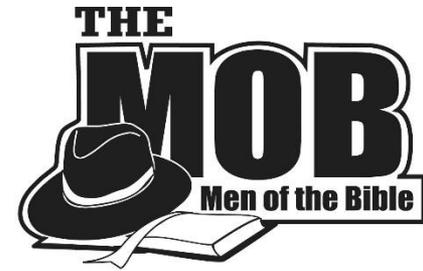




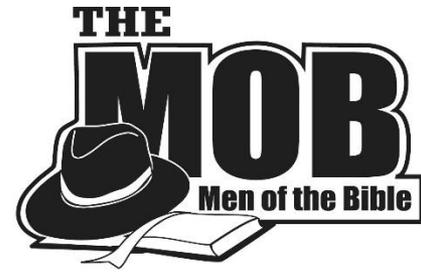
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [Core Strength, Tuesdays, 6:00 AM, Romans](#)
- [C.S. Lewis Institute Conference, September 22, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, IBC Atrium: "Building Your Life on Truth: The Inspiration, Reliability and Authority of the Bible", Info and Register Online, \\$125](#)
- [IBC Group Leaders Training: Have Something To Day, October 6, 2018, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon, IBC A209/A211, Register Online, FREE](#)
- [WACMM Men's Conference, October 21, 2018, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Derwood Bible Church, Derwood, MD – Info & Register Online, \\$55](#)
- Please rise for a hymn of praise & invocation



Memory Verse



John 1:1-5 (ESV)

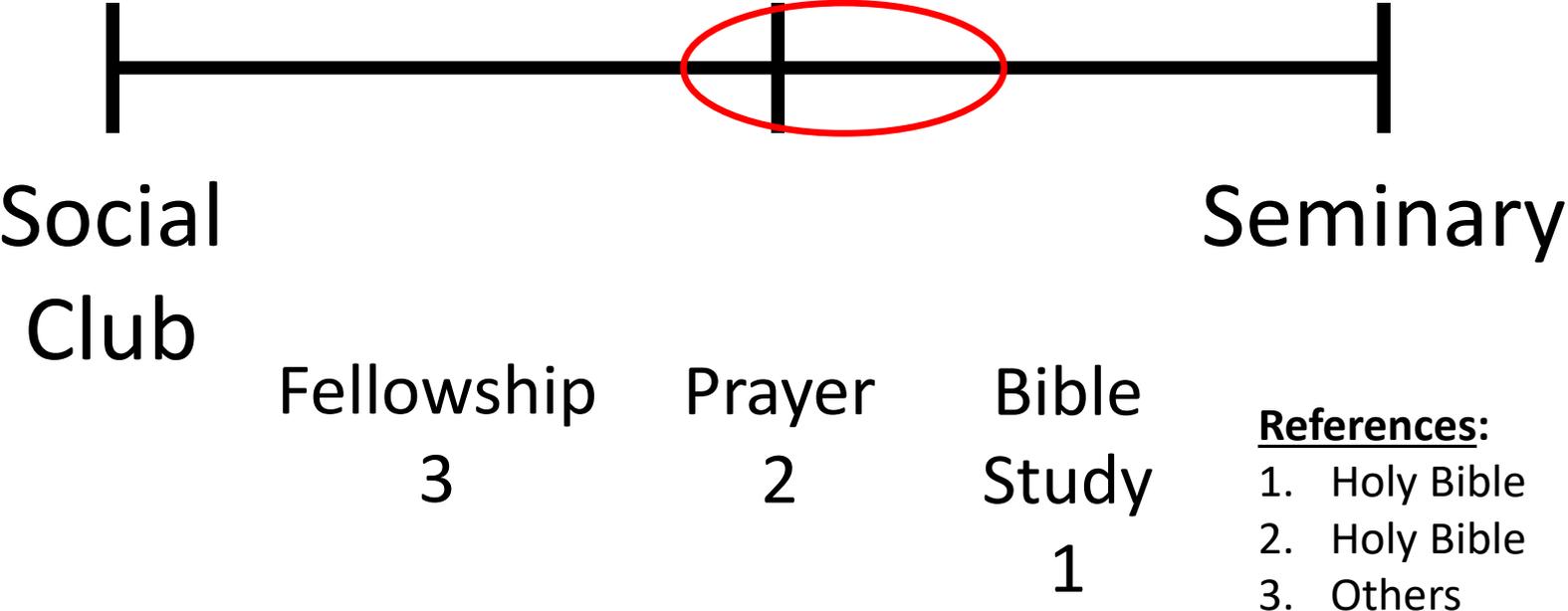
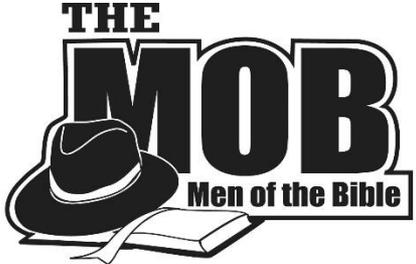
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 (ESV)



MOB Expectations

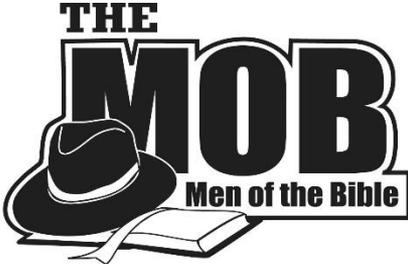


Bible Study, not an Apologetics Class

Apologetics: reasoned arguments or writings in justification of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine.



Genesis Outline

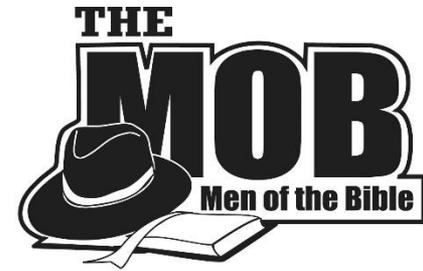


Focus	Four Events				Four People			
Reference	1:1 – 2:25	3:1 – 5:32	6:1 – 9:29	10:1 – 11:9	11:10 – 25:18	25:19 – 26:35	27:1 – 36:43	37:1 – 50:26
Division	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Topic	The Human Race				The Chosen Race (Hebrews)			
	Primeval History / Historical				Patriarchal History / Biographical			
Location	Fertile Crescent (Eden – Haran)				Canaan (Haran – Canaan)			
Time	cir. 2,000 years (cir. 4004 – 2090 B.C.)				193 years (2090 – 1897 B.C.)			





