Creation – 6 Sun, Moon, Stars

Introduction

We are examining 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 continue to look at the Days of Creation.

Day 4

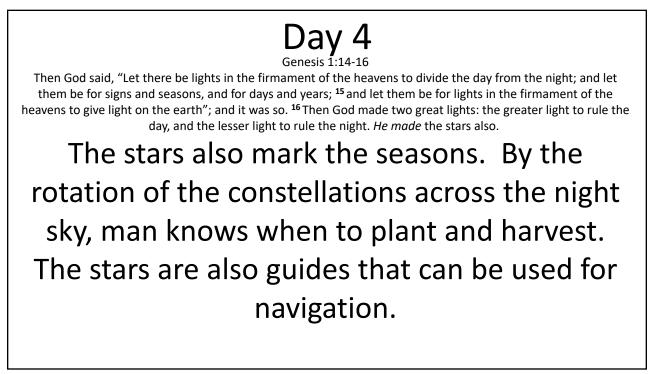
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4-6 He filled those spaces.	
Day 1 – The Heavens	Day 4 – Sun, Moon, Stars
Day 2 – Atmosphere and Seas	Day 5 – Flying and Swimming creatures
Day 3 – Land and Plants	Day 6 – Land animals and Man

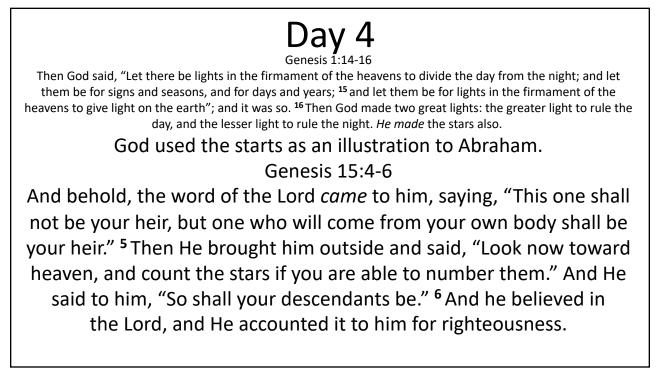
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orbit of the Earth around the sun marks a year.



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Many take the concept of signs to endorse such occultic practices as the astrology. Astrology is the "interpretation" of an assumed influence the stars (and planets) exert on human destiny. This is a false belief. The royal astrologers of the Babylonian court were put to shame by God's prophet Daniel (Daniel 1:20) and were powerless to interpret the king's dream (Daniel 2:27). God specifies astrologers as among those who will be burned as stubble in God's judgment (Isaiah 47:13-14). Astrology as a form of divination is expressly forbidden in Scripture (Deuteronomy 18:10-14). God forbade the children of Israel to worship or serve the "host of heaven" (Deuteronomy 4:19). Several times in their history, however, Israel fell into that very sin (2 Kings 17:16). Their worship of the stars brought God's judgment each time.



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The breaking of the 6th seal in the book of Revelation (Revelation 6:12-17), speaks of the stars moving as if being rolled up as a scroll. People realize that this is a supernatural event (sign) and attempt to hide from God. When immediate judgment does not occur, the people ignore the sign (willfully ignorant) and return to their sin and rebellion.

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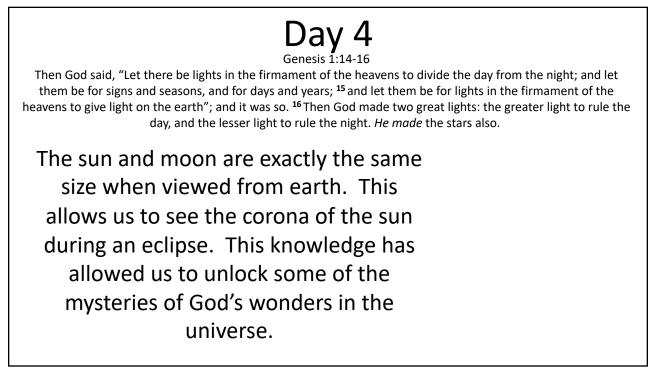
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There are so many things we can talk about. I would encourage you to watch the video or read the book "The Privileged Planet".

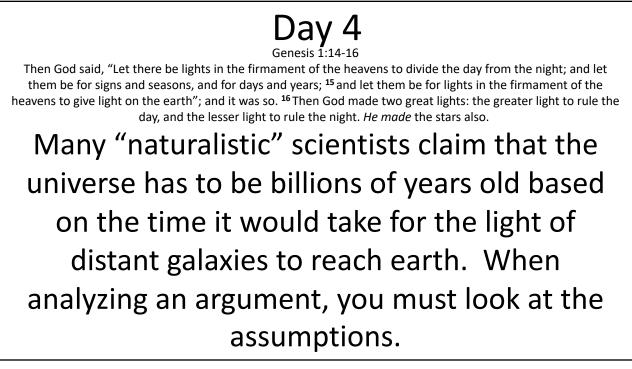
Our distance from the sun puts us in the "goldilocks zone."

