

ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM

The Implications of Creation

A Day? A Thousand Years? Does It Matter?

Genesis 1:2-5

I know you want to know how we are doing as a congregation in making our commitments to join God in His work of rebuilding our Worship Center. Thank you for praying. More joined us this week. Now

119 have made commitments, for a total of \$917,105

I believe if we keep praying for more of our people to join us and God, we can surpass \$1 million.

If you have not yet made your commitment, you can do so online. Just go to sabc.org and click the Building God's way button.

We began last Sunday to look at the implications of creation.

Each week, we are looking at a **FACT** about creation stated in the Scripture.

Then we are looking at **EVIDENCE** that supports that fact.

And ultimately we are examining the **IMPLICATIONS** of that fact.

So, last week we looked at the

FACT: Jesus created the universe. Coming from

Genesis 1:1 NKJV In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

We saw that the Hebrew in which this verse was written said literally that God created space, time, matter, and energy, which is exactly how scientists today describe the beginning of the universe itself.

And John the Apostle's description of Jesus in

John 1:1–3 NKJV 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

So the Scripture says as fact, Jesus created the universe!

We then looked at the evidence that supports that fact.

EVIDENCE: The design of the universe, specifically how 30 of the laws or constants or parameters that govern the physics of the universe look like they were precisely set to make the universe a place that human beings could inhabit. We saw how if these values, which theoretically could vary greatly, if they varied just a tiny bit from what they are, human life could not exist anywhere in the universe. And this design in the universe itself is convincing to preeminent scientists around the world. Originator of the term “Big Bang” for the modern theory of cosmology, Sir Fred Hoyle, of Cambridge, said that the evidence is overwhelming that a super intellect has monkeyed with the physics.

Finally we looked at the rather frightening implication of this fact of Scripture we are given in Romans 1.

IMPLICATION: Everyone is responsible to seek the God who created the universe.

Plainly put, folks who ignore or deny the evidence God has left of His existence and power in creation and consequently refuse to trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior, will be the objects of God’s righteous wrath for all eternity.

My friend, if you missed the full explanation of these truths last week, I encourage you to watch these online. If you yourself do not actually need this explanation, you almost certainly know somebody, probably somebody you love or care about who does need it.

Now, let’s move to the second fact given us in Genesis.

TEXT: GENESIS 1:2-5

Genesis 1:2–5 NKJV 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

FACT: Jesus created the light, and used it to divide His creative work into six days.

The text is telling us that after the Son of God

- called space, time, matter, and energy into existence out of nothing, creating the universe,

- that the earth, suspended in space in total darkness,
- did not yet have shape and was totally empty, void.

In fact, it was a watery mass, this being indicated by both the words “the deep” and the “face of the waters.”

As the Spirit of God hovered, or literally, vibrated over this watery mass, the Lord Jesus,

- who is the Word who made all things,
- and who is Himself the Light of the World,
- brought the first light into His newly created universe by saying, “Let there be light!” And there was light!

And after God offered His appraisal that the newly created light was good,

- He made the light directional, meaning it shined from one place to another rather than being everywhere continuously in the new universe.
- And He divided the light from the darkness, which means the Lord started the rotation of the earth, so half of the planet would be in the light while the other half was in the darkness.
- Then God defined some terms.

Time period of light - “Day” (Hebrew – YOM)

Time period of darkness - “Night” (Hebrew – LA-YE-LAH)

Time period of darkness + Time period of light - (Hebrew – YOM EHAD literally, DAY ONE)

This might seem to be an incidental comment, but it isn't.

In fact, as we read the entirety of the first chapter of Genesis, we find that God uses this newly created clock, for what is a clock but an instrument for measuring time? God uses the ONE DAY clock to describe each of six time periods of creation.

Genesis 1:5–31 NKJV 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were **the first day.**

6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were **the second day**.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were **the third day**.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then 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. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were **the fourth day**.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, 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 So the evening and the morning were **the fifth day**.

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were **the sixth day**.

You may be thinking, “Well preacher, you sure are making a big deal out of creation being completed in six days.”

But actually, it’s not me making the big deal out of a six day creation.

It’s God! I didn’t write the book. I just read it, study it, and try to help you understand it.

And not only did God organize His description of His creative activity to describe that what He did He accomplished in six twenty-four hour periods, He defined it every time so that any careful reader could not misunderstand.

Look again with me.

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God is being very careful to be sure we understand.

Now, I know there are some who say, "But the word for day, YOM, can mean an indefinite period of time, like 'the day of battle.'" And that is true.

But, LISTEN TO ME! BUT, any Hebrew scholar, and I am not one, but I can read what they say. Any Hebrew scholar can tell you that in the Old Testament, EVERY time the word YOM is used with a number, like DAY ONE, DAY TWO, and so on, the word day, YOM, always means a 24 hour period of time – an evening and a morning.

And just to be sure that we get this important point, God tells us as a part of the Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:11 NKJV For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

The Lord bases His command for us to work six days and rest and worship one day on the fact that He did all the work of creation in six days. This explanation makes no sense at all if the days were indefinitely long periods of time.

