

## **When God Created The Universe**

### **Video 1:** 6 days

The account of God's creation—by the Word of his mouth—reveals that he is the all-powerful—omnipotent—Creator.

The evolution model of creation conflicts dramatically with the biblical creation account of Genesis 1.

We must rely on God's Word alone for the truth.

Jeremiah 23:24 - Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

Psalms 69:34 - Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

Nehemiah 9:6 - "You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

God's omnipotence is demonstrated in the creation account.

Tonight, we want to compare and contrast the biblical account of creation with the evolutionary model of the origin of the universe and life on earth.

Psalms 8:3–4 - When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Before Genesis nothing but God in eternity past existed.

Genesis 1 is the beginning of the universe, time, space, history, and all of life as we know it.

In addition, Genesis is foundational to the rest of Scripture.

It sets the tone for God's eternal plan of redemption.

From the very first verse, Scripture assumes God's existence without trying to prove it in any way.

We must avoid using arguments that attempt to prove God by demanding evidence in the natural world.

Man's need to prove God implies his intention to elevate his own autonomous reason above God's Word.

Though obviously presented with very little "background,"...

The information given to us in the early chapters of Genesis is foundational to many important doctrines, including...

*The Trinity* - Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

*Death* - Genesis 2:17 - but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat[a] of it you shall surely die."

*Marriage* - Genesis 2:24 - Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

*Sin* - Genesis 3:6 - So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

*The Gospel* - Genesis 3:15 - I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

*Clothing* - Genesis 3:21 - And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

The book of Genesis is to be taken as literal history provided by God to give us a glimpse of his majesty, wonder, creativity, and eternal purpose.

The first verse in the Bible answers many questions for us, like...

"Where did everything come from?"

"Is there a God?"

"When did time begin?"

These are questions that Christians sometimes have trouble answering...

Not because they lack faith...

But because they don't realize that answers to questions like these can be found in Scripture.

Gen. 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

When did time begin?

Time itself began when God began to create the universe... "In the beginning"

He created time for man, but He Himself is not bound by time.

He is eternal—the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end.

Revelation 1:8 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

God confirms this concept when he tells us that to him a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.

2 Peter 3:8 - But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

There are many opposing views of the Genesis account of creation that manipulate God's Word to include millions of years (the old-earth view).

Many will try to persuade us that the creation account must be “proven” before being believed.

Realistically, however, no account of origins can be proven—it must be accepted by faith.

Christians must stand firm on Biblical authority!

God told us in his Word what happened and how he created:

Hebrews 11:3 - “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible”

Over the past 200 years, because of “scientific” developments...

Many Christians have attempted to merge millions of years into the Bible’s account of creation.

Let’s look at some of the biblically compromised views that some Christians have...

1. *The day-age view*: a compromise belief that the days of Genesis 1 are actually vast ages of different lengths; based on secular dating methods.
2. *The gap theory*: a compromise belief that a vast period of time exists between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 into which the geologic eras can be fit.
3. *The framework hypothesis*: a compromise belief that Genesis 1 is written in a non-literal, non-chronological way; based on secular dating methods.
4. *Theistic evolution*: a compromise belief that suggests God used evolutionary processes to create the universe and life on earth over billions of years.
5. *Progressive creation*: a compromise belief suggesting that God has created organisms in a progressive manner over billions of years to accommodate secular dating methods.

These are all ideas that attempt to fit evolution and/or millions of years into the Bible rather than believing the Genesis account of the six days of creation.

**Video 2:** Could God Have Used LONG Days During Creation

Does the creation account matter?

Is the order important?

Why should we care what God created on each day?

Well, if God specifically and systematically presents the order of his creation over a six-day period in his Word...

We can safely say, “yes, it does matter”!

It matters because we must be aware that evolution is prominent in our culture today—even indoctrinating our youngest children.

We must beware.

This idea is in direct opposition to what God’s Word tells us about his amazing work of creation.

Creationists believe God’s Word as recorded.

Evolutionists believe in millions of years of slow change,

from non-life to simple cells,

to more complex plants and animals,

and eventually to the organisms that exist today, including man.

Those who embrace this position must reject God’s Word because evolution does not harmonize with God’s account of creation.

Here are a few examples of the more obvious differences:

Let's look at some evolutionary ideas which are not true vs. Biblical Creation references in Genesis which are true...

Evolutionists believe... the sun came before the earth

The Bible says... Earth (Day 1) before sun (Day 4)

Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Evolutionists... believe the sun came before light on earth

The Bible says... Light (Day 1) before sun (Day 4)

Genesis 1:3 - And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Evolutionists believe... Earth at same time as planets

The Bible says... Earth (Day 1) before other planets (Day 4)

Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:14-15 - And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

Evolutionists believe... Sea creatures before land plants

The Bible says... Land plants (Day 3) before sea creatures (Day 5)

Genesis 1:12-13 - The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Genesis 1:21-23

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, 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 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Evolutionists believe... Reptiles before birds

The Bible says... Birds (Day 5) before reptiles (Day 6)

Genesis 1:20 - And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."

Genesis 1:23-24 - And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds."

By the way, He also made man on that same day, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31 - And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Evolutionists believe... Creation took billions of years.

The Bible says... God created in six normal 24-hour days.

Genesis 2:1-2 - Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

It is very sad to consider that many Christians feel that the age of the earth is an unimportant side issue and that discussing it detracts from the gospel message.

Christians must understand that all of Scripture is foundational to our faith.

If we can set aside a literal six-day creation because it is considered "unscientific" or unpopular..

Then what will be our basis for determining the truth of the rest of Scripture?

Can we teach a virgin birth or a literal resurrection?

When we read the genealogy of Christ, which goes back to Adam, can it be taken literally?

Believing the historical account of Genesis 1–11 is foundational to believing the rest of the Bible...

And essential for understanding the gospel message.