The pull of the sun and moon control our tides. Without this stirring of the oceans, life would become impossible.

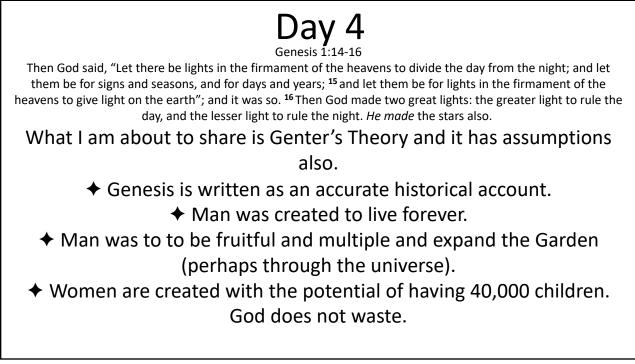


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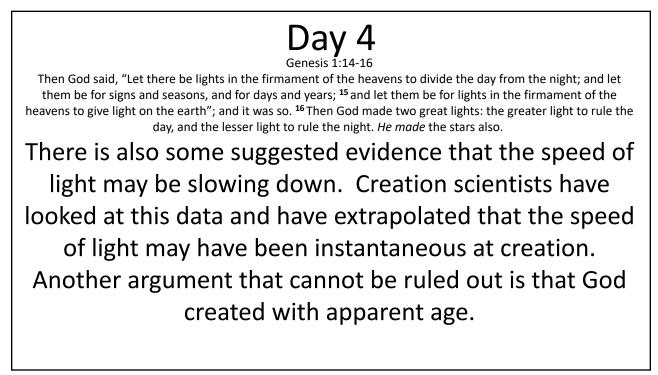
Scientists estimate that there are over 300 billion galaxies each composed of over 100 billion stars. Computer analysis shows that these galaxies are arranged into filaments.

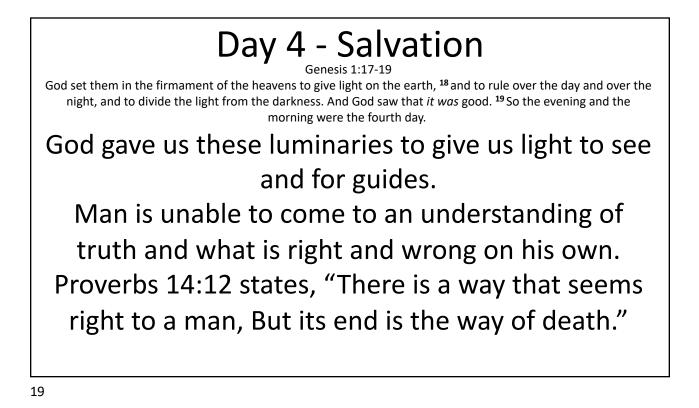


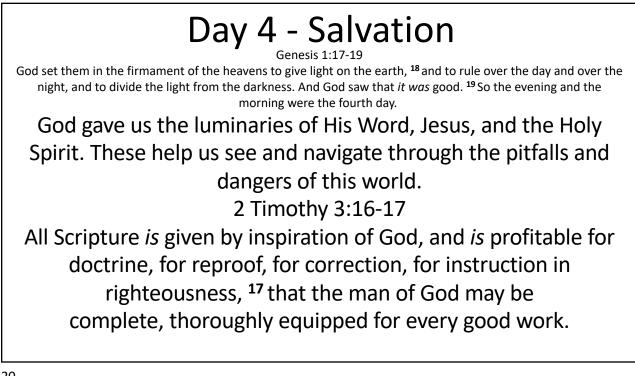
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The naturalistic assumptions of the universe:
1. Reject the existence or at least the involvement of God in
the universe.
 Assumes that the universe was in existence before earth (a direct contradiction of Genesis 1).
 That the universe we observe is working under the idea of uniformism.



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 Scientists will discover planets that would have been able to sustain
life (perhaps with a little help).
 Man was given dominion over Creation (all of it).
All this was lost when sin and death entered the world.
We know that the universe is expanding. God moved everything
away so we can see and not touch.
The world we live in is not the same as God created. This present
creation is under the curse, and everything is wearing out.







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Jesus is my ultimate guide. He reveals to us what the Father and holiness look like. Jesus stated, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:7-10).
In Revelation 22:16 Jesus states, "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." The Morning Star lets us know the night is over and Day is coming.

So What ...

This gives me hope. Living in this world is hard. We are in enemy territory that wants us to keep quiet, but God calls us to bare witness to Jesus and the Gospel.

Regardless of what the world does to us. Regardless of how dark this world may come. We have a sure hope. Jesus is coming again. The world can persecute the church, but they cannot take our salvation, nor our joy.

Our job is to keep our eyes on Jesus and live as if He were coming back today!