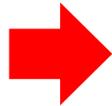
Genesis Divisions



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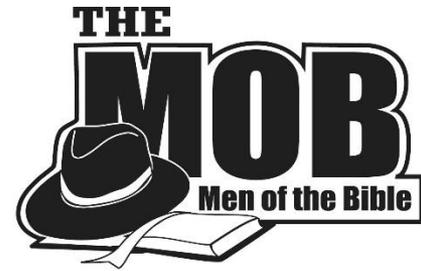
תּוֹלְדוֹת ([toledoth](#)) = “These are the generations of...” or “This is the history of...” or “account of...” **10 sections:**



- Prologue ([Genesis 1:1 – 2:3](#))
1. The generations of **heaven and earth** ([Genesis 2:4 – 4:26](#))
2. The generations of **Adam** ([Genesis 5:1 – 6:8](#))
3. The generations of **Noah** ([Genesis 6:9 – 9:29](#))
4. The generations of the **sons of Noah** ([Genesis 10:1 – 11:9](#))
5. The generations of **Shem** ([Genesis 11:10 – 26](#))
6. The generations of **Terah** ([Genesis 11:27 – 25:11](#))
7. The generations of **Ishmael** ([Genesis 25:12 – 18](#))
8. The generations of **Isaac** ([Genesis 25:19 – 35:29](#))
9. The generations of **Esau** ([Genesis 36:1 – 37:1](#))
10. The generations of **Jacob** ([Genesis 37:2 – 50:26](#))



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



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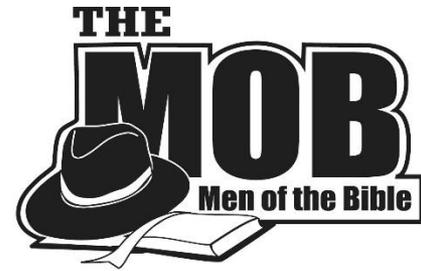
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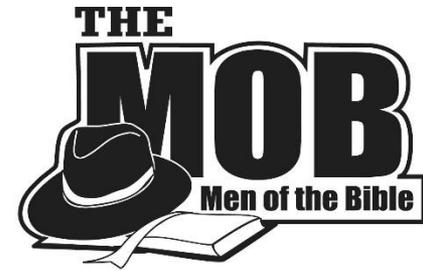


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¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.



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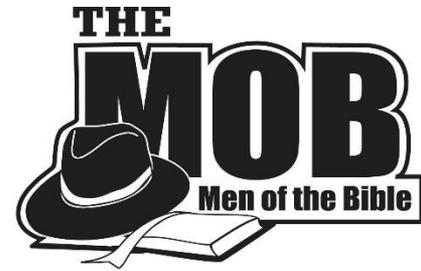


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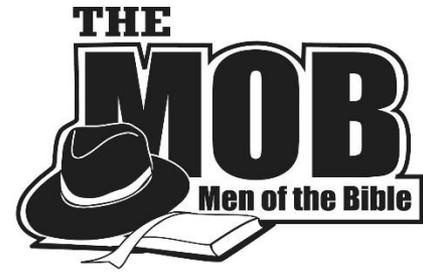
²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 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.



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

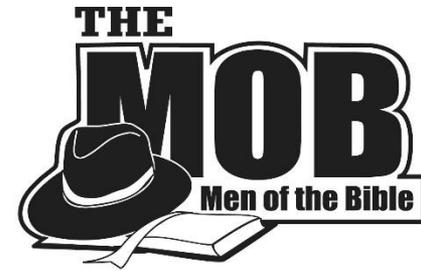


^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Big Picture



Overall **Observation**: God spoke the entire universe and everything in it into existence out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) in six (6) literal 24-hour days and rested on the seventh day, not out of fatigue, but to admire and bless His very good (i.e., beautiful, perfect) creation. Everything was complete and in perfect harmony. God used a logical, orderly, systematic approach to create everything. History.

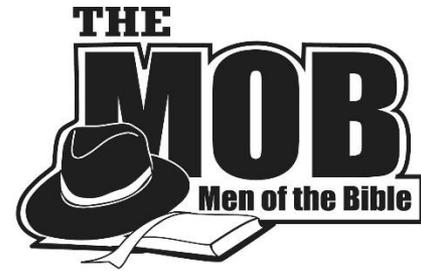
Overall **Interpretation**: No accidents, no “Big Bang,” no random processes over billions of years (time is a metric, not a mechanism). Evolution not needed. God is Almighty Creator and is in complete control of His creation, including us.

Overall **Application**: **Put your faith completely in the Lord Jesus Christ today!**

1. The Holy Bible is the Word of God. The Holy Bible is absolutely **TRUE**. You can trust the Holy Bible completely. No need to try to reconcile God’s Word to man’s. Start with God’s Word and judge man’s word accordingly.
2. **“Modern Science” has often been wrong in the past.** Don’t worry about it.
3. If Jesus Christ is “big enough” to create the entire universe out of nothing in six literal 24-hour days, then He is powerful enough to save you from your sin.



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



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Observation & Interpretation:

- There was a beginning. The universe did not always exist.
- God created everything. The universe did not happen by chance.
- God started by creating environments: heavens (sky, space), earth, water.
- The Holy Spirit (the Third Person of the Holy Trinity) was present.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Observation & Interpretation:

- God created by speaking. “Let there be...” and there was! (Cause & Effect)
- God assessed His work and declared it “good” (beautiful, complete)
- God created light and separated it from dark, which He named Day & Night
- God created time: 1 evening + 1 morning = 1 day (this definition still stands)



Genesis 1:1



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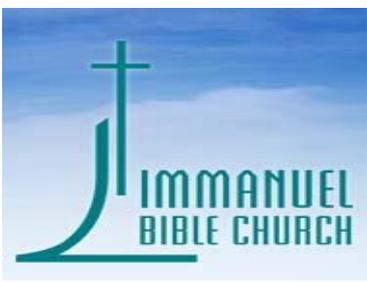
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בָּרָא (*bā·rā*) = choose, shape, create – God created; no “Big Bang”

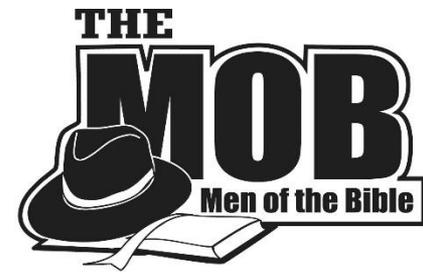
הַשָּׁמַיִם (*haš·šā·ma·yim*) = the heavens (where planets & stars are), sky

