

Creation – 6

Sun, Moon, Stars

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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.

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On the first three days of Creation, God made spaces. On Days 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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God states His purpose in creating the sun and the moon. They are to be "for signs and seasons, and for days and years."

The rotation of the earth for a light and dark portion is a day. The moon's rotation marks the Jewish month. The orbit of the Earth around the sun marks a year.

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The stars also mark the seasons. By the rotation of the constellations across the night sky, man knows when to plant and harvest. The stars are also guides that can be used for navigation.

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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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God used the stars as an illustration to Abraham.

Genesis 15:4-6

And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

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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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The stars reveal the glory of God!

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. ² Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

³ *There is* no speech nor language *where* their voice is not heard.

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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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The sun and moon are exactly the same size when viewed from earth. This allows us to see the corona of the sun during an eclipse. This knowledge has allowed us to unlock some of the mysteries of God's wonders in the universe.

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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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Many "naturalistic" scientists claim that the universe has to be billions of years old based on the time it would take for the light of distant galaxies to reach earth. When analyzing an argument, you must look at the assumptions.

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The naturalistic assumptions of the universe:

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

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What I am about to share is Genter's Theory and it has assumptions also.

- ◆ Genesis is written as an accurate historical account.
- ◆ Man was created to live forever.
- ◆ Man was to be fruitful and multiple and expand the Garden (perhaps through the universe).
- ◆ Women are created with the potential of having 40,000 children. God does not waste.

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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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There is also some suggested evidence that the speed of light may be slowing down. Creation scientists have looked at this data and have extrapolated that the speed of light may have been instantaneous at creation. Another argument that cannot be ruled out is that God created with apparent age.

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Day 4 - Salvation

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God gave us these luminaries to give us light to see and for guides.

Man is unable to come to an understanding of truth and what is right and wrong on his own.

Proverbs 14:12 states, "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."

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God gave us the luminaries of His Word, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. These help us see and navigate through the pitfalls and dangers of this world.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Day 4 - Jesus

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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.

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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!

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