

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Genesis 1****Genesis 1 - posted by Moorsey, on: 2007/6/13 7:15**

I was recently enlightened as to the deeper meaning of Genesis Ch 1 i.e. as a picture of the New Birth and spiritual growth. I feel there is a wealth of teaching here as there are so many Christians who get to verse 3 (figuratively speaking) and no further.

Assuming you agree with this interpretation could I please ask a question -

Why did God on the second day not declare His work as good? The second day being a picture of separation. Anybody any ideas?

Also does anybody have any thoughts on the other days of creation?

**Re: Genesis 1 - posted by enid, on: 2007/6/13 7:26**

Moorsey,

Hello and welcome to the website.

Don't know if you are male or female with the name you have used, so please let us know.

Concerning Genesis 1, in verse 31 it says, 'Then God saw EVERYTHING that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day'.

Simply because the word 'good' is not used in every verse does not mean that what God created was not good.

As for the other days of creation, God was lining up our week for us.

Creation is awesome, because God is awesome.

Psalm 19v1, 'The heavens declare the glory of God...

And they do.

God is good.

God bless.

**Re: - posted by Moorsey, on: 2007/6/13 7:54**

Hi Enid

Thanks for post and I am in full agreement. God is awesome and this chapter demonstrates God's awesome power.

Sometimes I feel we get hung up on trying to stand up against evolutionists and those who attack this portion of scripture. Obviously we should defend the Word of God, but not at the expense of missing the real meanings for ourselves who have been quickened by the Spirit to receive the things of God. (see 1 Cor 2:14).

PS I am male.

**Re: Genesis 1 - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/6/13 8:51**

Moorsey asked:

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Moorsey, I do not know the answer to this question because I am not aware it is addressed anywhere else in the Scripture. BUT I have an idea and this is nothing but pure speculation.

I enjoy cooking, baking, sewing. When I am in the beginning stages of any of these the work does not look impressive at all. However, once things start coming together after some effort, I can tell it is going well and that it will yield the desired result, just like I thought it would. Perhaps this is what caused God to not comment on the early stages of his creation.

Like I said this is nothing but pure speculation because I know people are this way and however flawed it is, we do have the image of God in us.

What are your thoughts?

ginnyrose

**Re: Genesis 1 - posted by Josiah777 (), on: 2007/6/13 9:13**

Moorsey,

We had a good discussion on that one in "The Second Day". [https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=16659&forum=36#129688](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=16659&forum=36#129688)

Regarding your question to Genesis 1 relating the re-creation of the world having a parallel to the spiritual new birth, I believe it does. Day 1 is a picture of regeneration (2 Cor. 4:6) and Day 7 ends with a picture of rest (Heb 4).

Have a blessed day enjoying a full Savior,

Ken

**Re: - posted by Moorsey, on: 2007/6/13 9:14**

hi ginnyrose

I love your point about things coming together after time and effort. It gave me a great picture of a Christian growing spiritually. When things seem to be a complete mess for us and we go through trying times we can take great heart in the fact that we are constantly being shaped and moulded by God.

As for the second day of creation I just feel there must be some reason why God doesn't declare it as good. There may not be. One idea I have (which my granda gave me), and this may be nonsense, is that this was the day that opened the door for Satan to enter the created world. Just a thought.

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/6/13 9:28**

Moorsey,

Let us stop and think for a moment.

Sin did not enter the world until Adam sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, as it is termed.

So Satan, or Lucifer, could not have fallen until Adam sinned, after the seventh day.

It had to be after the seventh day, if you take into account what is written in Ezekiel 28.

Verse 13 says, 'You were in Eden, the garden of God...

The garden of Eden wasn't created until day 6.

In verse 12 it speaks about the king of Tyre.

Was the king of Tyre in the garden of Eden?

So what then is the writer referring to?

Verse 15 says, 'You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you'.

Verse 16, '...therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the firey stones'.

Satan could not have fallen before day 6, because God declared everything good on day six, blessed the seventh day and rested, because what He had done was complete.

Just some food for thought.

God bless.

**Re: Genesis 1 - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/6/13 9:45**

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Here is a thought (or maybe just food for thought) of what God deems Good & Great

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Matthew 15:23-28

23But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, GREAT is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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All of Gods glorious creation was labeled as GOOD; but this mere Canaanite that should have been destroyed by God's command earlier in the Bible: was described as GREAT in faith,

I haven't pulled out the Strong's, but I think there is a sermon in this Good - to - Great comparison

**Re: - posted by Moorsey, on: 2007/6/13 10:36**

Ken

Thanks for directing me to that discussion. It is very interesting and deals with my question.

