13	Day 3—Land and Vegetation
		14-19	Day 4—Sun, Moon, and Stars
		20-23	Day 5—Fish and Birds
		24-25	Day 6—Cattle, Creeping Things, beasts of the earth
		26-31	Day 6—Man, in the image of God to manage the creation
The Creation of Man and Woman	2	1-3	Day 7—God rested, established the Sabbath rest
		4-9	Creation of Garden - Eden - for man
		10-14	Location of Eden—Four Rivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pishon in Havilah (known for gold, bdellium, & Onyx) • Gihon in Cush • Tigris east of Assyria • Euphrates
		15-17	Man in the Garden—all is available for food except the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Penalty of death if eaten from)
		18-25	Man is called Adam (Heb. <i>Man</i>) and names animals; God makes a helper made for man from his rib – Establishment of marriage/family

1 Answers in Genesis (“answersingenesis.org”) and the Institute for Creation Research (“icr.org”) both do scholarly research in various sciences with a view to showing how their findings support a Biblical view of creation. Another organization that doesn’t describe itself as a religious organization but does research about Intelligent Design and other ethical matters is the Discovery Institute (“discovery.org”).

2 (NASB) “Group” column from the headings in the NASB text.

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A Summary of God’s Creation of the Universe

<p>God existed before and established how the universe would work before He created it.</p> <p>Proverbs 8:22-31</p> <p>22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.</p> <p>23 "From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.</p> <p>24 "When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water.</p> <p>25 "Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth;</p> <p>26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world.</p> <p>27 "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,</p> <p>28 When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed,</p> <p>29 When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth;</p> <p>30 Then I was beside Him, <i>as</i> a master workman; And I was daily <i>His</i> delight, Rejoicing always before Him,</p> <p>31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And <i>having</i> my delight in the sons of men.</p> <p>Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.</p>							
<p>God's Daily Creative Acts from a formless Chaos to an ordered Cosmos</p>							
<p>Chaos</p> <p>Genesis 1:2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.</p> <p>God Creates the universe in an orderly manner, beginning with the physical location and then filling it with what we now know as “nature”, i.e. stars and planets, plants, animals, and finally man.</p>							
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<p>Cosmos</p> <p>Genesis 1:31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.</p>							
<p>Day 7 – The first “holy” thing</p> <p>Genesis 2:1-3 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.</p>							

Table 1: Summary of the Days of Creation as Described in Genesis 1

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People:

- God
 - God – Genesis 1:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16,17,18,20,21,22,24,25,26,27,28,29,31; 2:2,3,4,5,7,8,9,15,16,18,19,21,22
 - LORD – Genesis 2:4,5,7,8,9,15,16,18,19,21,22
 - Spirit of God – Genesis 1:2
- Man / Woman – Genesis 1:26,27; 2:5,7,8,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25
 - Adam – Genesis 2:20

Location:

- Universe (no particular reference other than the references to the creation of objects in the sky, Genesis 1:16, and the formation of earth and its contents throughout the creation days)
- Garden – Genesis 2:8,9,10,15,16
- Eden – Genesis 2:8,10,15
- 4 Rivers: Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, Euphrates—Genesis 2:10-14
- Countries: Havilah, Cush, Assyria—Genesis 10-14

Context:

- Describes the creation of the universe and all that is in it.

Key Words:

Old Testament, Pentateuch, Genesis, Creation, Adam, Eve, Evolution, Family, Man, Woman

Key Verse(s):

- [Genesis 1:1](#) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- [Genesis 1:26](#) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- [Genesis 1:31](#) God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- [Genesis 2:1-3](#) 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.
- [Genesis 2:18](#) Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
- [Genesis 2:22](#) The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
- [Genesis 2:24](#) For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

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Cross References³, Questions, Notes, and Commentaries:

“after their/its kind”

Just by reading the text alone, it is clear that macroevolution⁴ could not be involved in God’s creation process. This same idea of creation being limited to like “kinds” is seen expressed again in the account of the flood in chapters 6 and 7 of Genesis. It does support the idea of microevolution⁵ within a “kind”.

- 1:11 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.
- 1:12 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.
- 1:21 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.
- 1:24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures **after their kind**: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth **after their kind**"; and it was so.
- 1:25 God made the beasts of the earth **after their kind**, and the cattle **after their kind**, and everything that creeps on the ground **after its kind**; and God saw that it was good.

