

## LESSON #1

### GOD'S CREATION—MIRACLE & PROCESS

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning--Time)

God --Force)

Created --Moved)

The heaven --Space)

The earth --Matter)

All that we see in our world (except feeling).

Proof that the Bible is the inspired Word of God—what man could describe the world in one sentence?

Verse 2: Earth was without form & void--God had a mess, chaos—had we been observing it. Everything in liquid state-- “waters”, with darkness all around. But God was in control—the Spirit (power of God) moved on the face of the whole; the Spirit was in control—to bring order out of chaos.

Verse 3: God said, “Let there be light:” LET THERE BE LIGHT-- words

See John 1:15 Who is this? :14 Christ

So, Christ is all the words of God with flesh on them so that we might behold Him. Therefore, Christ was the creator—the doer. The creation was like a man building a house: the owner plans it; the carpenter (Christ) does the work; using electricity—the power—the Spirit. So, all three members of the Godhead are apparent in the creation; Christ being the doer and the sustainer—Col. 1:16-17

Verse 4: Good? For whom? Not for God—because He needed none of it—but for MAN. Since all this world was created for the good of man, and since man thinks like God thinks, the order in which God created was logical and in priority according to man's needs. Light being very necessary to man's existence: heat and light.

Verse 5: Evening + morning = 1 day (Jewish calendar day still starts at sundown and continues until sundown the next day. )

Day = 24 hours, same as ours—Exodus 20:11—not a million years.

Darkness (physical & spiritual) always comes first; then light chases it away.

Verse 6-8: God took gas (atmosphere) from the liquid mass first. Man must have air to breathe.

If we get a bucket of mud from the creekbed, put a toad in the bottom of it, keep it damp & warm—the toad can live from the air trapped in the mud—for some period of time. But if we take a large piston and drive off all the gases in the mixture, he will die in a matter of seconds.

Verse 9-10: Dividing liquids and solids: Water to drink. & Land on which to grow food.

Verse 11-13: The first apple: did it come from a seed? A sprout? A sapling? A tree with leaves only? A tree with leaves and green fruit? A tree with leaves and ripe fruit with seeds in it? Which did God make? A mature tree capable of reproducing itself.

**EVERYTHING GOD CREATED WAS MATURE (Ready to reproduce itself)—A MIRACLE; BUT CONTINUED BY A PROCESS.**

We get apple trees today by planting a seed—and five years later (or more) we pick our first apples. But we can always be sure if we plant apple seeds, we'll get an apple tree—and not a plum or peach—because God said, “Let it yield ‘after its kind’ “—and man has not yet been able to overthrow that order.

Principle is true spiritually, too: Matthew 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Verse 14-19: Light was created on the first day; but the sun, moon, and stars (our present sources of light) were not created until the fourth day; what provided light from day 1 through day 3? God—Rev. 21:23

Science lesson (although the Bible is not meant to be a science text—in every detail it gives, it has been proven to be scientifically accurate). Draw a diagram of relationship between our sun, moon, and earth.

One trip of earth around the sun is called a ? year  $1/4^{\text{th}} = \text{season}$

One trip of the moon around the earth is a ? Month

One revolution of the earth on its axis is a ? Day

Fractions of a revolution are called ? Hours, minutes, seconds.

**WHAT COMMON MEASURE OF TIME—we use nearly every day –CANNOT BE CALCULATED BY OBSERVING ANYTHING WITH OUR EYES?**

**THE WEEK—an arbitrary cycle assigned to man for his own good. It follows the pattern God set at creation: God worked 6 days and rested the 7<sup>th</sup>—rested from His work of creating. Genesis 2:1-3**

God knew what was best for man physically and spiritually; so He told him to work physically 6 days, then rest physically 1 day—under the Law of Moses (Exod. 20:8-11)—on the 7<sup>th</sup> day he was to divert his attention to things pertaining to God.

Heb. 4:1-11 teaches that the Christians' rest will come at the end of his life—his rest spiritually, that is. Since the cycle is 7 days, and since the early Christians held their worship on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7)—the day on which the Lord rose from the dead. Our first day of the week is to be devoted to holy things; and we work the six days following at supplying our physical needs. We do not have the commandment to abstain from all work on the first day of the week (as the Jews had for the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week, under the Law of Moses—a physical law).

Verse 20-22: **FISH AND FOWL –always reproduce after their kind—good for MAN.**

Being fruitful and multiplying is a blessing from God. (sex)

Note similarities/differences between God's command to fish and fowl (:22) and His commandment to mankind (:28)

Verse 24-25 **ANIMALS & MAN—Man is an animal?**

Both have life from God—Man (Gen. 2:7) Animal (Gen. 1:24)

Both apparently die alike—Eccles. 3:18-20

But man's spirit is upward-bound (MAN WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE EARTHBOUND—BUT GOD WANTED HIM HEAVENBOUND.)

Animal's spirit is earth bound (THERE IS NO CAT HEAVEN.)

Man's spirit (regardless of the kind of life he lived) at death, returns back to the keeping of God. Ecclesiastes 12:7

Verse 26-27: Let US make man. Who is "us"? God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit

Father			Soul—eternal
(God)		in our image	
Son	Spirit	after our likeness	Body Spirit—quality of soul Christ only became flesh
One Unit	)	See: Colossians 1:16	
One Purpose	)	Acts 17:28	See: I Thessalonians 5:23 (only verse in Bible with all parts of man named)
One in Function)		Ephesians 3:9	

Verse 28: God considered being (1) fruitful, (2) multiplying, (3) replenishing, and (4) subduing and having dominion—He considered them all a blessing. Therefore, sex is a blessing from God.

Verse 29-31 God designed man to be a vegetarian at first. Man did not (apparently) eat meat until after the flood. Genesis 9:3

God evaluated His whole creation "VERY GOOD"—Very good for MAN.  
GOD RESTED AFTER HE HAD WORKED. We rest only after we have worked for Him.

**REVIEW:** (Use Chart "God's Law of Procreation" to impress the principles:

God started everything with a miracle.

God ruled that everything would continue by a process He would prescribe.

Everything was created at the mature stage—ready to reproduce itself.

All things (physical & spiritual) reproduce after their kind.