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there were more than the 10,000 species of birds that exist today.

Days 6:

“... Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: ... Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, ... Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. ...”
Gen. 1:24

On this day, animals were created. This must have included at least the 10,000 different species of animals that exist today, plus the over 950,000 species of insects that exist today.

On this day God created man. Man looked similar to God (Gen. 1:27). He had arms like God. Walked like Him. Talked like Him, and saw things. It is the only species that God created that was made in God’s image.

Day 7:

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ...” Gen. 2:1-3



Genesis 2:1 makes a statement that totally negates any form of evolution man devises. It simply states that creation was “finished”. Created organisms are not changing and getting better; they are not evolving. God finished His work, and He rested from His work.

To accept by faith that God created all that is in the universe, creates a problem for most unsaved people. If they accept it by faith, then they have to admit there is a God. If there were a God, then they would have to accept that other parts of the Scripture were true, and there is one teaching in the Bible that they are fearful they would have to accept. They would also have to accept that God would one day judge them, as He had done Adam, Eve, and others for their sins. Although their unbelief in this frightening truth does not mean it will not happen, they still do their best to explain God’s workings away; so they do not have to face the fact that they one day will have to give an account for their actions.

God Himself preserved the account of creation for us so we can have the answers to our many questions. Like any belief, it takes a step of faith. Believing creation boils down to one decision; whom will you believe: man, or God?

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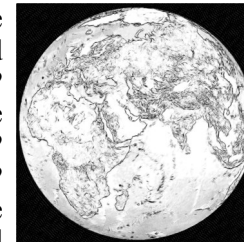


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Creation: How It All Began

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Many have wondered about the beginning of all that is around them. They have wondered, “How did the Earth get here? Where did all the stars come from? How did life begin? How did man come about? How did animals, trees, flowers, and the rest of what dwells on the earth first come into existence?”



To answer his questions, sometimes man has devised what he thinks are logical answers to explain his own existence and all he sees. Of all these ideas, the Theory of Evolution, that lower life forms changed into higher life forms over millions of year, has been the most popular in the last 150 years or so. Although taught without question in most schools throughout the world, it overlooks one important factor in its explanations. It purposely leaves God out of its ideas as to how everything began. Those

that blindly believe any theories that exclude God suppose that since they cannot see God and do not have what they consider proof that He exists; He cannot have any part in the answers to the questions man is asking.

Their theories use what they claim is science, but are not proven. The world is not millions of years old, because no one was here at the time to actually document its age. Man did not originate from monkeys, or any other species, as there is no real proof of those transformations. The truth of the matter is that modern science is based on a faith in mankind’s knowledge to prove all that is in the universe.

There is another faith, however, that explains more accurately and answers most of man’s musings. This faith believes there is a God, and it is He that has created all that we see and are — from nothing.

The biblical account starts out with the earth being a formless

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mass that He created. Within six days, God created it and most of what occupies the universe. During those days, He also created all that is on the Earth.

The first days of creation began about 6,000 years ago, not millions and billions of years ago. Here is God's preserved answer to man's query about how it all began, as it is found in the Word of God:

Day 1:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

... 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ... God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:1-5

During the first day, God created the heaven and the earth. It did not come from a big "bang" somewhere out in the universe. God created it out of nothing.

The earth at the time did not have a shape, and it was empty.

It was apparently covered in water and was a dark place.

God created a light on earth, but since the sun and moon were not created until the fourth day, the light was from another source. God then divided this day so that there was darkness and light.

Day 2:

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters..."

Genesis 1:6-8

On the second day, God made more changes to the Earth. Apparently, the Earth was covered by, and surrounded by, water. God separated the waters on the Earth from the water above the Earth. Even to this day three quarters of this planet are covered

by water. He put a space (firmament) between the Earth that stretched to the sky and beyond.

Day 3:

"... Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: ... Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, ..." Gen. 1:9-13

Further separation was done on the third day. The waters were separated, so that there was

now dry land. The land that was covered in water was instantly dried.

On that dry land, God created and planted plant life. Grasses, herb, and trees were flourishing on the third day.

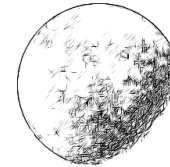
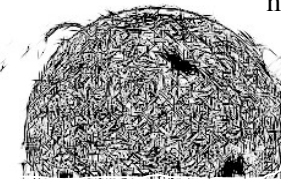
Day 4:

"... Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ... 16 And 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." Gen. 1:14-19

On the fourth day, God created additional sources of light for the earth and the stars. We often say that glibly, but think what that entails. The sun that gives us "day" is 864,938 miles in diameter and never burns up. We can understand that such a huge burning mass can give off such light, but the moon is another matter. It is only a round mass of rock that reflects the sun's light to us, and is the "lesser light" that shines in the nighttime.

When

was the last time you saw a rock



reflecting light similar to a mirror?

On this day, millions and millions of stars were also created. There are so many celestial creations out of our range of sight that they have never been accurately counted.

One of the largest stars that our scientists have been able to see is VY Canis Majoris. It is so far away that if we could travel at 186,000 miles per second (11,160,000 miles per hour) for 5,000 years we would reach it. That star is 1,540 times the size of our sun. Wow! And God created all that occupies a huge universe in one day!

Day 5:

"... Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ..." Genesis 1:20-23

Living creatures were created on this day. Fish and whales occupied the once empty waters. Starfish, crabs, and thousands of other varieties of water life were also created.

Birds and other flying creatures were also created on this day. I am sure on that day

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Another interesting thought that is most likely true: On the days that plant and animal life were created, they probably were not seedlings and baby fish and animals. They had to be adult organisms so they could multiply and be food for the other species that ate them. There were probably many of each species created at the same time.