הָאָרֶץ (*hā·'ā·reṣ*) = the earth, land

ha = “the” in Hebrew



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



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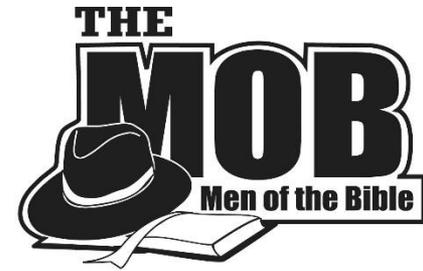
Observation & Interpretation:

- “God said” and “it was so” (Cause & Effect)
- רָקִיעַ (*rā·qî·a'*) = Expanse = Firmament = Heaven = Canopy, an extended surface
- 1 Evening + 1 Morning = 1 Day (Day #2)
- Waters above the heavens, Waters below the heavens (Seas), Dry Land (Earth)
- God’s assessment of His work: “Good” (beautiful, complete)



Genesis 1:1

“the heavens”



Observation: The Apostle Paul writing:

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

[2 Corinthians 12:2–4](#)

Interpretation:

First Heaven = earth’s atmosphere (the air we breath; where birds fly)

Second Heaven = interplanetary and interstellar space (planets & stars)

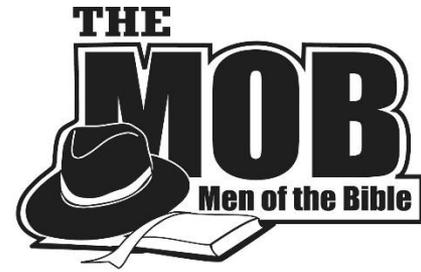
Third Heaven = the abode of God

[Rev. John MacArthur \(Grace To You\):](#)

Caught up translates *harpazo*, the same verb used of the Rapture in [1 Thessalonians 4:17](#). Paul was suddenly snatched up into the third heaven which, transcending the first (earth’s atmosphere; [Deuteronomy 11:11](#); [1 Kings 8:35](#); [Isaiah 55:10](#)) and second (interplanetary and interstellar space; [Genesis 15:5](#); [Psalms 8:3](#); [Isaiah 13:10](#)) heavens, is the abode of God ([1 Kings 8:30](#); [Psalms 33:13–14](#); [Matthew 6:9](#)).



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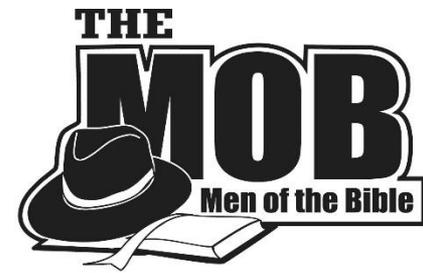
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Observation & Interpretation:

- “God said” and “it was so.” (Cause & Effect)
- each according to its kind = God created specific kinds. This is what scientists, farmers, and gardeners have observed, measured, and repeated throughout history. Not “macro” evolution (i.e., one kind changing into another kind; never observed, measured or repeated); only “micro” evolution; variations within created kinds.
- Seed = potential for reproduction and multiplication
- God’s assessment of His work: “Good” (beautiful, complete)
- 1 Evening + 1 Morning = 1 Day (Day #3)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



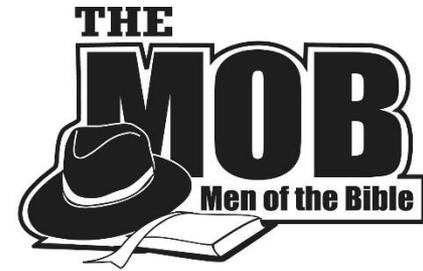
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Observation & Interpretation:

- “God said” and “it was so.” (Cause & Effect)
- Lights in the expanse = stars and planets in space
- Signs for seasons, days, years – still observed today
- God made = God fashioned two great lights for the Earth: Sun & Moon
- God made the Stars and set them in the expanse – no “Big Bang”
- God’s assessment of His work: “Good” (beautiful, complete)
- 1 Evening + 1 Morning = 1 Day (Day #4)



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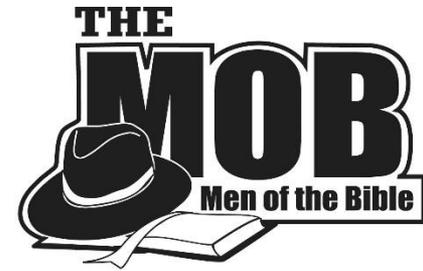
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Observation & Interpretation:

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- according to their kinds = God created specific kinds. This is what scientists and nature lovers have observed, measured, and repeated throughout history. Not “macro” evolution (never observed, measured or repeated); only “micro” evolution; variations within kinds.
- God’s assessment of His work: “Good” (beautiful, complete)
- God made it possible for birds and fish to reproduce (a miracle in itself)
- 1 Evening + 1 Morning = 1 Day (Day #5)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



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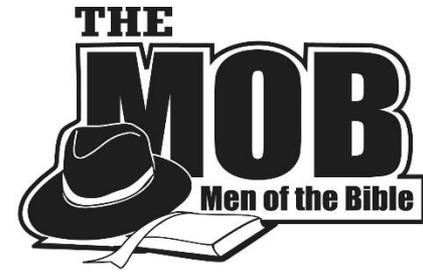
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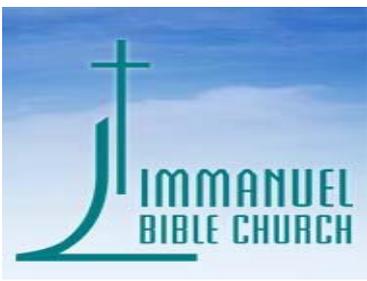
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Observed In Science



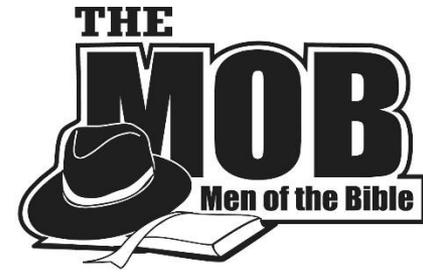
Biological classification is the process by which scientists group living organisms. Organisms are classified based on how similar they are. Historically, similarity was determined by examining the physical characteristics of an organism, but modern classification uses a variety of techniques including **genetic** analysis.

