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The Wonder of God
Genesis 1:1-25

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➤ **The Wonder of God's truth: Genesis 1:1; Psalm 14:1**

- No Atheism: for there is a God
- No Pantheism: He transcends all creation.
- No Polytheism: there is only one God.
- No Materialism: matter had a beginning, not to be worshiped.
- No Humanism: God, not man, is the center of the world.
- No Evolutionism: God created life with order and design.

You can trust our God. Psalm 84:11, 12

➤ **The Wonder of God's nature. Genesis 1:1, 2**

- Our Eternal God before creation. Psalm 90:1, 2
- Our Triune God in creation. "Let Us make..." Genesis 1:26
 - God the Father Isaiah 45:18
 - God the Son, Jesus Christ. John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16, 17; I Corinthians 8:5, 6; Hebrews 1:1, 2
 - God the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:2; Deuteronomy 32:11; Jeremiah 23:9

You can worship our God. Psalm 46:1-10

➤ **The Wonder of God's Creation: Genesis 1:3-25**

Day One: Light from darkness. II Corinthians 4:6

Day Two: God separates the atmospheric waters from earthly waters. Isaiah 42:5

Day Three: Dry land, all kinds of vegetation yielding seeds. Job 38:8-11

Day Four: Sun, moon, stars as signs. Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20

Day Five: Living creatures of sea and air. Isaiah 45:18; I Corinthians 15:38, 39

Day Six: Living creatures of land and man. Psalm 115:16

You can serve our God. I John 2:17

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Each Day of creation includes the following structure:

- Introduction of God's Word.
- The command of God "Let there be."
- Fulfillment "And there was, it was so."
- Evaluation "It was good."
- End "There was evening and morning."

What is the "day" of creation: the Young Earth vs. Old Earth debate

- A geological age—Day can refer to a large period of time. See Genesis 2:4.
- 24 hour in which God revealed His creation.
- Literal 24 hour day. (Why I believe in a young earth.)

Consider three factors, among many more:

Each day had a beginning and end as we know days with "morning and evening" defining it.

Each day is modified by "one," "two," etc which always means a literal day in the Old Testament.

Each day was understood as literal days by Moses in Exodus 20:9-11 and is consistent with God's command to rest on the seventh day, as He did, which obviously meant a 24 hour day of rest for us.

Another view is theistic evolution: God used the evolutionary process to create the earth. Some believe that God created the first life form, then sat back and let it evolve on its own, while others believe that God was active in shaping the evolution of life throughout earth history.

Compare the creation of Genesis with God's final creation of our heavens and earth:

World of Genesis

Division of light and darkness 1:4

Division of land, sea 1:10

Rule of sun, moon 1:16

Man in Garden 2:8, 9

River out of Eden 2:10

Gold in land 2:12

Tree of life in Garden 2:9

Bdellium and onyx stone 2:12

God walking in Garden 3:8

Eternal World of Revelation

No night 21; 25

No more sea 21:1

No need of sun or moon 21:23

Man in city of God. 21:2

River from God's throne 22:1

God in city. 21:21

Tree of life throughout city 22:2

All precious stones 21:19

God dwelling with His people. 21; 3

Books in our bookstore

The Six Days of Genesis: A Scientific Appreciation of Chapters 1-11 by Paul Taylor (Young Earth viewpoint)

In Six Days: Why Fifty Scientists Choose to Believe in Creation by John F. Ashton (Editor)

Thousands not Billions: Challenging the Icon of Evolution, Questioning the Age of the Earth by Donald DeYoung

A Matter of Days: Resolving a Creation Controversy by Hugh Ross (Old Earth viewpoint)

The Bible, Rocks and Time: Geological Evidence for the Age of the Earth by Davis A. Young

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