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Introduction

We introduced the idea of “God Breathed.” The idea of “inspiration” literally means that God Breathed out Scripture. Our speech is carried out on our breath. This concept is applied to God.

Inspiration means that God spoke Scripture through the various human writers. When you pick up and read your Bible, it is literally God’s Words to you!

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We began to examine how God spoke (inspired) Creation into existence.

God took seven days to create and rest as a teaching ministry to us. There are three primary reasons God took 7 days.

1. God taught us a work cycle and the importance of rest.
2. God shows the progression of our Salvation.
3. God used the days of Creation to teach of Jesus.

Today we will begin to look at the Days of Creation.

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There have been many who try to reconcile the days of Genesis with an evolutionary view of the universe. All of these are bound to fail, and deeply undermine the integrity of Scripture, the character of God, and the essence of Salvation.

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All attempted reconciliation, requires adding millions of years into the days of Creation. Many quote 2 Peter 3:8 which states, "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." This verse has nothing to do with creation and is taken out of context. In order for reconciliation, you would need millions of year, not thousands.

This plays havoc with the days themselves as the sun, moon and stars are not created until day 4. Plants are created on day 3, but the pollinators are not created until day 5.

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Others attempt to state that Genesis 1 is allegorical, yet it is not written in poetical language, but as historical narrative. Ancient rabbis and the early church fathers have always seen this as a literal account of Creation.

Others point to the differences between Genesis 1 & 2. However, this is based on a faulty view and understanding of Hebrew. Genesis 1 is linear which is seen in the numbered sequence of days. Genesis 2 gives insight to God's plan in Creation. His goal was to create man. In order for man to survive, God had to create the things necessary for him to survive.

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If God wanted to allow for gaps, or large amounts of time, there are many of other ways to write Genesis 1. However, Hebrew scholars state that how Genesis 1 is written is the best way to declare a literal 24-hour day.

After all what would be a morning and evening in a million-year time period.

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Like in English the word Day (yom) can have a definite or indefinite meaning. However, when it is combined with a number, it always means a literal 24 hour day. This is reinforced by the concept of “evening and morning”.

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On Day 1, God created the building blocks of the universe – time, space. The earth was without form (CHAOS) and empty. Into that void God spoke - "Let there be light." God saw the light and pronounced it good. The word "good" means "in complete harmony with God."

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Light is a fundamental component of energy and matter. Einstein's equation $E = mC^2$ shows us this relationship. E stands for energy, m is mass (quantity of matter) and C stands for the speed of light.

All things, whether it is matter, heat, or some form of radiation (light) are all energy.

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The First Law of Thermodynamics states that energy cannot be created nor destroyed. It is only able to be transformed from one form of energy to another. This is also known as the Law of Conservation of Energy.

The Second Law of Thermodynamics or the Law of Entropy states that everything is running down. Energy moves like water from high to low. This law states that the sum total of usable energy is moving from ordered to disordered (chaos).

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This presents a problem for the naturalist. If matter cannot be created or destroyed, how did the universe get here? All the various theories of "Natural Creation" simply push this question back further into the future. For example, the Big Bang results for an exploding particles, or various energy collisions, but where did that energy or matter come from?

The second law states that energy is moving from organized to disorganized. Moving back in time, everything becomes more organized until we reach God's Creation. It was sin that corrupted the universe and sent it on its downward spiral!

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On Day 1, God created light and there was a light portion and a dark portion. This teaches us that the light was unidirectional, and we assume that the earth was already spinning on its axis. God does not tell us the source of the light as the sun will not be created until Day 4. Though Jesus is the “light of the world”, this does not point to His creation as some cults claim. Jesus is the Creator not the created!

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Why light?

God is creating towards a goal – the creation of man. Man is going to need food (plants – day 3). For plants to undergo photosynthesis, they need light. Light provides the energy to support physical life. Light also illuminates. It reveals, defines, and allows us to maneuver effectively through this creation. Light in its various forms provides heat to warmth our existence.

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Day 1 - Salvation

Genesis 1:2

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.

Each day of Creation points to the salvation process. As stated before, God created a formless, empty, and dark creation. The term “without form” carries the idea of chaos.

This was a picture of my life before I was saved. It was a mess! It was dark, empty, and I was without hope. I am thankful that the “Spirit of God” moved on my life convicting me of my sin, God’s Holy Righteousness, and that there was a coming judgment (John 16:8). If God had not loved and reached out to me, I would never have come to Him.

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God brought the “illumination” of His Word upon my life. It exposed me for what I was. It taught me of the great gulf between me and God. He was perfect, light, good, holy, and gracious. His light revealed me to be darkness – sinful, selfish, fallen, and broken.

His light revealed the truth. It showed me that I could never be good enough to save myself. There was nothing good in myself that could erase the stain of my rebellion. God’s enlightenment showed me that I needed to surrender and accept the gift of salvation – His forgiveness.

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Jesus is the Light of the World. He reveals His Truth and existence throughout Creation – Psalm 19; Heb 1:1-4; Romans 1:18-20. He is also the Law Giver who "inspired" the words of Scripture so we can know Him and how to live in this world – 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

He does not want mankind to continue to live in darkness but to come to the light – John 1:1-14, 3:19-21, 8:12; Acts 26:18; 1 John 1:5-7.

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Jesus is the source of light and life. The majority of life on this planet is dependent upon light for its source of food to sustain life.

All spiritual life is dependent upon Jesus – John 1:4. He provides for us and we grow spiritually as we learn to surrender ourselves more and more to Him.

Jesus needs to be our light as we walk through this sinful and darkened world! He will show us the way.

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Light has a dual nature. It is a particle which we know as a photon. It is physical and has mass.

However, light is also a wave. Depending upon the wavelength, it might express itself as visible light or some other part of the electromagnetic spectrum. The waveform of light is pure energy!

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It is impossible to separate the physical and waveform of light. Jesus also has a dual nature. He is 100% God and 100% man. These two natures in Jesus are unique and distinct, yet they cannot be separated. Jesus has the right to rule in heaven as God. He also has the right to rule on earth as the sinless man – the Second Adam.

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So What ...

What about you?

Are you walking in light or darkness?

Are you like I was? Is your life empty and without purpose?

Jesus came to set you free from the bondage of sin and will forgive you.

You must make the choice ...