What a great website.

God Bless

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I think you may be mistaking the purpose of the Bible here. It is really the book of man's history; it speaks of his creation, purpose, fall, redemption and future. Other topics only come into the 'mix' as they affect 'man's story'.

Imagine two (although there are many more) circles which intersect so that a tiny part of belongs to both circles. One of those circles is 'man's story'. For the purpose of the illustration, the other circle is 'the angel's story'. It is only at the point of intersection that their story coincides with ours. There is much that we do not know about angels although some have followed their dangerous speculations into all kinds of theories. We really know all that we know from that tiny point of common ground in the intersection.

Consequently in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 we are getting tiny glimpses of things that have their impact on the human race but not the whole 'angel story'.

There is a reference in Ezekiel to the anointed cherub who 'walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire'; how would this fit into Genesis and the garden of Eden? I wonder whether this is the same Eden as that in which Adam and Eve walked.

I think that to synchronise Satan's fall with the events of the 6th day of 'man's story' is not really what the scripture is telling us.

As regards God's judging of things as 'good' we see that his first use of the word was not general but specific. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. (Genesis 1:3-4 KJVS) It is 'the light' that God pronounces as 'good' not necessarily what it illuminated. The 2nd day's reorganisation of waters into 'under the firmament' and 'above the firmament' is a process that seems to continue into the first part of the 3rd day in which land is separated from water. The verdict then of 'it is good' surely includes the preparatory work of the 2nd day?

**Re: Genesis 1, on: 2007/6/13 12:52**

Hi Moorsey

Thank you so much for starting this thread. I knew about some of the parallels between Genesis 1 and the New Creation but hadn't followed it through, it's a real blessing.

So far, in response I have this:

Genesis 1 (NKJV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

There is a "shapelessness", a confusion in someone without Christ. Yet the Holy Spirit is near, waiting to put the Word of Life into effect

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.  
4 And God saw the light, that it was good;

At last! "once I was blind, now I see

and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Always He must divide in us between the Light and the darkness, the spiritually clean and the unclean. When the Light illuminates our darkness we see that the darkness is wrong, and He begins to divide us from it. Many things, ways, attitudes, possessions, occupations, even maybe certain friends, have to go.

6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Again a further division – between heaven and earth. What does that mean? We are given a new heavenly nature and we begin to see things from His point of view, rather than man's.

There's far more there, but can't grasp it yet.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the ofruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

God begins to make us fruitful spiritually. He increases in our lives as the living Seed works His life in us.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then 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. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

We begin to understand more, discern between light and darkness. We begin to hear His voice more clearly and get our direction from the Lord, begin to learn to walk with Him.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Not sure, but is that to do with the abundance of Life, the fullness of the Spirit in our lives?

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to every thing that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

We begin to grow to be more like Jesus, and to learn the exercise of His authority and His victory in the Cross in our lives and circumstances. We begin to be of those who are overcomers (Revelations 2-3 etc)

Chapter 2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended 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.

The key to all! Adam began there! He was created towards the end of the sixth day, then night came and he rested.

When all was finished Jesus rested, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit" He rested on the seventh day also, then on the eighth day the work from that place of rest began - Eight is symbolic of resurrection, the beginning of a new week.

That's as far as I've got with this, look forward to others' contributions.

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by JesusIsMyLrd (), on: 2007/6/13 17:48**

This is a great discussion.

I really appreciate everyone's balance, and also the good interpretation of scripture.

The first chapter of Genesis is one of my favorite passages in scripture, as it is the beginning of the Gospel, and from which lots of our major doctrines spring, in the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

Praise God for His clear Word to us.

God bless!

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**Re: Genesis 1, on: 2007/6/13 21:43**

Moorsey asked

Quote:

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Because Jesus, the Word and the Light, begotten, not made, is the only Good.

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I therefore don't believe in a literal six twenty-four-hour days like the Creationists.

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." (GEN 1:3-5)

God spoke the Word and brought forth Light. Who is this Light?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. **In him was life; and the life was the light of men.** And the light shined in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (JOHN 1:1-5)

"Thy word a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (PSALM 119:105)

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, because no light in them." (ISAIAH 8:20)

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (JOHN 8:12)

"As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**" (JOHN 9:5)

"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." (II COR 4:4)

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." (II PET 1:19)

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/6/14 1:55**

I am a literal creationist. I believe, just as it is written in the word of God, that God created the world in 6 days, and on the seventh day He rested.

