

What Is the Great Danger of Rejecting Biblical Creation?

Text: Selections from Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 NAS 2020

Introduction: Dear friends: The truth sets a person free, but **many have embraced lies!** What are two examples?

- The universe is 13.8 billion years old ([Gen. 1!](#))
- The way to heaven: what I believe + what I do ([Gal. 5:4!](#))

Problem: People who believe in ▶billions of years **or** ▶faith + works *have concluded that the Bible is not reliable.* Therefore, they have chosen to believe their thoughts OVER God's word! ***God is calling all such people to repent*** ([Acts 17:30-31!](#))

This sermon includes ➔ selections of the **main** Biblical creation account (*the topic is woven throughout the Bible*) and ➔ which church bodies believe it and which ones don't.

1. **Day 1 – Time, Heavens, Earth, Light:** ¹ In the [beginning God created the heavens and the earth.](#) ² And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." And [there was evening and there was morning, one day.](#)

- a. God: The Hebrew word is Elohim, a **plural – think Trinity.** It appears 32 times from [1:1 – 2:3.](#)

- b. Evening – Morning – Day: That structure, used for each of the six days of creation, makes it very clear that **God created in six ordinary days – not in billions of years!**
2. **Day 2 – Sky**: ⁶ Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ God made the expanse, and... ⁸ God called the expanse “heaven.” And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. // “Sky” and “heaven” are interchangeable.
3. **Day 3 – Land, Seas, Vegetation**: ⁹ Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land “earth,” and the gathering of the waters He called “seas”... ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation...”; and it was so.... ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
4. **Day 4 – Sun, Moon, Stars**: ¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and they shall serve as signs and for seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ and they shall serve as lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day [Sun], and the lesser light to govern the night [Moon]; He made the stars also [200 billion in the Milky Way Galaxy; at least 200 billion galaxies].... ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
5. **Day 5 – Fish, Birds**: ²⁰ Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ And God created the great sea creatures and... every winged bird according to its kind... ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be

fruitful and multiply..." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. // **Gen. 1:** "kind" appears 10x in 7 categories: vegetation, fruit trees, sea creatures, winged birds, livestock, creeping things, and beasts of the earth. Kinds adapt to their environment **but cannot change from one to another.** Humans are **not** a kind **but in God's image.**

6. Day 6 – Land Animals, People:

- a. Land Animals: ²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kind: livestock and crawling things and animals of the earth according to their kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ God made the animals of the earth according to their kind, and the livestock according to their kind, and everything that crawls on the ground according to its kind...
- b. People: ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls 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. // God made **males (XY chromosomes)** and **females (XX chromosomes)**! They cannot be changed!
- c. Instructions: ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [control it]..." ²⁹ Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be **food for you...** ³¹ And God saw all that He had made... it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. // Very good, that is, ➡ **no sin and ➡ no death!**

7. **Day 7 – God Rested:** ... ² By the seventh day God completed His work..., and He rested on the seventh day...
// God set a *pattern* for us (Ex. 20:9-11) ([Third Commandment](#)).

General Creation Belief Options and Who Holds Them:

- **Young-Earth Creation (15%): Common Beliefs:** ▶ God created in six ordinary days about 6,000 years ago, ▶ Adam & Eve were real, ▶ death entered through Adam's sin, ▶ Noah's flood—*worldwide*, ▶ Genesis is factual. **Believed By:** confessional Lutherans (LCMS, WELS, ELS), conservative Baptists, and some Reformed.
- **Old-Earth Creation (45%): Common Beliefs:** ▶ God created billions of years ago, ▶ animals lived and died for millions of years before Adam, ▶ death entered through Adam's sin, ▶ Noah's flood—*local*. **Believed By:** conservative Catholics, Orthodox, and evangelicals.
- **Evolutionary Creation (40%): Common Beliefs:** ▶ God used evolutionary processes to create billions of years ago, ▶ Adam & Eve are symbolical, ▶ Noah's flood—*local*. **Believed By:** many Catholics, Anglicans, and mainline Protestants. [More on billions of Years – [click here](#)]

Conclusion: Let us confidently believe [THE BIBLE IS TRUE!](#)
Then, let us ▶ **believe** the creation account, ▶ **trust** in Jesus alone for heaven, and ▶ **honor** Jesus as Lord by **+** turning from our sins, **+** putting Him first, and **+** doing what the Bible says!

Let Us Pray: Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Your creation is awesome and beautiful! Even though we have ruined it, *TYSM for saving us through Jesus and promising restoration!*

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