

The Creation.

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I. It was all done by God, Genesis chapter 1, verse 1.

This is not a discussion about HOW it was done, only a declaration that it was done by God. There are several theories: evolution, theistic evolution, day age, parent age. All seem to be trying to explain TIME. None of the theories matter, only that God did it.

II. Being without God creates a void, verse 2.

Every life has a natural void that can only be filled by God. He made it that way. That's why mankind naturally creates religion, because of a natural longing.

III. Everything was created with a Divine order, verses 3-31.

"After it's kind." Hybrids don't reproduce.

IV. Mankind was God's crowning achievement, verses 26-31.

Made in the image of God. "Very Good."

V. God gave mankind authority over the earth, verses 26-28.

Man was in charge. This reflects stewardship over the earth.

VI. The ecological system was different then, chapter 2, verses 1-6.

It had never rained before. The earth was watered by a mist. A water canopy covered the earth. This inhibits carbon-14 dating.

VII. We are special to God, verses 7-9 (planted).

Each day of creation God spoke things into existence. Here He molds, forms, breathes, plants, each step demonstrating intimacy.

VIII. The boundaries of Eden, verses 10-14.

Between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, toward the south, near the Persian gulf. Also called Mesopotamia (between two rivers), also called "the fertile

crescent (where life began). The second most mentioned area in the Bible next to Israel.

IX. God ordained work. It was not “labor” verse 15.

One man’s work is another man’s hobby.

X. God’s only requirement, “obedience” verses 16-17.

Only one requirement was given to mankind, obey. Since a relationship is the aim, a choice must be given. Therefore God asked man only to obey.

Thus man is allowed to “chose” a relationship with God.

XI. It’s all about relationships, verses 18-25.

A. With God, verses 16-17.

God wants us to choose this relationship. It is an awesome way to live, dependent on God.

B. With the earth, verses 19-20.

Our relationship with the earth is in question. We haven’t done well with our responsibility.

C. With each other, 21-25.

God wants us to be at peace with each other and enjoy the natural giftings and talents of one another as we fit into the ultimate family of God. Unfortunately, we haven’t done well in our relationships with each other. We seem to always be warring with each other.

D. With ourselves, no “shame” verse 25.

Imagine life at perfect peace with our selves. No baggage to inhibit and encumber our minds. “Peace” is probably the quest of every person on the planet.

Remember the words:

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