I don't believe in 'gaps' between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1.

Where did our 7 day week come from if not from God?

I simply believe what the word of God says, rather than the words of questionable men, who change their beliefs according to what is popular at the moment.

The word of God tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it, Jer 17v9.

Let us do ourselves a favour, don't call God a liar.

If we do not believe what is written in His word, then we are calling Him a liar.

God is not a man that He should lie, Num 23v19.

Who are we to put our opinion above what the word of God says?

We do need to think about what the Bible says.

We won't understand everything, but we can believe it.

God has been good enough to give us so much of Himself in His word, and what He has concealed is entirely in His hands.

God is good.

God bless.

**Re: The Preeminent, Magificent, Majestic Lord Jesus Christ - posted by Josiah777 (), on: 2007/6/14 9:03**

Brothers,

I guess if we were to step back and ask why was Genesis 1 written, would it be so that God could prove that man was created and not evolved? I think even without Genesis 1 we have ample evidence in the Scriptures that man was created and designed by God. If we make Genesis 1 a science exhibition (and I do believe that REAL science and the Bible are not in conflict), we miss the main point. There may be many true points drawn from it but not the main point.

Jesus said that Moses wrote about Him, and that it is possible to read the Scriptures in such a way as to miss the main point: Himself (see John 5:39-47). If we come to Genesis 1 (or any book and chapter of the Bible) without coming to Jesus for life, we will fall into the same hole that the Pharisees did, and our Christian life will evidence that same spiritual decay.

As far as gaps between verses 1 and 2, I have examined both arguments in depth. Isaiah 45:18 makes reference that the earth was not created in vain. But I see that godly men disagree over that; but that is not the main point either. Nobody disputes that in verse 1 that there was a chaos and when God was all done, He saw that it was very good. We are sure there is a beautiful progress from useless to useful, from darkness to light, from empty and without purpose to full and brimming over with purpose. So it is with the life of the Christian, starting off as a vile transgressor and offender to the Most High, receiving Light into his heart, and God commencing this great work of conforming to the image of His Son. Let us trust the Holy Spirit, whose job it is to reveal Christ (2 Cor. 3:17-18) to do that for us here. What does Day 1 teach me about Christ? How about Day 2 and Day 3 and so on? As Proverbs says, it is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search it out. God's concealment in His Word has an end of revealing in view to those who hunger and thirst for it. I found much profitable meditation in these verses when Christ is the preeminent focal point and not the other side points (which are interesting, no doubt, and have enjoyed some of these "theological bull sessions"). So I am not being critical, just sharing some insights that have been helpful for me to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Those who differ from you do not differ in their respect for the scriptures but we must not confuse a belief in the inspiration of scripture with the human interpretation of scripture.

As far as I am aware no one believes that beasts are going to arise out of the ocean or that there is a lamb in heaven with seven eyes and seven horns.

The bible must always be interpreted. God's inspiration is infallible; men's interpretations are not.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/6/14 9:48

Maybe John 3v16 isn't literal either.

God bless.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/6/14 9:50

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Hi again Corey. Interesting points:

I have a question about the "therefore". What is it there for? 8-)

Two points:

1. What's stopping Genesis 1 being BOTH literal AND symbolic? This is so in much of Scripture - for example, Ezekiel acted out several of his prophecies, and Jesus' parables were sometimes acted out symbolism (such as cursing the fig tree; there's no reason to doubt that it did actually wither. But Jesus wasn't into destroying fig trees just to show He could - He meant something by it, it was a symbolic action).

So what's the problem with taking Genesis 1 as both literal and symbolic?

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In other words, what connection has

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Do you mean that you believe that the earth has to exist and have 24 hour rotation before there can be things called "days".

Mmmm - interesting thing to ponder on - never thought of it that way before...

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Hi Ken

Thanks for these thoughts, a real blessing, and a reminder to keep focussed on the really important things.

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/6/14 13:24**

Quote:

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and what about Matt 5:30. I did hear of some who believed it was and acted it out.

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/6/14 13:44**

Amen.

Re:, on: 2007/6/14 19:40

Little Gift asked

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There are a few reasons I don't take Genesis literally.

My first argument:

1. If the Earth was "without form, and void" on day one, it wasn't a planet/sphere ("form") and didn't even exist ("void")...
2. And "days" as we know them are simply a single full rotation of the earth as measured by the Sun (which wasn't created until Day Four)...
3. **Therefore**, having no rotating Earth and no Sun, I believe whatever this "Day" was, it probably wasn't a literal 24-hour day.

