

CREATION: LIGHT AND DARK

GENESIS 1:3-5

We are still looking at the beginning of the six days of Creation . . . **the first day.**

- **GENESIS 1:3** is the first of the ten creation commandments: “**And God said**” commands.
- These six days began with the “*ex nihilo*” (Latin “*out of nothing*”) creation of the time-space-matter tri-universe by God on the first day and ends with the creation of man and woman on the sixth day.

GOD CALLS IT A DAY

In the Creation narrative, Adam would have heard God speaking at least sixteen times.

- God spoke to **CREATE**, He spoke to **IDENTIFY**, and He spoke to **BLESS**.
- Adam surely knew what a “day” (Heb. *Yom*) was, but if there might be any question, God defined the word for him: “*God called the light day, and the darkness he called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*” **GEN. 1:5**

THREE “Ex Nihilo”-CREATION-BARA EVENTS

1. The creation of the physical universe—**The Body**
 2. The creation of conscious biologic life—**The Mind/Soul**
 3. The creation of the spiritual nature (“*the image of God*”) in man alone—**The Spirit**
- From these three created entities, comprising the physical, biological, and spiritual components of the creation, *God “made” and “formed”* (Hebrew **Asah** and **Yatsar**) the functioning systems of the cosmos.

THE FIRST DAY

First day of the week of Creation: Activating and energizing the newly created physical universe.

- First the Spirit of God imparted motion and form to the inert and shapeless elements (previous study).
- Next would come the energy of light to dispel the darkness; darkness is always dispelled by light.
- It is the Word of God that brings light! **2 COR. 4:6; JOHN 1:1, 14; JOHN 8:12; 1 JOHN 1:5**

ALL FORMS OF ENERGY NOW EXIST

All the types of both force and energy which interact in the universe involve only ***electromagnetic, gravitational, and nuclear forces***; all of these have now been activated.

- The presence of visible light waves necessitates the entire ***electromagnetic spectrum***.
- Beyond the visible light waves are ***ultraviolet light*** and all the other shortwave-length radiations as well as ***infrared light*** and the longwave phenomena.

LAW OF FIRST MENTION

A principle in the interpretation of Scripture which states that the first mention or occurrence of a subject in Scripture establishes an unchangeable pattern; that subject then remains unchanged in the mind of God throughout Scripture unless specifically altered by clear context or further illumination, like the phrase

“Day of the Lord.” 1 THESS. 5:2

- Case in point: ***“Day, Night, Morning and Evening” found here in GENESIS 1:3-5.***

WHAT ABOUT LIGHT-YEARS?

WHAT ABOUT THE SPEED OF LIGHT?

“I form the light . . . I the Lord do all these things.”

ISAIAH 45:7

One of the most frequent questions encountered by those of us who believe in the literal Genesis record of creation is:

“How can the universe be young if the stars are so old and distances so great?”

HERE IS HOW AN ASTROPHYSICIST LOOKS AT THIS:

In one year, light traveling at **186,282.397 miles per second** travels about **5,878,000,000,000 miles**, or **5.88 trillion miles—*AT THIS SPEED.***

- If the universe is about 13.7 billion years old, light reaching us from the farthest galaxies has been traveling for **13.7 BILLION YEARS.**
- Multiply 13.7 billion X 5.88 trillion—that's a bunch of miles if light goes that fast. ***Years equal miles and miles equal years . . . evolution needs both.***

THE CREATIONIST VIEW

One very strong point creationists make is that actual mathematic geometric measurements of star distances are possible only out to about 300 light-years.

- Greater distances are mere “guesstimates” based on a series of assumptions; very intelligent assumptions and mathematically complex, but assumption nonetheless.

BILLIONS OF TRILLIONS OF MILES

There is no *biblical* problem with the concept of a universe 13.7 billion light-years in radius; Earth is located very near the center of the known universe created by an omnipotent Creator.

- God could have EASILY created the light from the stars simultaneously with the stars themselves, so that Adam could have seen the stars as soon as they were created (**ISAIAH 55:9; JOB 22:12**). ***GOD IS GOD!***

WHAT ABOUT EINSTEIN'S THEORY $E=mc^2$?

A constant “c” is basic throughout Einsteinian relativistic physics: $E=mc^2$ (energy equals mass times the speed of light squared), which most physicists have adopted as incontrovertibly proved.

- João Magueijo, in his book, *Faster Than the Speed of Light*: “It appears that the constancy of ‘c’ is not so essential to relativity after all; the theory can be based on other postulates . . . the most provocative alternative is the varying-speed-of-light theory (VSL).” What’s that?

TAKING THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY

In the Bible's first chapter and elsewhere we have the record of the Creator Himself, writing in plain language about His creation and telling the average man about it.

- In “*six days*” just like our days, God says, “*the Lord made heaven and earth,*” and He wrote these words, “*with the finger of God.*” **EXODUS 31:17-18**
- If God did not mean what He said in the very first chapter of His book, then why should we take **EPH. 2:8-9** or **JOHN 3:16** seriously later?

THE REAL LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The amazing claim of Jesus . . .

- Here is what He said: *“I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”* **JOHN 8:12**
- This claim should immediately have branded Him as either a raving lunatic or a conniving charlatan, or could it conceivably be absolutely true?
- **COLOSSIANS 1:17; REVELATION 21:23; GEN 1:3, 14** all say it is true—and so is **ACTS 4:12**.