This idea that the days represent long ages of time did not begin to be expressed until the 1800's as uniformitarian geology and evolutionary biology began to be popular among those desiring to reject the Scriptures as sacred and authoritative.

And very sadly many Christians have given away the store, saying it does not make any difference. Listen, I am not throwing stones. I used to be one of those. But I repented long ago!

Folks listen, **When God says something, it makes a difference!**

When God says something six times, it is six times more important than you can imagine.

Let me repeat the fact of the text.

FACT: Jesus created the light, and used it to divide His creative work into six days.

Six 24 hour days!

So, is there any evidence that this is true?

EVIDENCE: The age of the universe can be measured in thousands rather than billions of years.

Folks, I could spend weeks, a full hour each week, sharing this evidence with you. But there is so much else to share, I am going to give you a sample and tell you where to find more.

First, there is **Very little sediment on the seafloor.**

Sediments are accumulating at the rate of 20 billion tons per year off the coast of the continents.

- Only one billion a year is being removed by the tectonic movement of continental plates.
- If the earth is more than 4 billion years old, these layers of sediment should be more than 4 billion feet deep.
- Instead they average 1300 feet deep, and the evidence is that most of that was deposited in a very brief time period, such as during the world wide flood!

Bent rock layers

Look at this picture from the Grand Canyon region where the Colorado River has cut a deep gorge to let us see all of God's geology.

Dr. Andrew Snelling holds a PhD in geology from the University of Sydney and has worked as a consultant research geologist in both Australia and America. Author of numerous scientific articles.

Dr. Snelling says, "In many mountainous areas, rock layers thousands of feet thick have been bent and folded without fracturing. How can that happen if they were laid down separately over hundreds of millions of years and already hardened?"

Hardened rock layers are brittle. Try bending a slab of concrete sometime to see what happens! But if concrete is still wet, it can easily be shaped and molded before the cement sets. The same principle applies to sedimentary rock layers. They can be bent and folded soon after the sediment is deposited, before the natural cements have a chance to bind the particles together into hard, brittle rocks.

Look at the photos of some of these layers at the edge of the plateau, just east of the Grand Canyon. The whole sequence of these hardened sedimentary rock layers has been bent and

folded, but without fracturing (*Figure 1*). At the bottom of this sequence is the Tapeats Sandstone, which is 100–325 feet thick. It is bent and folded 90°.

However, it supposedly took 270 million years to deposit these particular layers. Surely in that time the Tapeats Sandstone at the bottom would have dried out and the sand grains cemented together, especially with 4,000 feet (1,220 m) of rock layers piled on top of it and pressing down on it. The only viable scientific explanation is that the whole sequence was deposited very quickly—the creation model indicates that it took less than a year, during the global Flood cataclysm. So the 520 million years never happened, and the earth is young.

You can read this and more detail for yourself by just doing a google search on **bent rock layers Snelling**.

Third evidence

Soft tissue in fossils

“Bone slices from the fossilized thigh bone (femur) of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* found in the Hell Creek formation of Montana were studied under the microscope by Dr. Mary Schweitzer. To her amazement, the bone showed what appeared to be blood vessels of the type seen in bone and marrow, and these contained what appeared to be red blood cells with nuclei, typical of reptiles and birds “

Some critics suggested these results might be the product of bacteria. “Recently Schweitzer and coworkers found biochemical evidence for intact fragments of the protein collagen, which is the building block of connective tissue. This is important because collagen is a highly distinctive protein not made by bacteria.”

An obvious question arises from Schweitzer’s work: is it even remotely plausible that blood vessels, cells, and protein fragments can exist largely intact over 68 million years? NO!

But what about a few thousand years? Yes. Much the same is found in Egyptian mummies. “And the Tyrolean iceman, found in the Alps in 1991 and believed to be about 5,000 years old, shows such incredible preservation of DNA and other microscopic detail.”

As I said, I could go on and on, and I am not a scientist or an expert but just an interested student. And you can be the same!

Yes, there is **EVIDENCE: The age of the universe can be measured in thousands rather than billions of years**. Just as Scripture says!

That supports the

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Now let's look at the

IMPLICATION: Rejecting the testimony of Genesis leads to rejecting God's Word on other critical matters.

The very first deception Satan used on Eve was to ask, "Did God really say?"

He is still using it.

When Satan tempted Jesus, the devil tried to twist Scripture to mislead the Lord.

Do you think he would not do that to you?

A refusal to believe the clear testimony of Scripture at any point leaves you vulnerable.

- You have to deal with a temptation.
- You know what the Bible says you ought to do or not to do.
- But **Satan whispers in your ear,**
 - **"You've discovered that Genesis 1 is not exactly true."**
 - **"It's just religious myth and legend."**
 - **"These rigid moral standards are more of the same."**

Jesus said,

John 17:17 NKJV Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Jesus talked about Adam and Eve in the garden as literal history, as He did about Noah and the ark, and Jonah and the whale.

The moment that you make the judgment that some portion of the Bible is not perfectly true and accurate, you make yourself susceptible to all manner of deception, lies, and trouble.