

Remnant Life Church
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Genesis: The Certainty of Creation
Genesis 1:1-2:3

This morning (and maybe next) we are going to take a “jet tour” overview of creation

- Not to exhaust every question
- But to see it from above and provide a landscape view of what God did in the very beginning (the meaning of the word Genesis is “beginnings”)
- The truthfulness of what is written in Genesis is important for two reasons.
 - #1–Jesus taught that the events recorded in these chapters really happened. He treated them as real history. If these are mere myths and legends as the world and secular science would want you to believe, then the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ is put into question.
 - #2–The truth of these chapters is important because it is here that God addresses the most basic questions we can ask. "Where are we from?" and "Why are we here?"

Critical point: nowhere does the Bible ever attempt to prove the existence of God – it is very simply assumed

- The first verse of the Bible says, “In the beginning, God...” (**Gen 1:1**)
- To look through the most powerful telescope into the infinite vastness of space or the most powerful microscope at the most infinitesimally small particle of life – the only explanation for both is God
- **Psalms 14:1** – *The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God”*
- Are you ready to start the flight?

Day 1 – The Creation of Light (Gen 1:2-5**)**

- What is unique about this first day?
 - God did not create the sun in order to have light
 - God just simply said, ‘light be’
 - Because God is the light and He brought Himself into His creation
 - To recognize this is to address the common respite of ‘how could there be light if the sun and moon were not created until day 4?’
 - It is because God was not dependent on His creation, creation was dependent on Him
 - You see there will be no sun or moon in heaven – God’s very presence will be the source of perfect light with no shadows because His presence will be everywhere (omnipresent) as will His light
 - **2 Samuel 22:13** called it - *the brightness of his presence*
- His Spirit (face) hovered (v 2)
 - The word hover means to shake, move, or flutter
 - God was active then to form creation and He is still active today in the lives of His children
 - That power to bring something from nothing is the same power that can change a heart from the darkness of unbelief to the light of believing in the name of Jesus

- Face – His presence
- Above the waters (Hebrew – my-im)
 - Transitory things
 - God moved over what was about to take place

Day 2 – The Separating of the Waters (Gen 1:6-8)

- The key word (in the NIV) is expanse
 - Some NIVs - vault
 - NKJ, RSV - firmament
 - New Living Translation – space
 - Common English Bible – dome
- The original Hebrew – rah-key-eh
 - Their interpretation of that word meant a solid, apparently visible arch holding waters above it
 - What comes to mind is the glass tube you walk through in an aquarium like down in Baltimore
 - We might call it a canopy of water vapor that acted as a filter to protect God’s creation
 - What gives us reason to think this?
 - **Gen 7:11** - *In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.*
 - A great number of biblical scholars believe that it was this firmament above that brought the most significant amount of water to flood the entire world
 - When that happened – the filter protecting man from the radiation of the sun was removed and the natural greenhouse effect of that water covering was now gone
 - The most striking evidence is seen in the great disparity of ages between the men before the flood and after it
 - Noah was the last to live over 900 years
 - His son Shem lived “only” 600 years (the effects are immediate)
 - Then in just 9 more generations we see life spans dramatically decrease to Abraham’s death at 175
 - In **1 and 2 Samuel** we read of the prophet/priest Eli being called very old when he died – he was “only” 98 (**1 Sam 4:15**)
 - The atmospheric pressure and oxygen levels would have been exponentially more favorable for life over the entire planet with that water canopy in place
 - There would have also been no deserts before this time
 - While Adam and Eve lived in the garden I believe the entire world reflected the beauty of God’s perfect creation

Day 3 – The Creation of Land, Seas, and Plant Life (Gen 1:9-13)

- These verses completely refute the teaching of evolution
 - Evolution states that life began in the sea
 - The Bible tells us that life began on land with the creation of vegetation

- And there are bridges made from their own scientific principles that evolutionists still cannot cross -
 - Let's begin with the 2 primary laws of biogenesis
 - The first law of biogenesis is - Life can only come from life
 - You cannot, according to the laws of basic physics have something come from nothing
 - Unless...*In the beginning, God...*
 - The second law is what is known as the fixed law of DNA which states - Everything reproduces after its own kind
 - Verses 11 and 12 repeat the words "after its kind" 3 different times
 - (For instance) You can cross breed roses (my grandfather) and get all kinds of different colored roses because they are the same kind
 - You can cross breed roses from now to the end of time and you'll never get a puppy, a calf, or a baby
 - To believe in and promote evolution is to disregard these two immutable laws of science
 - Evolutionist tell us that species, over thousands of millennia transitioned from one type of animal to another as a way of explaining the variety of animals that came from one pool of ooze
 - There is no scientific proof of any transitional species of something part way between a bird and a land animal!
 - It is a fairy tale for adults
 - The reason there is no missing link is because the entire chain is non-existent!
- Another bridge is that two of the base properties of science is something that is observable and repeatable
 - The lie of evolution is neither – yet their theories are held to as a core belief of the scientific and secular world
 - And they're teaching this lie to our children
 - But the created life by God is observable and repeatable
 - Sciences' own measuring sticks prove the Bible to be true
- Then evolutionists give themselves the option to simply pick and choose what it will or will not believe even of their own studies...
 - Dr. George Wald (a Nobel Prize winner in Biology and professor Emeritus of Biology at Harvard, until his death in 1997) said, "There are only two possibilities as to how life arose; one is spontaneous generation giving rise to evolution, the other is a supernatural creative act of God, there is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with only one possible conclusion-that life arose as a creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God, therefore I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible."
 - Our children are being taught as true something that the greatest minds of science themselves do not and cannot believe!
- The last of these bridges we'll look at is the 2nd law of thermodynamics

- It states that energy is never destroyed but it does become less available for further use as its properties unravel
- In other words – everything wears out, breaks down; like a watch that is wound up it will invariably wind down
- That is what the energy of our universe, according to science, is doing
 - i.e. – our sun will eventually burn itself out
- Now there is certainly truth in this
 - Things do not move from a state of disorganization to organization – but in fact the opposite
 - For instance – a 100-acre plot of weeds and overgrown vegetation will never become a golf course on its own – but a golf course, left untended and on its own, will eventually become a plot of weeds and overgrown vegetation
 - Again – the natural world, left to itself, moves toward death and decay not life
 - But the evolutionists apparently just needed more time for their theories to act in opposition to this law
 - This is why they need our earth and the cosmos to be billions of years old instead of the 6000 or so years the Bible indicates was the time of creation
 - But what about the tests, you ask, that show the vast age of fossils and sediment?
 - If you want to always prove yourself correct, then you create the mechanism from which to positively prove your work
 - The scientific community creates the way they measure and prove their findings
 - And if by some chance they accidentally show themselves to be wrong, they simply change the measure
 - To state or claim something is true does not mean that it is – no matter the intensity or the claim