<i>Classification Framework</i>	<i>Example</i>
Domain	Eukarya
Kingdom	Animalia
Phylum	Arthropoda
Class	Insecta
Order	Hymenoptera
Family	Apidae
Genus	<i>Apis</i>
Species	<i>Apis mellifera</i> (<i>honey bee</i>)



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“according to their kinds”



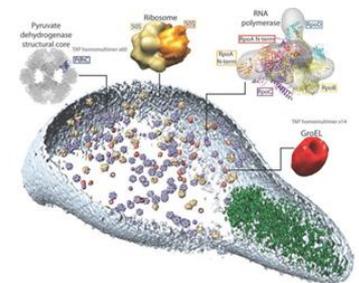
Evolution = ~~Science~~ Faith
Creation = Faith

Evidence for Creation >> Evidence for Evolution

Fiction: “All life evolved from a single simple cell.”

Fact: There is no such thing as a “single simple cell.”
All cells are highly complex; integrated.

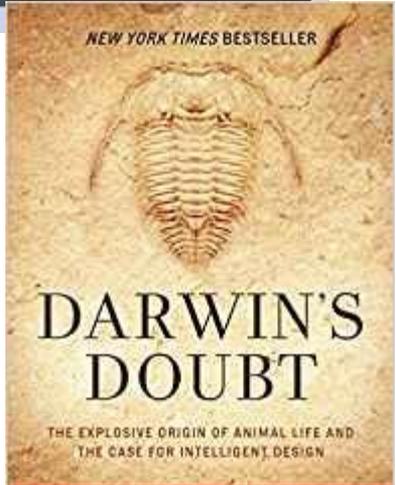
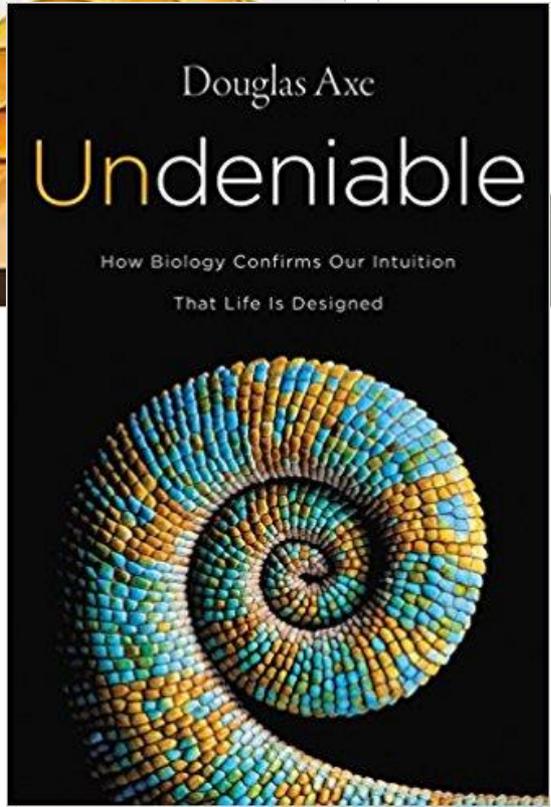
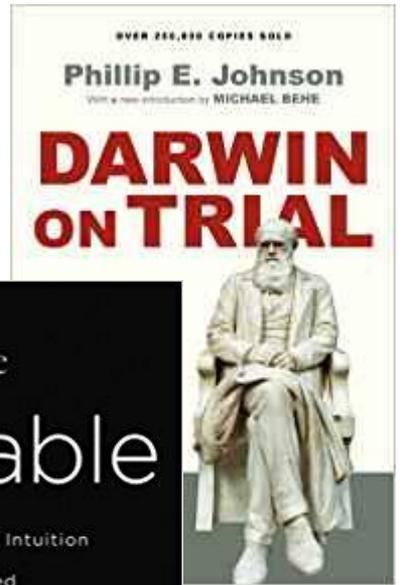
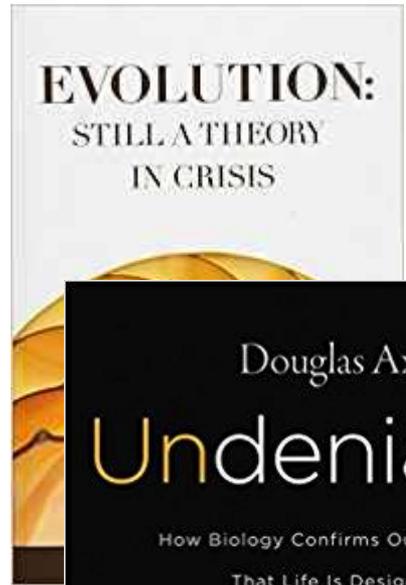
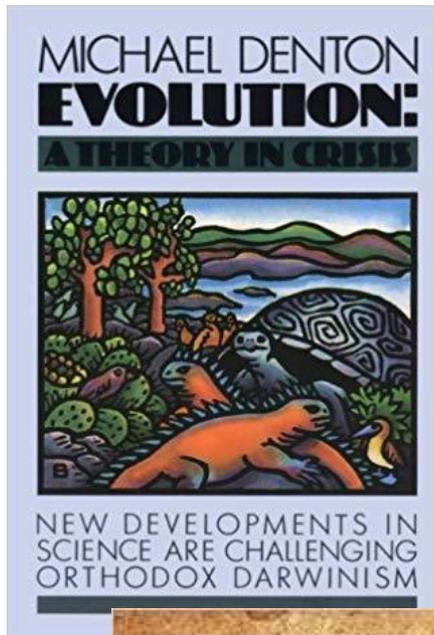
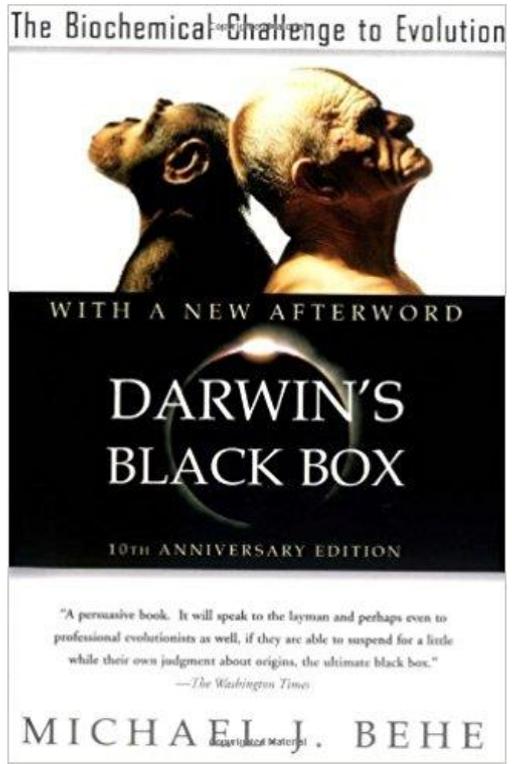
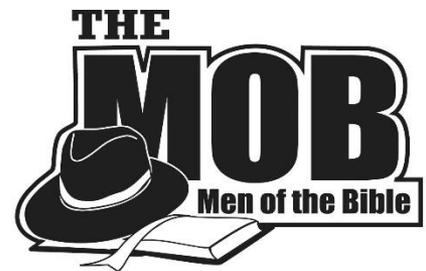
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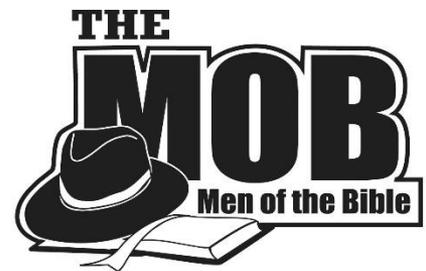


