

The Bible and Creation

Creation: Days Five & Six

Genesis 1: 20 – 31

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Introduction

1. All true science will harmonize with biblical revelation.
2. The Bible is the only reliable source of information on the four basic questions about origins. Who? Why? When? How?
3. The mind of man unaided by the facts of Scripture and the illumination of the Holy Spirit cannot arrive at the correct answers to origins.
4. Any view of the origin of the universe and man requires a faith commitment.
 - Creation - understood by faith based on the facts of God's revealed Word (Heb. 11:3).
 - Evolution – understood by “a faith,” not by empirical observation.
5. Therefore, modern science does not provide an independent and equally authoritative source of knowledge about creation (origin of the solar system and man).
6. One must distinguish between science and scientism and at the same time recognize the limitations of science.
 - Limitations of the so-called “scientific method”
 - False logic
 - Which science? Science is changing and the Bible is not.

Day Five (Gen. 1:20-23) - Living Creatures

- All kinds of marine animals: invertebrates, vertebrates, reptiles

- Inhabitants of the waters (21,000 kind of fish named and described by scientists) – Sailfish, barracuda, sea horse, guppy, bass, trout, flounder, squid, shrimp, sharks, blow fish,
- “Life” – First occurrence. Hebrew is nephesh (consciousness, that which breathes).
- Birds – flying things (Lev. 11:13-19; Deut. 14:19, 20)
 - Inhabitants of the atmosphere – canary, robin, woodpecker, peacock, swan, turkey, owl, duck, ostrich (largest, 8ft.), bee hummingbird (2 inches long), geese (fly over the Himalayas in Asia at about 29,000 ft., golden eagle (dives at 180 mph).
- The great sea creatures (Hebrew is tannin) – another put-down of Egyptian, Babylonian, and Canaanite mythology (Baal’s adversaries).
 - Includes creation of whales which are the largest animals that have ever lived, including the great extinct reptilian dinosaurs.
 - Whales (Gray, Finback, Sperm, etc.) are warm-blooded animals. They are mammals, not fish. They bear their young alive. Babies nurse on mother’s milk. They breathe through lungs and must hold their breath when they go under water.
 - The creation of the whale on the fifth day contradicts the theory of evolution, for whales had to evolve from four-legged land animals (which weren’t created until Day 6), which in turn evolved from cold-blooded marine creatures.
- “God blessed them” – animals, objects of God’s care and concern (sparrows, Matt. 10:29, 6:26 – food).

Day Six (Gen. 1:24-31) – Animals and Man

- “Cattle”- domesticable animals?
- “Creeping things” – all animals that crawl or creep close to the surface of the ground (includes all kinds of insects, Lev. 11:20-23)
- “Beasts of the earth” – large wild animals
 - The creation of dinosaurs (dino – terrible; saur – lizard)

- Evolution teaches that dinosaurs evolved from some kind of ancient reptile about 200 million years ago and they became extinct (died out) about 70 million years ago.
- Bible creation teaches that dinosaurs were created by God on the fifth and sixth days of creation (marine dinosaurs on the 6th day) sometime less than 10,000 years ago.
- Therefore, man and dinosaurs lived at the same time (Job 40:15-24; 41:1).
- The first man (Gen. 1:26 – 2:25) – “Let us make man in Our image.”
 - Man is set apart from the animal kingdom. He has special worth and dignity.
 - Man’s rule is a direct consequence of the image of God in him.
 - Man lost this rule at the Fall (Heb. 2:8; Psa. 8:4-8).
 - The exploitation of nature is the result of sin.
- The image of God in man (Imago Dei)
 - This is not physical likeness. God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24).
 - “Of all living beings on this planet, only man is self-conscious as a person, is sufficiently free from the bondage of instinct to exercise real choices and to have significant purposes and goals in life, has complex emotions including sadness and joy, appreciates art and music creatively, can make real tools, can be truly educated rather than merely trained, can use oral and written symbols to communicate abstract concepts to other persons and thus enjoy true fellowship, can accumulate knowledge and attain wisdom beyond previous generations and thus make genuine history, can discern moral right and wrong and suffer agonies of conscience, and can recognize the existence and rightful demands of his Creator through worship, sacrifice, and religious service. Only man will exist forever as a personal being either in heaven or in hell.” (John C. Whitcomb, *The Early Earth*, p. 94)
- “And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.”
 - No disease, no death, no struggle for existence, no pollution, no physical calamities (earthquakes, floods, etc.), no fallen angels (demons), or Satan as we know him

How should we then live?

- Being in the image of God means we are to reflect the image of God in our lives.
- However, in the fall of man the image of God was marred but not destroyed (Jas. 3:9; Gen. 9:6).
- Jesus Christ is “the image of the invisible God” (Col. 1:15). Because of His redemptive work on the cross, Jesus makes it possible for us to regain an unmarred image of God (Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:18).