

“The Forgotten Fundamentals: Creation”

Selected Scriptures

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“The cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be”—atheist, Carl Sagan

“I am the...One who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty”
— Jesus, Revelation 1:8

1. The book of Genesis (chapters 1-2) tells us how God created everything.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)

“the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7)

2. Genesis is a unified, divinely inspired, historical book, composed by the prophet Moses in 1400 BC.

the Law was given through Moses” (John 1:17; Deuteronomy 18:15)

“the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to a friend” (Exodus 33:11)

“Jesus said...‘Moses wrote...God “made them male and female” ...“the two shall become one flesh” ’ ” (Mark 10:5-8)

3. How you interpret Genesis 1-2 affects how you view the rest of Scripture.

“If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead” (Luke 16:31)

“I did not come to abolish [the Law of Moses] but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17)

“All Scripture is God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“the Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35)

4. It takes supernatural faith to believe in Genesis 1-2.

“faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:1-3)

“we walk by faith not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

“faith comes by hearing...the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

5. God created everything out of nothing in the beginning of time.

“God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light” (Genesis 1:3)

“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made...For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Ps. 33:6, 9)

“by the word of God the heavens existed long ago” (2 Peter 3:5)

“In the **beginning** God created” (Genesis 1:1)

“From the beginning of creation God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE” (Mark 10:6)

6. God created everything in the span of six days.

“God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day” (Genesis 1:31)

“by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done” (Genesis 2:2)

“God said...‘in six days the LORD made the heavens and the Earth’ ” (Exodus 20:11)

“His works were finished from the foundation of the world...God rested on the seventh day from all His works” (Hebrews 4:3-4)

7. God created the first two humans on the sixth day.

“God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image...and let them rule over...all the earth’ ” (Genesis 1:26)

“Everyone who is called by My name...I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made” (Isaiah 43:7)

8. God created everything good, without sin.

“God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:10,12,18,21,25,31)

9. Genesis 1-2 does not conflict with true science.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” time---force---action---space---matter

*“God is not a God of disorder” (1 Corinthians 14:33)
“God formed man of dust from the ground...you are dust and to dust
you shall return” (Genesis 2:7; 3:19)*

Oxygen is the most abundant element in the earth’s crust and in the human body.

*“there was light”... “one day” (Genesis 1:3-5)
“the name of the third river is the Tigris...the fourth river is the Euphrates” (Genesis 2:14)*

10. Genesis 1-2 is not subject to worldly scientism.

“guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’—which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith” (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

“the foolishness of God is wiser than men...God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise” (1 Corinthians 1:25,27)

“your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:5)

*“Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker” (Isaiah 45:9)
“in the last days mockers will come with their mocking...saying... ‘all continues just as it was’ ” (2 Peter 3:3-4)*

11. Believing Genesis 1-2 puts you in the super-minority...in the Church!

*“do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits” (1 John 4:1)
“examine everything carefully” (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
Destroy “speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5)
“whatever is true...let your mind dwell on these things”(Philippians 4:8)
“Blessed are you when men cast insults at you...and say all kinds of evil against you falsely on account of Me” (Matthew 5:11)*

12. God does miracles and is infinite, eternal and omnipotent.

“The LORD answered Job...‘where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?’ ...Then Job answered the LORD and

said, ‘I am insignificant; what can I reply to Thee? I lay my hand on my mouth’ ” (Job 38:1,4; 40:3-4)

13. Genesis 1-2 is the only God-given account of how things began.

- A. Moses took Genesis 1-2 literally (and the OT, Israel)
- B. Paul took Genesis 1-2 literally (Romans 5; Acts 20; 2 Timothy 3:16)
- C. Jesus took Genesis 1-2 literally (as real history)
- D. The Church took Genesis 1-2 literally

14. There is no reason to reject Genesis 1-2 based on the grammar, syntax, language, context or theology.

- A. grammar = “beginning”= the ultimate beginning of time
“created”...implies ‘out of nothing’
“day”...yom with an ordinal is always a day
- B. syntax = “day one, two, three...”; 1:14; there are 7 days in a week; “after their kind”
- C. language = prose, narrative, history...like the rest of Genesis
- D. context = how things began and by Whom; it answers logical ultimate questions; chapter 1 complements chapter 2
- E. theology = it’s consistent with and supported by the rest of the Bible; miraculous

15. Because God is Creator, He can also be our Savior and Judge.

*“thus says the LORD, your Creator...He who formed you...there is no Savior besides Me...I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator ...your King” (Isaiah 43:1,11,15)
“let God be found true, though every man be found a liar” (Romans 3:4)
“you shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it” (Deuteronomy 4:2)
“Every word of God is flawless...Do not add to His words lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar” (Proverbs 30:5-6)*

For Further Study

The Battle for the Beginning, John MacArthur
Creation and Change, Douglas Kelly
In Six Days—Why 50 Scientists Choose to Believe in Creation,
John F. Ashton
The Early Earth, John Whitcomb
Refuting Compromise, Jonathan Sarfati
The Genesis Record, Henry Morris
Is the Big Bang Biblical?, John Morris
Thousands...Not Billions, Don DeYoung
Dinosaurs by Design, Duane T. Gish
*The Great Turning Point: The Church's Catastrophic Mistake on
Geology—Before Darwin*, Terry Mortenson
War of the Worldviews, Ken Ham, Terry Mortenson
Bones of Contention, Marvin Lubenow
The Institute for Creation Research-- www.icr.org
Answers in Genesis [Ken Ham]- www.answersingenesis.org
Creation Research Society-- www.creationresearch.org
Creation Ministries International

Christians authors who reject a literal Genesis 1-2

John Ankerberg
Gleason Archer
James Boice
Walter Bradley
Williams Lane Craig
Norman Geisler
Walt Kaiser
Meredith Klein
J.P. Moreland
Robert Newman
Bernard Ramm
Fazale Rana
David Rogstad
Hugh Ross
Kenneth Samples
B.B. Warfield