

# "What a Week We Are Experiencing!"

That's what we would say if we were with God at the beginning!

### Generic Study in Genesis, Lesson #5

Only two (2) days and we see God speaking things into existence while man can only build a house in 4-6 months!

We are amazed at a vehicle being produced at General Motors plants every 4.2 seconds (6.7 million vehicles produced in 2020). At the GM plant in Arlington, Texas they produce one vehicle every 1 minute and 12 seconds.

GM has 55,000 employees

God and His Crew (His Son and Holy Spirit) doth grin when we rejoice and celebrate our accomplishments. They love to see the family of God happy and satisfied with their accomplishments each day. They are

cheerleaders for us! Hooray for God's Team!

A N D...He really likes for us to rejoice and celebrate His crew's accomplishments.

God says, "Let there be .... " and it happens.

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What a Mighty God We Serve!

## The third day of creation: the land is divided from the sea; plants and all types of vegetation are created.

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. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 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. And the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself 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. So the evening and the morning were the third day. Genesis 1:9-13

### "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together":

The idea is that before this, the earth was covered with water. Now the waters are gathered together into one place and dry land appears.

#### And...Oh, it was Good!

### Let the earth bring forth grass:

All this happened before the creation of the Sun (the fourth day of creation).

This means the plants must have had sufficient nourishment because of the

light God had created before the sun and the moon.

- ✓ The phrase "God is light" appears in 1 John 1:5, where the apostle John is explaining that the message we have from Jesus Christ is that God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all.
- ✓ Light is the nature and character of God. He is not a light or a kind of light; He is light itself. All light comes from Him.
- ✓ The light of God is His holiness, righteousness, and goodness, which is in contrast to the darkness of evil and sin.
- ✓ Light is part of the essence of God. He is completely, unreservedly, absolutely holy, with no sin, no taint of iniquity, and no hint of injustice.
- ✓ Throughout the Old Testament light is regularly associated with God and His word (Psalm 119:105), with salvation (Isaiah 9:2), with goodness (Genesis 1:4), with truth (Psalm 43:3), with His commandments (Proverbs 6:23), and with life (Psalm 56:13)

### The New Testament picks up these themes: Describes the holiness of God in different ways.

- God "dwells in unapproachable light" (1 Timothy 6:16);
- ➤ He is the "Father of lights" (James 1:17).
- God's Light is revealed in Christ, whose light of love shines into lives darkened by sin (1 John 1:5-7).
- Jesus declares that He is the "light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:5).
- John describes Jesus, the incarnate Word, as coming into the world to be the "light of men" and "the true light which gives light to everyone" (John 1:1-9).
- Jesus came as the light of the world, breaking the power of the darkness of sin by His shed blood and death on the cross.

Revelation tells us of a coming day when we won't need the sun, moon, and stars any longer (Revelation 21:23)). There's no reason why God couldn't have started creation in the same way He will end it! God is light and will be the light to take us into the eternal abode with Him.

### AND IT WAS SO:

This is the beginning of life on planet earth, directly created by God, not slowly evolving over millions of years.

Some scientists now say life on earth began when immense meteorites carrying amino acids impacted earth at a time when the sun was cooler and the earth was a watery ball covered with ice up to 1,000 feet thick. The idea is that a meteor hits the ice, breaks through, and "seeds" the water underneath with the building blocks of life, which assemble into an "organic soup." However the process was triggered, the scientists said life on earth began in "a geological instant."

### And people believe this...instead of saying 'GOD DID IT!'

# The earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed...and the tree that yield fruit, whose seed is in itself.

- The plants were created not as seeds, but as full-grown plants each bearing seeds.
- They were thus created as mature plants, having the "appearance" of age.

### NOTE: The chicken really did come before the egg.

**According to its kind:** This phrase appears ten times in Genesis Chapter 1. It means God allows variation within a KIND, but something of one KIND will never develop into something of another KIND.

#### AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD:

- 1. God knows what is GOOD. He is not some vague moral neutral.
- 2. He knows what is GOOD and organizes His creation to result in something GOOD.
- 3. God does not call the earth GOOD until it has become habitable, a place where man can live.

#### LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH...EVERY HERB THAT YIELDS SEED...THE HERB THAT YIELDS SEED ACCORDING TO ITS KIND...AND GOD SAW

**THAT IT WAS GOOD.** Some use this passage to justify the use of drugs (especially marijuana) because GRASS and EVERY HERB came forth at God's command. BUT...certainly not every herb is good for every purpose. For instance, Hemlock is natural, but not good.

✓ In fact, the use of drugs in this manner is nowhere approved and is always condemned in the Bible. The wrong use of drugs is often associated with sorcery and the occult.  ✓ Sorcery is universally condemned in the Bible. Exodus 22:18, Deuteronomy 18:10, 2 Chronicles 33:6, Revelation 21:8, Revelation 22:15.
Note here: Isn't it amazing that there are people who try to justify their bad habits and bad choices by searching the Scriptures that might support their wayward deeds?

# So...We have completed the study of the first 3 days of Creation.

Let's summarize some of what we have pointed out:

The context around the word "day" in Genesis 1 plus other supporting evidence clearly (to me) teach the days of creation were literal 24-hour days. The evidence includes:

- A number used with the word "day" in the Old Testament always means a day and never a long period of time.
- The phrase "evening and morning" in the Old Testament always refers to a literal day.
- In Exodus 20:11 (Commandment 4), God inscribed on the clay tablets that He created everything in 6 days.
- In Mark 10:6, Jesus stated that man and woman were on earth from the beginning of creation and not after millions of years.

# The Bible teaches many historical facts that the world does not agree with, such as:

- Creation in six literal days
- A worldwide flood
- A burning bush that is not consumed
- A donkey speaking
- Jonah in the belly of a large sea creature
- Jesus walking on water
- Turning water into wine
- Instant healing of the blind
- Jesus instantly calming a storm
- The death, burial and Resurrection of Jesus

If we can't believe God's first miracle (creation in 6 days) then why should we believe any other miracles in the Bible, including the Resurrection?

### F A I T H...NOT A BIG WORD...BUT A MIGHTY WORD!

"So then Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17 (KJV)

### When God gets involved... The problem is solved!