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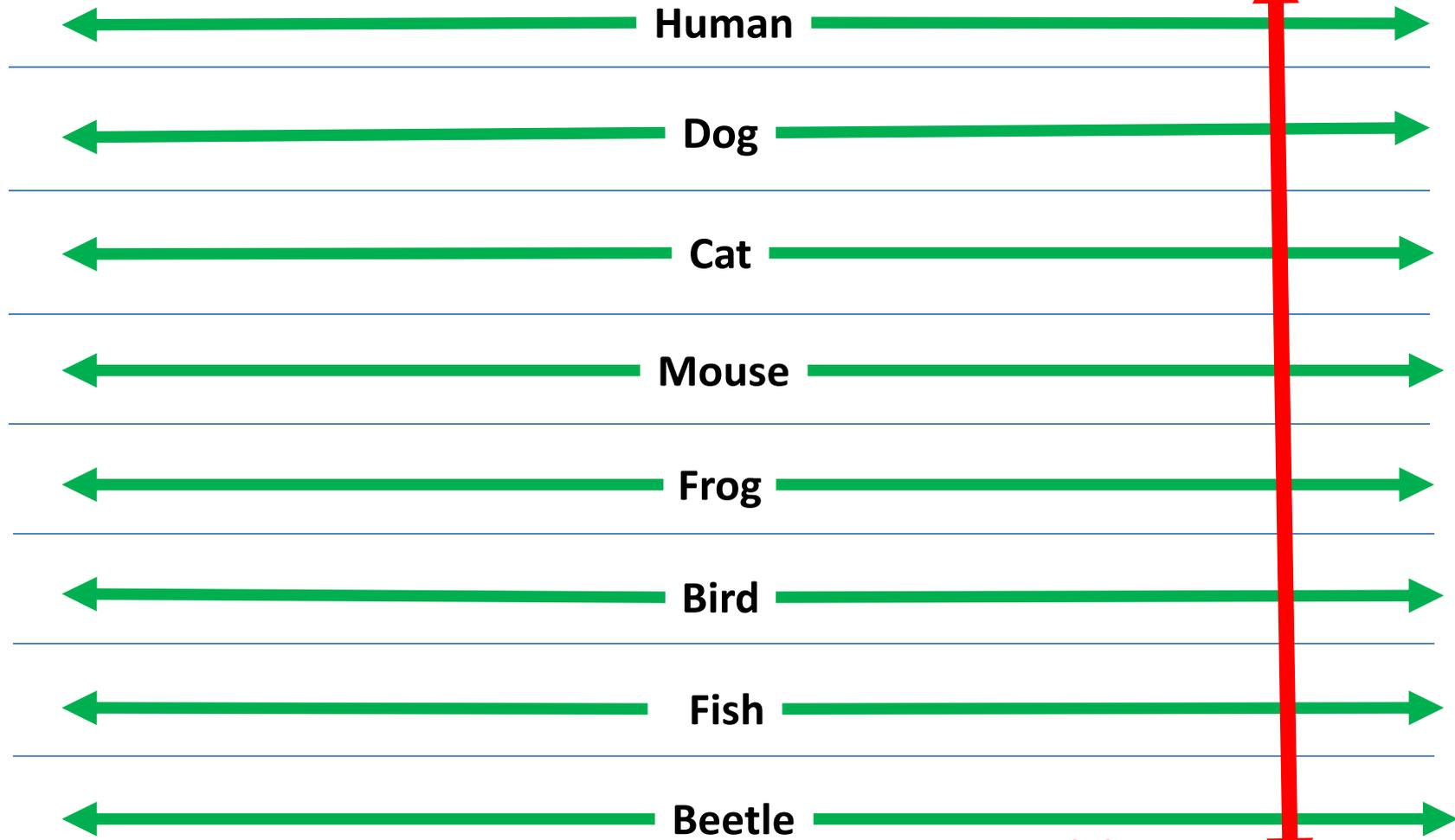
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Often Observed:
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Never Observed:
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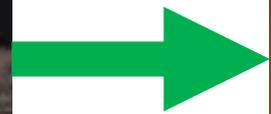
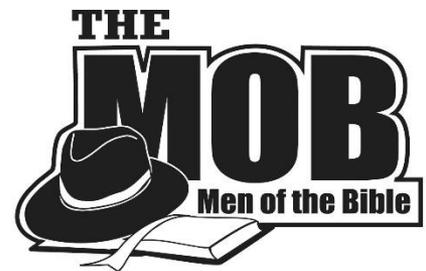
The Law of Biogenesis

Genetics prohibits
variation between Kinds



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

“according to their kinds”

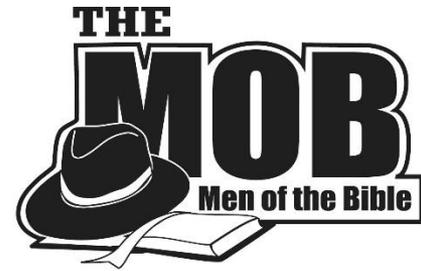


Elementary School: Fairy Tale

High School: Science? (Evolution)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



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.”

