

1. Genesis under Attack

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Today we will examine the 1st chapter of Genesis, and focus on some of the anchor points that God has set in place at the point of creation.

The biblical account of creation provides a solid foundation for our faith in God and in His Word.

- Faith is based on a firm understanding of God and His written Word
- If our understanding of Genesis is weak, our faith will be weak also

Genesis 1:1–2 (NKJV) *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.*

Genesis 1:11 (NKJV) *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.*

Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV) *Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.** 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**”*

- God created the heavens and the earth and everything in it in six days
- Right in the beginning, God set in motion laws and principles, with intention that these laws and principles operate in perpetuity

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) *While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night **shall not cease.***

- God created the sun to shine and give light & warmth in perpetuity
- He created each planet to rotate & to orbit around the sun in perpetuity
- He created the moon to orbit around the earth in perpetuity
- He created each plant and commanded it to reproduce itself over & over

- He created each animal and commanded it to reproduce itself over & over
- He created human beings and commanded us to reproduce ourselves again and again

Genesis 1:4–5 (NKJV) *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.*

- God created the various parts of His creation over six consecutive days
- On the seventh day He rested
- Each time when He completed another part of creation it says:
“And God saw that it was good” (6 times)
- When God finished everything He had made it says:

Genesis 1:31 (NKJV) *Then **God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good**. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

- God was pleased with every individual part of His creation, and also with the combined synergy of all parts, and He said: This is very good!
- **Yet in recent times there have been relentless attacks on practically every facet of God’s creation**
- The devil knows that, if he can damage the foundations, he can severely damage God’s creation
- If he can destroy our faith in the Genesis account, he can severely weaken our faith overall

Let’s address three facets of God’s creation:

- A. Creation itself
- B. Seeds (of plants)
- C. The Human sexes: Male and female

1. Creation

Genesis 1:1–2 (NKJV) ***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.***

- Notice: God created!
 - The universe has not evolved

- Life has not evolved
- God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and He is the Giver of all forms of life
- The concept of “Evolution” is one of the more successful lies that the devil has ever told
- It has divided today’s generation into “Creationists” and “Evolutionists”
- There is another sub-group of people who believe in “Intelligent Design”
- (Charles Darwin [1860 – 1920] has been credited with popularising the concept of evolution with his book entitled: *The Origin of Species*)
- Of today’s older generation, many are (were) creationists
- Of today’s younger generation, many are evolutionists
(~~faith~~ unbelief comes by hearing!)
- Most schools & academic institutions today “preach” evolutionism
- In essence, evolution is a convenient way to explain away the existence of God

- The concept of evolution is built on an “old earth” theory (millions of years)
- Some creationists proclaim a “young earth” theory (6,000 years)
- The challenges between an “old earth theory” and a “young earth theory” can easily be bridged with a doctrine called “the Gap Theory”
- The gap theory suggests a huge gap of time (and a pre-Adamic race) in Genesis chpt. 1, between the end of verse 1 & the beginning of verse 2

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- There is a considerable body of scriptures that speak of satan ruining cities and generations of a pre-Adamic race, and decimating God’s original creation into a wasteland

2. Seeds

Genesis 1:11 (NKJV) *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.*

- In recent history, there has been a massive attack on edible seeds (grains) such as wheat, corn, rice, soy etc.
- When God first created seed-yielding plants, the seeds were very good
 - Seeds kept on producing new plants & seeds, season after season

- Today, certain individuals & corporations say: The seeds are no good, we need to make them better through genetic engineering (GMO)
- GMO - A genetically modified organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques
- Some GMO seeds only produce one harvest (and no seeds for future harvests!)
- Monsanto has been on the forefront of genetically modified seeds
- Monsanto is also known for producing the herbicide “Roundup” with the active ingredient called glyphosate
- Anyone who wishes to live a healthy life would do well to avoid GMO’s and crops that have been sprayed with glyphosate

3. The human sexes: Male and Female

Genesis 1:27–28 (NKJV) 27 *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.** 28* *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it ...**”*

- God created only 2 sexes, namely male and female
- Our sex at birth has been assigned to us by God and should be:
 - Fully accepted and appreciated
- Today’s attempts by many to confuse the sexes is an extreme form of rebellion against God
- Our gender is based on our anatomy, not on our perception or choice
- A person with male anatomy is male
- A person with female anatomy is female
- Any attempts to change one’s sex is ungodly
- Any law that promotes gender identity (choose your gender) is an ungodly law
- Politicians who promote gender identity legislation are ungodly people

Acts 17:31 (NKJV) *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but **now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31** because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”*

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) *For “**whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”*