My second:

Genesis states that plants, grasses, flowers, etc existed on Day Three, and then the Sun on Day Four... which seems to conflict mightily with observable botany and biology. I am fully open to the possibility that God could have made plants before the very thing that feeds them via photosynthesis (the Sun), but I doubt He would make things that confusing for us.

My Third:

I've found trilobite (really, really, really old crab-like creatures that lived in the oceans) fossils way high up in the rockies, have seen dinosaur bones up close in museums, read books about them, and I was friends with dozens of geologists, and a few paleontologists... I've taken a few Geology courses, too... and heathen though they may be, I don't believe hundreds of thousands of scientists around the world are involved in a vast conspiracy to undermine the literal young-earth theory of the creationists.

My fourth:

"For creatures of the dry land were turned into creatures of the waters, and creatures that swim trode now upon the earth." (Wisdom of Solomon 19:19, Apocrypha, KJV 1611)

I obviously believe in ID (Intelligent Design), but I'm not a Creationist.

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I'm saying **24 hours is a day to us**, not necessarily to God. To say He works by our timetable, years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds is humancentric at best, blasphemy at worst.

If space, the Sun, and the Earth didn't exist on Day One - time probably didn't either ( $E=Mc^2$ ). A rational human observer of the Universe cannot separate space and time (the measuring of events as they happen, rising and setting Sun, etc).

I somehow think God, being outside of Space/Time, does not need to "be on time" or obey the trivial rotations of an otherwise insignificant speck of dust and water we happen to call "Earth".

I'm awestruck at the thought He's interested in us at all >:')

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The Light God Spoke into being on the first day was the Word. Light, Life, Word = Jesus. Please read John Chapter One

I have some questions for you:

Say you inherit \$20,000. After you donate 10% (or more) to charity, should you ask your pastor what stocks and/or bonds to invest the remainder in?

If a family member was electrocuted while plugging something into the wall who do you immediately call? Your pastor?

If you're flying to England next month to visit family, do you call your pastor for the best deal on flights?

No. You call the stock broker, the ambulance, and the travel agent.

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Our Lord Jesus is the Lord of Truth. Amen.

**Re: - posted by vico, on: 2007/6/14 20:27**

Careful brother, there are many young ones on this site. :-)

Many will know what you are referring to, but it might confuse others.

Lord bless you brother. I love you :-D

**Re: - posted by Mooresey, on: 2007/6/15 5:55**

Surely if God had wanted us to know the ins and outs of Creation He would have told us. Genesis would have been a thesis the size of 1000 Bibles detailing the process of Creation which would have satisfied the scientists. My personal belief is that if God had done this, man would quickly have taken this knowledge and used it sinfully.

Remember it takes the Holy Spirit dwelling in us to enable us to understand the Bible. If it was written like any other book, the world would understand it. Talking to an unregenerate scientist about Creation is somewhat fruitless. They can't see Christ in Genesis 1. They can't see the Divine Purpose. Creation was easy for God, but Salvation cost Him and how can men who reject this great Salvation expect to ever understand Creation.

I've learnt that the best way to have your questions answered is, if you are able, to read the Bible prayerfully and truly accepting it as inerrant (all seemingly contradictory statements in the Bible come from translation issues and taking passages out of context) and you will find not only you get your questions answered but you get answers to questions you have

venÂ't even thought of yet. How wonderful. It will be in GodÂ's timing though and everybodyÂ's walk with the Lord is unique.

The major problem is of course we have a fierce enemy who is constantly trying to throw us off the path. Satan doesn't want us discovering these great truths and being a blessing to others. Satan would rather have us watching TV or arguing with evolutionists about Genesis 1. The only way we can win this battle is to stick close to the Lord and not to stray from Scripture. We know Satan is a defeated foe, but we're easy prey if we stray! In today's world there are so many distractions. That's why I find myself reading commentaries by dead men. There are few modern expositors with real spiritual depth. This is desperately sad.

The above said - :- ) - I would like to briefly discuss your point, Corey H, about the Sun arriving after the plants. My personal belief on this issue is that God created the plants and the Sun was then created to SUSTAIN the plants. The parallel is in our own life. When God saves us and gives us true life which starts to bear fruit He'll give us what we need to SUSTAIN us! Just a thought.

God Bless  
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So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

**Re: - posted by Josiah777 (), on: 2007/6/15 8:17**

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Moorsey -  
Great thought! I hadn't considered that, and your application was thought provoking :- ) God will give us exactly what we need to sustain the resurrection life He started - cool!