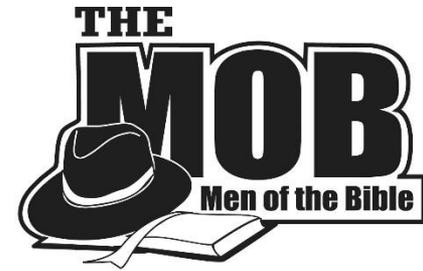
²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Observation & Interpretation:

- Evidence for the Holy Trinity, “Let us...” אֱלֹהִים (*’ě·lō·hîm*) = plural, God
- God made man, man did NOT evolve from beasts
- God made man in His image; after the likeness of God; a special creation
- בְּצֶלֶם (*ba·se·lem*) = image = likeness, phantom or shadow, resemblance
- Image of God (*imago Dei*): Self-awareness, ability to worship, ability to create
- Man is the pinnacle of God’s creation; no other creature created in God’s image
- God gave man dominion (sovereignty; control) over all creatures and the earth
- God created man, male & female, on Day 6 (see [Genesis 2:4 – 25](#) for details)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



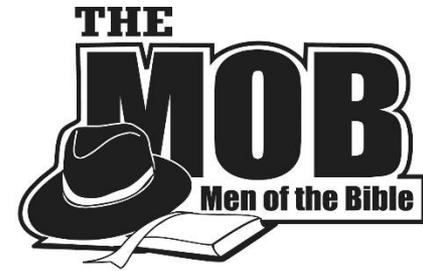
²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 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.

Observation & Interpretation:

- God directed man to have dominion over everything
- Every living thing “that has the breath of life” was vegetarian originally
- “God said” and “it was so.” (Cause & Effect)
- God’s assessment of His work: “**Very Good**” (beautiful, complete, **PERFECT**)
- 1 Evening + 1 Morning = 1 Day (Day #6)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 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. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Observation & Interpretation:

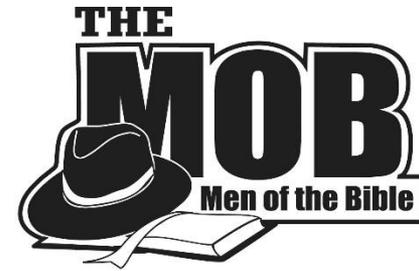
- Finished = completed, accomplished; beautiful, perfect (very good)
- וַיִּשְׁבֹּת (*way-yiš·bōt*) = cease, desist, rest; God stopped creating; ALL DONE
- No more work required; everything was PERFECT (no evolution needed)
- God not tired from working; He simply stopped because He was DONE!
- God paused to admire His perfect, amazing creation
- וַיְקַדְּשׁ (*way-qad·dêš*) = consecrate; set apart; make special
- God set the seventh day apart to reflect on His amazing work
- We should follow His example and praise Him for His amazing work!
- The more you learn about God's creation, the more you will praise Him!



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Creation: Logical, Systematic

NOT random; NO CHANCE

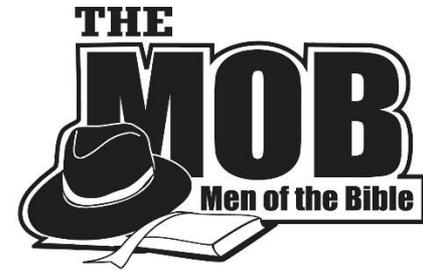


Environment Created	Environment Populated
<p>Genesis 1:1-5 <u>Day 1</u>: Heavens (space), Earth (matter; subatomic particles, atoms, molecules; “building blocks”), Water, Light (and energy), Dark, Time</p>	<p>Genesis 1:14-19 <u>Day 4</u>: Planets, Stars; Sun, Moon; God “attaches” existing light to light-emitting bodies in “real time” (the light didn’t have to travel)</p>
<p>Genesis 1:6-8 <u>Day 2</u>: Firmament dividing the Waters above Heaven from the Waters below Heaven (Sky)</p>	<p>Genesis 1:20-23 <u>Day 5</u>: Multitude of Sea Creatures, Birds (All Flying Things)</p>
<p>Genesis 1:9-13 <u>Day 3</u>: Waters / Seas, Dry Land / Earth; Grass, Herbs, and Fruit Trees (all seed-bearing)</p>	<p>Genesis 1:24-31 <u>Day 6</u>: Living Creatures, Cattle, Creeping Things, Beast of the Earth; then the climax: God created Man: Male & Female</p>
<p>Genesis 2:1-3 <u>Day 7</u>: God is DONE creating. Everything is complete and perfect. Nothing needs to evolve because it is as good as it can possibly be. God is NOT tired; He pauses to reflect on and admire His amazing creation.</p>	



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Creation: Logical, Systematic
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Repetition of words in Hebrew writing = Significance or Emphasis

_____ “And God said, ‘Let there be...’”

_____ “...and there was...” or “It was so.”

_____ “...and God called the...”

_____ “And God saw that it was good” and “it was very good.”

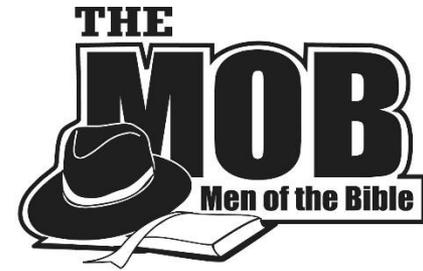
_____ “And there was evening and there was morning, the nth day.”

_____ “... according to its/their kind,”



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Who did the work of creation?



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 was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [John 1:1-5](#)

The Word = Logos ([Λόγος](#)) = The Word of God, or principle of divine reason and creative order, identified in the Gospel of John with the second person of the Trinity incarnate in Jesus Christ. Greek stoic philosophers identified the term with the divine animating principle pervading the Universe.

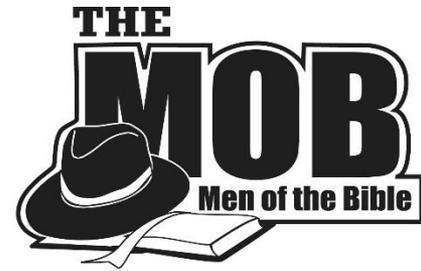
In this Scripture passage, the Apostle John is writing about the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the God-Man; always fully God and also fully man (human).

All things were made through Jesus Christ. Without Jesus Christ was not any thing made that was made. In Jesus Christ is life. This life is the light of men.



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

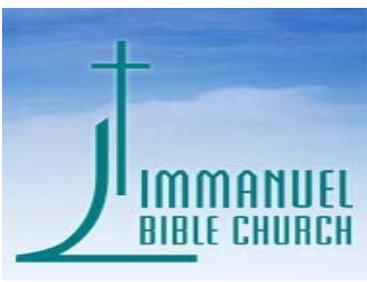
Where Adam & Eve real people?