References to the animals saved from the flood later in Genesis

- 6:20 "Of the birds **after their kind**, and of the animals **after their kind**, of every creeping thing of the ground **after its kind**, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive.
- 7:14 they and every beast **after its kind**, and all the cattle **after their kind**, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth **after its kind**, and every bird **after its kind**, all sorts of birds.

“sanctified” – 2:3

- H6942⁶ - Strong's: קָדַשׁ, qâdash, kaw-dash'; NASEC: *to be set apart or consecrated*: - become consecrated (2), become defiled (1), become holy (1), consecrate (43), consecrated (35), consecrates (7), consecration (2), declare holy (1), dedicate (2), dedicated (8), dedicating (1), holier (1), holy (5), keep (1), keep it holy (2), keep the holy (3), made it holy (1), manifest my holiness (2), prepare (2), prove myself holy (2), proved himself holy (1), purified (1), regard as holy (1), sanctified (9), sanctifies (10), sanctify (12), set them apart (1), set apart (4), set apart the consecrated (2), show himself holy (1), transmit holiness (2), treat me as holy (3), treated as holy (1), vindicate the holiness (1), wholly dedicate (1).

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3 (Smith)

4 (“Macroevolution”) “major evolutionary transition from one type of organism to another occurring at the level of the species and higher taxa.”

5 (“Microevolution”) “evolutionary change involving the gradual accumulation of mutations leading to new varieties within a species.”

6 (Strong; NASEC)

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Why is important to understand what the bible teaches about the creation of the universe as opposed to evolutionary theory that is espoused in science classrooms? From an article on the Answers in Genesis website⁷, there are basic reasons why this understanding is important.

1. Biblical creation is supernatural in which God, an actual being who exists outside of time, creates the universe out of nothing, *ex nihilo*.
2. Biblical creation identifies man as being created in God's image, and unique in all of creation.
3. Man's creation as a sinless being and his subsequent fall as a result of sin and his resulting need of a savior, the main focus of the Bible, is fundamental to the Christian worldview.

Most scientific research is preformed by people who have some preconceived philosophical ideas that are used to interpret the information that is discovered. It is becoming more widely recognized that these presuppositions exist and that they play an important role in the interpretation of data and there is much work being done to in this area to encourage a more open-minded approach to scientific research. For example: consider the latest research being done by scientists employed by the Institute for Creation Research, <https://www.icr.org/article/ICR-research-at-a-glance/>.⁸ I won't list the details of the work but suffice it to say that each of the items listed directly challenges some of the most basic presuppositions that evolutionary scientists hold.

- Understanding the Ice Age
- Early Flood Sediments
- Rapid Limestone Deposits Match the Flood
- Palo Duro Canyon's Flood Rocks
- A Biblical Paleo-Bigeography Model
- Human-Chimp DNA Dissimilarity
- Dinosaur Proteins

There is a growing number of scientists, from multiple disciplines and a wide variety of countries, who are adopting a more open stance with regard to research and oppose the emphasis on Darwinian evolution. The Discovery Institute created this list and it is available for public review.⁹

The *College Student's Back to School Guide*¹⁰, from the Discovery Institute, outlines how to respond to common objections by teachers and professors when discussing Intelligent Design in classrooms. While it is prepared for students, the information is worthwhile for anyone interested in the arguments against evolution.

These are just a few of the myriads of resources that are available to anyone who would like to look into the differences between evolution and creation and why a biblical model of the creation of the universe is a better answer to the question of the origin of the universe.

Application

*my LOG v. others SPECK: Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this study.*¹¹

S – Are there *sins* to avoid or confess?

7 (Chittick et al.)

8 (2018 ICR Research at a Glance)

9 (Dissent from Darwin - There Is a Scientific Dissent from Darwinism and It Deserves to Be Heard.)

10 ("Center for Science and Culture" Student's Guide to Intelligent Design)

11 (The Navigators) [with additions] & Matthew 7:1-5.

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P – Are there *promises* from God to claim?

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E – Are there *examples* to follow or avoid?

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C – Are there *commands* to obey?

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K – How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit?

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Other Application Questions

Are there principles to guide?

Are there warnings to heed?

Are there attitudes to adopt?

Are there actions to take?

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