

Fact or Fable in Genesis: Was the World Really Created in Six Days?

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TEXT: Genesis 1:1-2:3

MAIN POINT: If Genesis is _____ true, then the _____ Bible is _____. If what is written in the early chapters cannot be _____, then _____ is up for grabs.

LETTER A: When God starts _____ story, He starts with _____. If we cannot _____ this part of the Bible, how can we be _____ about anything else?

Genesis 1:1-2

1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

2 *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

LETTER B: _____ the Spirit, _____ that is made will come into being. He is there in the _____; He moves _____ the chaos and darkness; He _____ the prenatal _____.

Genesis 1:3-5

3 *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

4 *And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.*

5 *God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.*

LETTER C: _____ times in **Genesis 1** we find the phrase, "*And God said.*" This is called **Creation *Ex Nihilo***, "_____
_____."

Psalm 33:6

6 *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

Psalm 33:9

9 *For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

Psalm 148:5

5 *Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.*

2 Peter 3:5

5 *... by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,*

Hebrews 11:3

3 *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

CREATION WEEK (Genesis 1):

On Day 2 (verses 4-8) of the creation week God separated the sea and the sky.

On Day 3 (verses 9-13) dry land appeared from beneath the waters.

On Day 4 (verses 14-19) God created the sun, the moon and the stars.

On Day 5 (verses 20-23) God created the birds of the air and the fish of the sea.

On Day 6 (verses 24-31) God created the land animals.

LETTER D: As the universe _____ from the _____ of God,
it is _____ and _____ in _____ way.

Genesis 2:1-3

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

2 *And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.*

3 *Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

The creation week is rich with important themes:

THEME #1: _____ is the _____ of Genesis 1.

THEME #2: We learn that _____ is the _____ of creation.

THEME #3: We learn from creation the fundamental _____ of the _____.

THEME #4: Evolution utterly _____ as an _____ of our origin because it is biblically _____.

LETTER E: _____ God made _____ “after its kind.” This is God’s _____.

Exodus 20:11

11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day ...