Jesus taught that the creation of man (Adam & Eve; [Genesis 1:26-29](#)) and their marriage ([Genesis 2:18-25](#); one man and one woman for life) were real events. He would know because He was there! He made it so! The Final Authority!

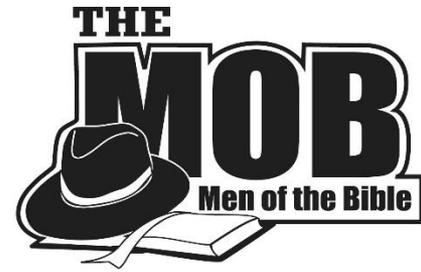
³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” ⁴ He [Jesus] answered, “Have you not read that **he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,** ⁵ **and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?** ⁶ **So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”** ⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

[Matthew 19:3-9](#)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Where Adam & Eve real people?



Inspired by The Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul taught that Adam was a real man:

¹² Therefore, **just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin,** and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet **death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam,** who was a type of the one who was to come.

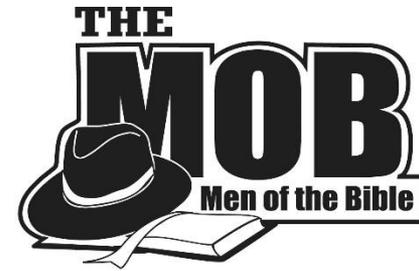
¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like **the result of that one man's sin.** For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, **because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man,** much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, **as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,** so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ **For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,** so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Romans 5:12-21](#) (see also [1 Corinthians 15:21-22](#) and [Luke 3:23-38](#),)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Did God create everything in 6 literal (24-hour) days?



Consider what God’s Word says (Biblical evidence):

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דִּי (yō-wm or *yome*) can mean “day” (24 hours), an Age, or an Event. However, context and repetition are important: **1 evening + 1 morning = 1 day** (six times)

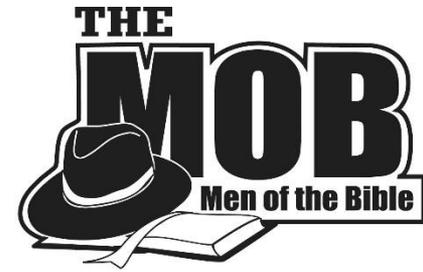
Consider also:

- Did God have the knowledge, information, wisdom to create everything in six (6) literal (24-hour) days? YES. God is omniscient (all-knowing).
- Did God have the power and might to create everything in 6 literal (24-hour) days? YES. God is omnipotent (all-powerful; having unlimited power).
- Did God have a reason to create everything in 6 literal (24-hour) days? YES. He established patterns for time that all men still observe today:
1 evening + 1 morning = 1 day AND 7 days = 1 week
- Did God create everything in 6 literal (24-hour) days? WHY NOT?



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Why don't people believe?



¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

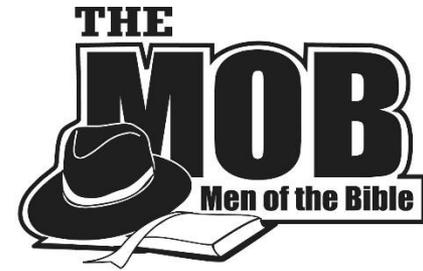
²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

[Romans 1:18-25](#)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

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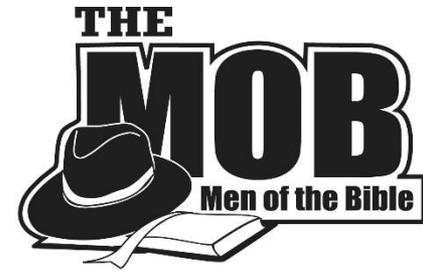
¹ This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

(Scripture passage continued on the next slide)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Why don't people believe?



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. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

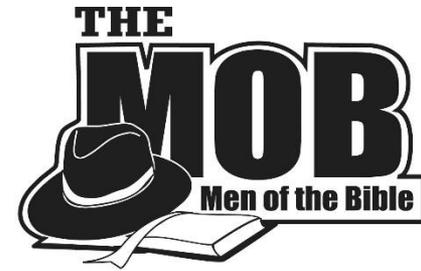
¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

[2 Peter 3:1-13](#)

Important Note: The CONTEXT of, "...with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day," is the coming Day of the Lord (Judgement), NOT creation. God existed before time. He created time. He is "outside of" (not constrained by) time.



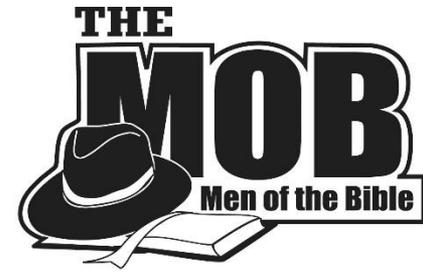
Discussion & Application



1. According to the Bible, has the universe and all of the matter and energy in it always existed?
2. How did God create the universe and everything in it?
3. Who did the actual work of creation? (Which Person of the Trinity?)
4. According to the Bible, did birds, other animals, and man evolve from fish as evolutionists claim?
5. According to the Bible, was there a need for evolution?
6. According to the Bible, is there such a thing as “race”?
7. Why is human death (murder, abortion, war, accidental death, natural death) so horrific? What about mutilation or pornography?
8. Can the Genesis account of creation and modern ideas about evolution be reconciled in any way?
9. What evidence of God’s love do you see in His creation?
10. What should a logical human response be to God’s creation?



Next Meeting



Review:

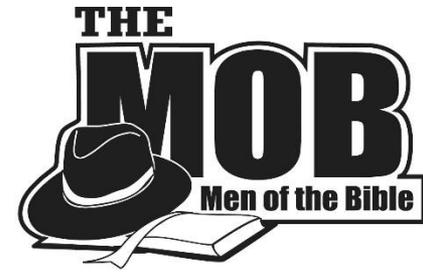
- [Genesis 1:1 – 2:3](#)
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 1, pages 21 – 29

Read:

- [Genesis 2:4 – 25](#)
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 2, pages 31 – 36