I don't know if you have ever noticed this, but the Bible ends much like it begins. At the end, Jesus says, "I am the Bright and Morning Star". The Morning Star is that star that as the day dawns becomes brighter and brighter and all other stars fade into oblivion. The Morning Star then becomes the solitary star in the morning sky. On Day 1 that is how it was to be. There was no other lights in the sky but One--in essence, Christ the "Morning Star". Same concept, though a little different.

On Day 4, if you read verses 14 - 17, what are the words that the Holy Spirit is constantly repeating. We should pay attention to repetition and follow the spotlight of the Spirit of this inspired Book. 8 times we see the word "light" or "lights". We are drawn at once to the emphasis (like Day 1) to light. The "Morning Star" of Day 1 disappears and now is expressed through these heavenly bodies. The light is still coming to the earth (as it was in Day 1) but now in a different form.

Our Bible was written in such a way that Christ disguises Himself in His created things. Without John 15, how would we have known that the vine and branches reveals the beautiful union between Christ and His disciples? In Luke 24, Jesus drew near the disciples but their eyes were held in such a way they couldn't recognize Him. When we look at the story of Jonah, on the surface it looks like merely a rebellious prophet, but beneath the veneer of human flesh is the glorious picture of Christ in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. I could go on, for there are many such examples.

I might suggest that these lights--the sun ("the greater light"), the moon ("the lesser light"), and the stars--correspond to the people of God, Israel, as depicted in Joseph's dream (Gen. 37:9-10). The light of Christ is taken from the super-concentrated form of Day 1 (dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see - 1 Tim. 6:16) and now put into frail vessels of human flesh. So now we see Christ in Isaac who carried the wood of his own sacrifice up the mountain. Now we see Christ in Joseph, who went through the valley of humiliation and exalted over his brothers and became

e the "bread of life" to the whole world. We again see Christ in Joshua, the one who leads the people into the inheritance. We have a rich parade of men and women across the pages of holy Scripture that in some way, shape or form, are instruments through whom the Lord Jesus shines. The Light has now been diffused across the Bible like stars across the night sky that we may take Him in, and as you said, be sustained in that life that He started.

May God bless you as you seek to see Him and know Him and be wonderfully transformed into the same likeness,

Ken

**Re:, on: 2007/6/15 16:59**

Moorsey and Ken:Some great thoughts here to ponder on!

Thanks

Jeannette

**Re:, on: 2007/6/16 20:06**

Hi again Corey

I did wonder if it would be helpful answering any part of your recent post, but will give it another go, if only for the sake of others.

YOu said:

Quote:

-----I have some questions for you:

...If you want to know where dinosaurs came from or how old the Earth is, should you be asking your pastor?

No, unless he also had some scientific understanding of such matters, and could see past evolutionary myths, rather than following the herd blindly.

Part of the evolutionary myth is that Evolution, and the "necessary" billions of years, is scientific! Evolution is part of a belief system, just as belief in God who created the universe is.

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Can you follow your own advice? Because all you have brought in defence of Evolution are preconceived notions based on pseudo-scientific assumptions!

Romans 1:22-23 says,

*Professing to be wise, they became fools,* 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

Quote:

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Bless you too! But I wish you would believe God rather than man - He's much more reliable!

As I said, I was steeped in Evolution from a child (as most people in our culture are) and was furious when (soon after becoming a Christian while studying a Biological sciences course) someone challenged me that how could I believe Evolution? My anger alerted me to the fact there was something wrong – why be so angry if it was only a theory?

That’s when I went to the Lord about it and He opened my eyes to the many SCIENTIFIC flaws in the concept of Evolution. It was just so obvious that things couldn’t have “evolved”. I was shocked that I didn’t see it before!

The more I’ve read and researched since, and the more understanding true science has about how living things work, the less likely Evolution seems.

This belief system, of which Evolution is a part, is an actual enemy stronghold, that is utterly opposed to God. (Why does Richard Dawkins for example, have such virulent hatred for the God he doesn’t believe in?)

2Corinthians 10:3-5

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

"argument" (KJV "imagination") 1... a reckoning, computation. 2 a reasoning.

I hope this may help some who didn't know that it's perfectly scientific to question scientists' Evolutionary dogma!

Too many scientists have been brainwashed by Satan, and have been used to brainwash others. I just thank the Lord He opened my eyes to this deception, and pray that you will let Him do the same for you.

