

Gen 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- "Genesis" means origins or beginnings.
- Genesis gives us the beginning of –

universe

life

man

seven-day week

marriage

family life

sin

sacrifice

redemption

death

nations

government

cities

music

literature

art

agriculture

languages

"6-Day Instantaneous Creation"

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- This is a critical subject. 2 reasons:
 - 1. Much of the true Church of born-again believers have either adopted an unbiblical view of creation or they consider creation as unimportant.
 - 2. An errant view will bring into question and undermine the rest of the Bible.

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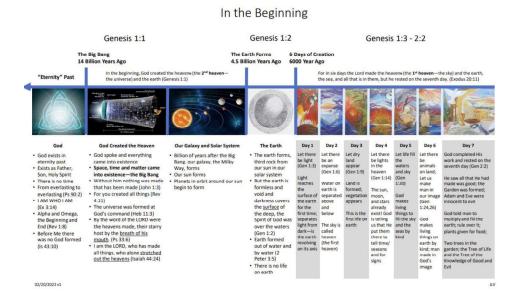
Rom 5:12

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned —

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- 2. Gap/Recreation 6 literal 24-hour days BUT between Gen. 1:1 & 1:2 there is a gap of indefinite time (millions perhaps billions of years.) Various views as to what happened during gap. It was a catastrophic event. Therefore vs. 1 was original creation, however, vs. 2 was the aftermath of what happened in the gap and left the earth "formless and void." Thus vs. 3 begins a recreation by God. Death before sin. Theory.
- 3. Day/Age the "days" are not 24-hour literal days but instead stand for geologic ages of billions of years. Big Bang. Death before sin. Theory.



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- **5. Theistic Evolution** God created inorganic materials and set in place laws and properties that would, with time and evolutionary processes, yield the result of creation that we see today. Death before sin. Big Bang. God guided the evolutionary processes. Natural selection and mutations caused the first cell to evolve into all the plants, animals, and people that have ever lived. Bible must be corrected with scientific development. Theory.
- **6. Framework** Genesis 1 & 2 only gives a framework in which to understand creation. Not historical narrative. Not sequential or literal. Gives topics and spheres. Big Bang. Death before sin. Theory.

Definitions:

Science - the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation, experimentation, and the testing of theories against the evidence obtained.

- Oxford dictionary

Creation – the supernaturally, instantaneous, act of bringing into existence the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, in 6 literal 24-hour days approximately 6,000 years ago.

7. Evolution – No God. No Bible. Big Bang. Natural processes. Everything is by chance + time. Random mutations come by natural selection producing various life forms of increasing complexity over billions of years. Uniformitarianism - which is the principle that the geological processes we observe today are the same ones that have shaped the Earth throughout its history, allowing us to understand the past by studying the present; this concept is crucial for understanding the gradual changes needed for evolution to occur over long periods of time. Theory.

Example -

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"James Webb Space Telescope detects most distant spiral galaxy to date, formed roughly one billion years after the Big Bang."

- Evolution is a religion. Requires faith.
- Frank Turek' book "I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist"

Rom 1:18-23

- 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.
- 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Ex 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.
- One of the most fundamental laws of Bible interpretation is this. Whenever a word is employed several times within a context, it will carry the same meaning in each case unless there is a compelling reason for assigning an unusual sense to the term (cf. Mt. 8:22 -"and allow the dead to bury their own dead." There is certainly no such reason apparent in Exodus 20:8ff.
- The sabbath day law was designed to commemorate the seventh day of the creation week, which consisted of seven days (of the same type as the sabbath). Try substituting the terms "age or ages" for the words "day or days" in Exodus 20:8-11, and see just how much sense it makes.