Other Resources



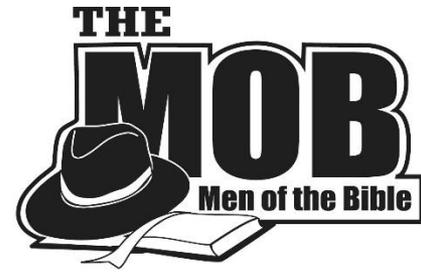
- IBC Immanuel Bible Institute (IBI) class, *Answers In Genesis*, next offering at IBC to be determined (TBD)
- Answers In Genesis <https://answersingenesis.org/>
- The Institute for Creation Research <http://www.icr.org>
- Creation Ministries International (CMI) <https://creation.com/>
- Is Genesis History? <https://isgenesishistory.com/>
- Many others, but be careful

<https://creation.com/creationist-organizations-in-the-usa>

Always place your primary trust in God's Word,
The Holy Bible



Closing



- Questions?
- Benediction
[Psalm 8](#)

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

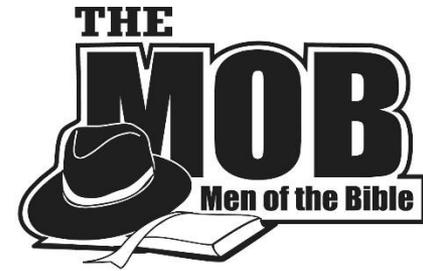
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



Small Groups

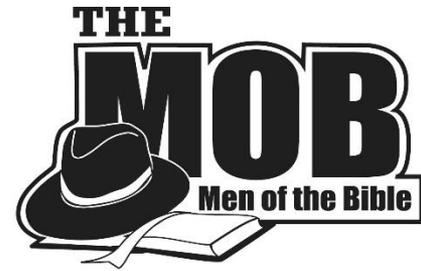


- Introduction of Small Group Leaders
 - A** – Robert Ours & Scott Trammell (A201)
 - B** – Essex Long & Mike McGrail (B209)
 - C** – Lowell Mininger & Trevor Specht (B203)
 - D** – Web Tileston & Anthony Lee (Lobby Conf Rm)
 - E** – John Neal & Kirk Streitmater (B205)
 - F** – Dave Brien & Rick Oliver (Prayer Room/Parlor)
- Assignment of Men to Small Groups
 - Bob Pewett – MOB Administration & Logistics
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Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

The Sabbath

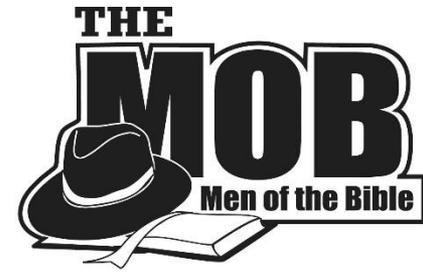


⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ **For in six days the LORD made heaven and 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. [Exodus 20:8-11](#)

¹² ““Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. [Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#)



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3



In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

...

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

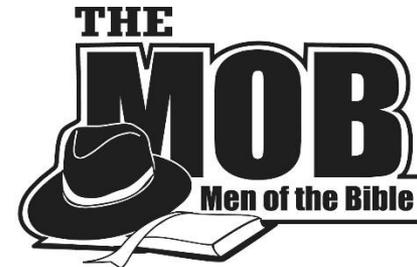
...

America's Founding Fathers thought it was obvious to all that God created all men and endowed them with (gave them) certain unalienable Rights.

If God did not create and endow, then who or what is the source of our rights and are they unalienable? Consider: No God, no unalienable rights. If "the government giveth," then "the government can taketh away."



Study References



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"The Bible is always the best commentary on the Bible."

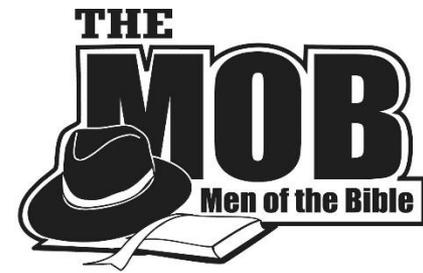
Additional References (as time permits):

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- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Genesis](#) (Full Commentary - FREE pdf download)
- [Grace to You - John MacArthur's sermons on Genesis \(audio files & transcripts\)](#)
- [Precept Austin](#) (Pastor Tom's favorite Bible study reference site)
- [Hebrew Interlinear](#) (look up the meaning of the original Hebrew words)
- Others references available at www.ibcmob.net/resources and online



The Holy Bible

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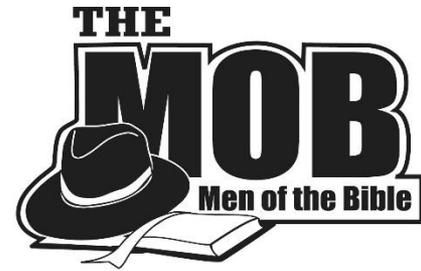


We believe the Scriptures - the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament - provide God's authoritative written revelation to mankind ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#); [Galatians 1:12](#)). God interacted with the human writers of those books so that every word of the original texts was exactly as He wanted ([2 Peter 1:20-21](#)) and without error ([John 17:17](#)). The Scriptures are the supreme and final authority ([Psalms 19:7-11](#); [Ps 119](#); [Romans 10:17](#); [Hebrews 4:12](#)).



Origins

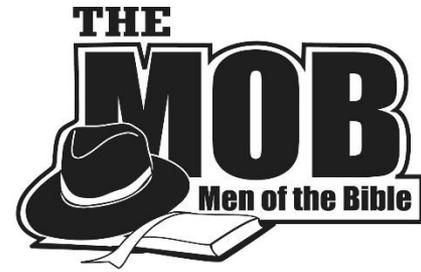
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We believe that God spoke the heavens, the earth and all living things into existence in six days. God directly created the original kinds of plants and animals and ordered them to reproduce after their kind. In its original form, the creation was very good and untouched by sin. Man is unique, created in the image of God, and did not originate from any other living thing ([Genesis 1-2](#); [Genesis 5:1-2](#); [Genesis 9:6](#); [Exodus 20:11](#); [Psalms 33:6-9](#); [John 1:3](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#)).



Bible Study



Inductive Bible Study Approach:

- **Observation** – What does it say?
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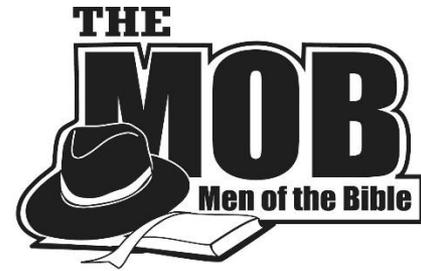
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Interpreting Scripture

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1. **Normal** - understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.
2. **Literal** - understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.
3. **Grammatical** - using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.
4. **Historical** - understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.
5. **Systematic** - categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.