Blessings

Jeanette

**Re:, on: 2007/6/16 21:43**

Jeanette (LittleGift) said

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If Geology is wrong, geologists shouldn't be so darn good at finding the gold and oil - not to mention dinosaur fossils.

If medicine is wrong, doctors shouldn't know the difference between a sprain and a break.

Turn on the light, boot up the computer, get on the internet, visit the online travel agency, book a vacation, drive to the airport (the kids watch a DVD movie on the T.V. screen hanging from the roof), fly halfway across the States in two hours, drive to the "Creation Museum" and learn how Noah took two tyrannosaurus rex' on the Ark...

Isn't it hypocritical to use all the amenities of modern science - medicine, travel, telecommunications, architecture, botany, biology, chemistry, physics - and yet dispense of two parts, the age of the earth and evolution because they conflict with the creation story?

If the entire scientific community is under some sort of mass deception, should we Christians be flying in the planes, or taking the medicines, or downloading the Mp3s designed by them? If scientific theory is fundamentally flawed, these things shouldn't be safe at all... or even work, right?

The Theory of "Occam's Razor" states, "The simplest explanation tends to be the right one."

"The truth shall set you free."

**Re:, on: 2007/6/16 23:48**

If anyone's been monitoring this thread and believes in Intelligent Design but not a literal six 24-hour days Creation, could you please let me know how, and even if, you discuss it with Creationists?

Thanks.

**Re:, on: 2007/6/17 18:29**

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Bro Corey

Whatever makes you think I'm against scientific method????? :-?

In fact it's the opposite. My disbelief in Evolution is BECAUSE of using scientific method to discover that Evolution is based on totally unscientific assumptions!

While I was brainwashed I couldn't even understand that, so don't really expect you to - ('sigh!') but it's true all the same.

Your comments (above) are basically ridiculous, so wide of the mark that I can't believe how you can possibly imagine they support your argument in any way.

NONE of the above discoveries and inventions have anything to do with belief, or otherwise, in Evolution!

All the scientific discoveries, and the fruits of them that you mention above, were not discovered through evolution but through proper research and experiment. Many scientists who don't believe in Evolution have made great discoveries and advances in science. Louis Pasteur for example, disproved the idea of "spontaneous generation" (Evolutionary philosophy still clings to that false belief). Or in recent times, the man who invented the basis for modern MRI imaging, that is so useful in medicine today is apparently a creationist. (Do you want me to send you a list of some others - it's rather a long list!)

Maybe if you ever need that kind of scan you ought to refuse to have it? ...That suggestion is *at least* as ridiculous as yours that it's

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mistry, physics - and yet dispense of two parts, the age of the earth and evolution because they conflict with the creation story"

You don't seem to understand that there is a difference between proper scientific research and method, which produces inventions such as you mentioned, and unprovable speculation, and wooly thinking about origins of the universe, which often flies in the face of, or misinterprets, the evidence.

As I quoted from Romans, "professing themselves wise they became fools"

Also the Psalm, "the fool says in his heart that there is no God"

Bro Corey, what have you, a son of God, through new birth, to do with Godless philosophies that are basically also anti-science?

"Therefore come out from among them and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing..."

A thing that has nothing to do with REAL science.

You quoted at the end of your post: "The Theory of "Occam's Razor" states, "The simplest explanation tends to be the right one."

"The truth shall set you free."

Let the Lord rid your heart and mind of this horrible false philosophy, so you will be free to do as your signature says (1 Corinthisians 2:14) and rightly discern the things of God; being restored again to a childlike, simple faith in His Word.

Love in Him

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/7/28 4:31**

For just two weeks only you can listen to an idiosyncratic application of the days of creation at The Days of Creation which was designed as a series of morning bible meditations for a local Christian radio station.

**Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2007/7/28 9:28**

Quote:

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I John 5:19 states that the whole world, including scientists are under the power of the wicked one. If I believe that scripture then yes definitely they are under mass deception.

Archeology, Geology, etc. as far as Origin based fields of study are concerned are called science, but shouldn't be classified as a science by their very nature. Now this is Origin (where we all came from) science. By its very nature you have to come to this field with a presupposition. You can't put the past in a lab. Even fossils don't exist in the past.

There is every reason to believe that the Bible is correct, and men are correct to believe that the world was created in 6 literal days thousands of years ago. Very level-headed men in the fields of science believe this.

Have you ever checked out this site?:

(<http://www.answersingenesis.org/home/area/qa.asp>) Answers In Genesis