



Creation God's Amazing Design

GENESIS 1

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The Outline Of The Bible

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration

The Outline Of The Gospel

- God the CREATOR
- Mankind the SINNER
- Jesus the SAVIOR (Redeemer)
- Our Response



Restoration (Heaven)

Eternal Separation (Hell)

Rev. 21:1, 3, 7, 22-23 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," ¹for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God... ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children... ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Rev. 22:2, 5 ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life... ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus (& Apostles) spoke confidently of the "scriptures."

Matt. 21:42; 22:29; 26:54, Mark 12:24; 14:49, Luke 24:27, John 5:39...Acts 17:2; 18:28, 2 Pet 3:16

God Elohim (Plural) Created . (only used for divinely created matter)

John 1:1-5, 14: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day...

Isaiah 45:18 For this is what the Lord says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—...

1. DAY 1: Light (1:2-5)

2 Corinthians 4:6: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

How does science date the age of the earth? We think from **data**, but most **interpretations**

Observable fact: At bottom of Grand Canyon, measure flow, erosion rates of Colorado River

Interpretation: Assume from data, took million years for river to carve out immense canyon

Pictures of Mt. St. Helen 1982

Dating assumes a **constant, stable** environment.

Potassium-Argon Dating a radiometric dating method based on measuring the products of radioactive decay of potassium into Argon

Uranium – Lead Dating measures Uranium into Lead

Carbon 14 Dating (only for organic, or once living material) Carbon-14 into Nitrogen-14
Shorter radioactive ½ life good to date 50-60,000 yrs

All Dating:

1. Assumption: rock started with **NO** lead or argon
2. Assumption: rate of decay **CONSTANT** (extreme temp changes an issue)
3. Assumption: no **CONTAMINATION** (nothing added or removed during process)

- Article in the Journal of Geophysical Research, lava rocks that were formed underwater in 1801 in Hawaii were dated by the potassium-argon method.
 - ◊ The age should have been 200 years old.
 - ◊ The readings however ranged from 160 million to 3 billion years old.

God could have created earth with age in it...or not...not critical to the account

DAY 2: Sky (1:6-8)

Vapor Canopy Theory...explains age, flood, age after the flood, weather patterns

Tropical Green House (no extreme weather) to after the flood-the Ice Age

Woolly Mammoth preserved in Siberia "swamp" (10,000, now 39,000 yrs)

Fossils, buried under huge pressure quickly...without pressure they just decay

DAY 3: Land, Sea, and Vegetation (1:9-13)

DAY 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars (1:14-19)

Ps. 74:16 The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon.

Today astronomers estimate there are 10^{26} or 100 million, billion, billion stars
Louie Giglio's video "INDESCRIBABLE"

DAY 5: Creatures of the Sea and Air (1:20-23)

DAY 6: All Animals and Mankind (1:24-31)

Chapter 2 begins the "re-telling" of the creation details of Adam and Eve.

2. Man reasoned.

Romans 1:18-25 ¹⁸ *The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

²¹ *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.*

²⁴ *Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.*

Big Bang

1st Law of Thermodynamics The Law of Conservation of Energy

Energy cannot be created or destroyed...just changed

2nd Law of Thermodynamics The Law of Increasing Entropy

Any matter left alone will move to increasing disorder and randomness

• Evolution

Creation

Tiny

{Gene Pool}

HUGE!



Expands by:

Mutation *usually harmful – corruption*

Survival of the Fittest / Natural Selection



Changes BETWEEN species

Divides by:

Migration

Selection



Change WITHIN species

• **Fossil Evidence**

- ◊ Neanderthal Man *Well-developed around art/culture/religion. Skeletal Deformities (lack of iodine?) Men living in caves.*
- ◊ Pitldown Man *(1912-1950) A hoax...stained for age and filed teeth*
- ◊ Java Man *Only a skull cap and femer found by Eugene DuBois, But also found a human skull at the same level but kept secret for 30 years.*
- ◊ Nebraska Man *Tooth of an extinct pig, but drew skull, jaw, and family*
- ◊ Ramapithecus *(1979) reconstructed a 'biped' with only teeth and a jaw*
- ◊ Leaky's find in Africa...*rhinos, boas, hippos, monkeys, NO apes AND tools*
13 years later Leaky's son said bones were virtually indistinguishable from humans

3. Our Choice

John 3:19-21 *This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.*

Colossians 1:16-17 *For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Hebrews 11:3 *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

Revelation 4:11 *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*

Discussion Questions

1. What caught your attention in your own study of Genesis 1?
2. How do you think the Bible was actually written? If you don't believe that the authors of the Bible were inspired and led by God to put down the words they did, what will that mean for the truth of God's Word and the Gospel Message that runs throughout the entire Bible?
3. After today's lesson, are you able to consider that God's simplistic detail in Genesis 1 is actually how this world was created? Why do you think there are scientists that agree with the Genesis account of creation?
4. On the other hand, why do you think many scientist and geologist want to believe that our existence happened randomly, over billions of years? Why should Christians disagree with their thoughts that creation happened randomly?
5. What does Genesis 1 inspire you to believe about who God is or what He did? How does believing the Genesis 1 account of creation change the way you will live today?