

“ORIGINS!”

- The Bible says, *“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’”* (Psalm 14:1;53:1).

- The Bible says people are without excuse for not believing in a Creator God - *“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse”* (Romans 1:20).

> In Genesis chapter 1 we discover SIX DAYS of creation, the 1st day—light diffused (v3-5); 2nd day—vapor above, water below (v6-8); 3rd day—land and sea, plant life (v9-13); 4th day—sun, moon, stars (v14-19); 5th day—sea creatures and birds (v20-23); 6th day—man created and given dominion (v24-31).

(1:1a) “In the beginning God” – When is the beginning? This beginning is not in regards to God’s existence for He is eternal, but rather the beginning of the heavens and the earth, which Jesus says was the creation of man and woman, Matt 19:4-6- *And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? We know that Adam and Eve were created approximately 6,000 years ago. According to the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, this is the time of creation.*

(1:1b) The word **God** is **Elohim** in Hebrew, the first of the names of Deity, is a plural noun in form but is singular in meaning when it refers to the true God. This is known as a **“uni-plural”** noun in describing the Godhead. God often uses plural pronouns in speaking Himself, **Gen. 1:26** – *“Let us make man”*; **Gen. 6:8** – *“Behold, man is become as one of us”*; **Isaiah 6:8** – *“Who will go for us?”* Some would say that the “us” in **Gen. 1:26** refers to God’s consultation with the angels with whom He takes counsel before He does anything of importance; but **Isaiah 40:14** – *But of whom took he counsel*, shows that such is not the case; and in **Gen. 1:27** – *“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”* Notice man was created *“in the image of God,”* not the image of angels.

Let’s see its “uni-plural” reference in **Deut 6:4** - *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!* The Hebrew word for “one” is *Echad*, which means a compound unity. The Bible teaches the *Elohim* is not gods, but three persons in one (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). In **Isaiah 44:6-8** - *“First . . . last . . . beside me there is no God.”* In **Isaiah 45:5** – *“There is none else, there is no God beside me.”* In **1 Timothy 2:5** – *“there is one God.”* In **1 Corinthians 8:4** – *“There is none other God but one.”*

In the New Testament we have the Father who is God – Romans 1:7; Son who is God - Hebrews 1:8; the Holy Spirit who is God - Acts 5:3-4. Boardman, the Bible commentator writes, *“The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead invisible (Jn. 1:18); the Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested, (Jn. 1:14-18); the Spirit is all the fullness of the Godhead acting immediately upon the creature, (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).”*

(v1:1c) created – The Hebrew word is *“bara”* meaning the physical universe was spoken into existence by God. In **Heb 11:3** - *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.*

(1:1d) heavens – In Hebrew is *shamayim*, which speaks of *space*, “outer space,” “inner space,” “atmospheric space,” we see in this word an understanding of space-mass-time universe.

(1:1e) earth – The Hebrew is *erets* referring to a component of matter in the universe, which we call planet earth.

(v1:2a) without form – The Hebrew is *tohuw* – simple meaning is nothing is on the earth as of yet. **And void** – In Hebrew *bohuw*, which speaks of emptiness, whereas, to say the earth lacked inhabitants at this time.

(1:2b) darkness was on the face of the deep – Dr. Henry Morris writes “The idea that God, being Light, could not create a world in darkness is invalid, God Himself said, “I form the light, and create darkness . . . (Isaiah 45:7). The physical universe, though created, was as yet neither formed nor energized, and light is a form of energy. The absence of physical light means a universe in elemental form, not yet completed. No evil is implied in either case, merely incompleteness.”

(1:2c) And the Spirit of God was hovering - Not only did God the Holy Spirit participate in creation, but so did God the Son (cf. **John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2**).

(1:3-5) First Day - Let there be light - God is the provider of light (**2 Cor. 4:6**) and will in eternity future be the source of light (**Rev 21:23** - *The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*). Notice the evening and the morning are the first day. Is this to be understood as a 24-hour day, absolutely! Look at **Ex 20:11** - *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.* Moses wrote Genesis and Exodus, case closed, six-day creation!

(1:6-8) Second Day – Let the firmament divide the waters - The atmospheric and stellar heaven. This could possibly have been a canopy of water vapor which acted to make the earth like a hothouse, provided uniform temperature, inhibited mass air movements, caused mist to fall, and filtered out ultraviolet rays, thus extending life.

(1:9-13) Third Day – Land, sea and plant life are created – Notice that God creates these herbs and fruit trees to reproduce after their kind.

(1:14-19) Fourth Day – Creation of the sun, moon, and stars – These lights are not only for the day, but also for a night-light. They give us our seasons, days and years.

(1:20-23) Fifth Day – God makes creatures for the sea and birds for the air. All reproducing after its kind.

(1:24-31) Sixth Day – God makes the animals and then makes man in His image. Evolution proposes reproduction across species lines; this is a false explanation of origins. The Bible say, *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.”* (Ps 19:1-2)

Conclusion: The world today has corrupted God’s creation - Romans 1:16-32

The last days harlot church will live in unbelief – Revelation 3:14-22