



Six Days
Genesis 1:2-25
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And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
- **Genesis 1:3**

I. DARKNESS AND CHAOS

- For a time after creation the earth was "desolate," a "desert," a "wasteland," without order (Jer. 4:23).
- Darkness and chaos were the characteristics of our planet in the beginning. But in the midst of that was the Spirit of God (John 1:1-3; Rom. 8:9; Heb. 9:14).
- God works (it appears) from the formless to the formed (Ps. 139: 13-16).

II. LIGHT AND ORDER

- God speaks into creation and both light and order begin (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29).
- God is not triumphing over a lesser deity here. He creates all things, including darkness and chaos. But he is a God of order (Isa. 45:5-7; 1 Cor. 14:33).
- Genesis 1 tells us nothing definitive about the age of the earth. However, it is difficult to surmise the "days" of 1:3 - 2:3 as "ages" compared to 12-24 hour increments (1:5; but also see Ps. 90:4; Isa. 4:2; Phil. 1:6; 2 Pet. 3:8).
- God fashions "according to their kind." All creation, including humans, are made purposefully and within set confines (Gen. 1:6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 24, 25; 7:14; 10:32).
- The six-days of creation serve as a counter to "without form and void."

	<u>Form</u>		<u>Fullness</u>
Day 1	Light and dark	Day 4	Lights of day and night
Day 2	Sea and sky	Day 5	Creatures of water and air
Day 3	Fertile earth	Day 6	Land creatures (including man)

III. HOW, WHEN, WHY?

- The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom (Deut. 29:29; Job 38-39; 1 Cor. 1:25)

KNOW: The universe, our world, and our lives begin with God. We owe our existence to God the Father through God the Son via God the Spirit, who created all things and gave them purpose and order.

DO: Place your firm confidence in the reality that everything you know and see has purpose.

Suggested Reading:

Controversy of the Ages: Why Christians Should Not Divide Over the Age of the Earth by Theodore Cabal (LifePoint Library #231.765 CAB)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 1:2-25

1. What does this passage teach us?
2. What can we say specifically about creation/the earth based on this passage?
3. What questions are you left with based on this passage?
4. How can we focus on the reality that God created the universe without fighting over the when, how, and why?
5. What are your overall take-aways from Sunday's message?