

THE GENESIS CLASS

THE CREATION WEEK: Days Two, Three, and Four

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being understood by the things that are made;
even His eternal power and Godhead.”
Romans 1:20

REVIEW

The FIRST Day: The CREATION of the Universe

- “In the beginning . . {TIME}
- “God created the heavens . . . {SPACE}
 - Hebrew – “stretched out-ness”
 - Isaiah 45:12
- “and the Earth . . . {MATTER}
 - Hebrew – “to be firm”

The FIRST Day – The PURPOSE of the Universe

- Revelation 4:1
 - “Thou are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”
- Romans 11:36
 - “For of Him...And through Him...And to him...are all things.”
- Psalm 19:1-4
 - “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”
- Romans 1:18-20
 - “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

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The TRI-UNE God

- The “Trinity” of God is unique.
 - Nothing is “Like” God (Exodus 20 :4-6)
 - God does not “change” (Malachi 3:6)
 - God is ONE (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- The “Trinity” must be...
 - Co-equal – each as great
 - Co-terminus – inseparable
 - Co-extensive – everywhere accessible

The Tri-Universe

- Space is a tri-une phenomena
 - First Dimension (Space Identified)
 - Second Dimension (Space Manifested)
 - Third Dimension (Space Experienced)
- Matter (mass-energy) is a tri-une phenomena
 - Energy (Matter Generated)
 - Motion (Matter Manifested)
 - Phenomena (Matter Experienced)
- Time is a tri-une phenomena
 - Future (Time Originated)
 - Present (Time Manifested)
 - Past (Time Experienced)

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The TRI-UNE God		
Manifested by and analogous to His creation		
Father = SPACE Invisible Omnipresent Source God Framed Authority	Son = MATTER Visible Tangible Present Reality God Manifested Declaration	Spirit = TIME Sensed & Felt Understood Future God Experienced Appropriation
Deuteronomy 6:4		

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The SECOND Day – God MAKES {ASAH} a structured “heaven.”

- Inserts “stretch-outness” between the “waters.”
- Significant enough to use one full day.
 - Peter uses this to recognize the different KOSMOS (ordered structure)
 - 2 Peter 3:5 – “out of the water and in the water.”
 - Psalm 104:3 – “beams of His chambers in the waters”
- There are three main ideas about this work.
 - Vapor Canopy – above atmosphere and protective
 - Edge of the Universe – a sort of boundary
 - Disbursed throughout the universe – “stuff” of space
- Probable purpose of the division of waters.
 - Shield the surface of Earth
 - From extremes of temperature
 - World-wide tropical (sub-tropical) climate
 - Calm, pleasant air currents – not storms
 - Genesis 2:5-6 – “not caused it to rain” – “a mist went up”
 - From excessive solar radiation
 - Just the right “mix” and “levels”
 - Prolong life – reduce the aging process
 - The “Tree of Life” was for “healing”
 - Revelation 22:2
- Evidence of the “good” environment
 - Large, even gigantic fossils
 - Dragonflies with 30” wingspans
 - Several kinds of BIG dinosaurs
 - Huge plants: trees, ferns, etc.
 - Tropical fossils all over the world.
 - Dinosaurs (reptiles, cold-blooded) everywhere
 - Vast coal beds in Antarctica (plants)
 - Biblical data of long-lived people
 - So-called “living fossils”

The THIRD Day – God Organizes and Beautifies

- The waters “under the heaven” are collected into “seas.”
 - The “storehouses” were made – Psalm 33:7
- The {ERETZ} is solidified into “dry land.”
 - The “foundations” were laid – Job 38:4-6
- The “earth” was told to “have babies.”
 - Grass – all ground-covering vegetation
 - Herbs – all bushes and shrubs
 - Trees – all large woody plants

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- The “babies” have “seed in itself”
 - Mature and functioning plants
 - Limited to “after its kind”
- The limit “kind” is placed on all “earth babies.”
- Each organism contained a “seed.”
 - To specify and program growth.
- Each organism limited to a “kind.”
 - The structure is NOT equivalent to species.
 - Tremendous variation potential.
 - HORIZONTAL but not VERTICAL changes
- The biblical “Kind” not the same as the biological “species.”
 - Hebrew word is “MIN” = “after” or “from”
 - The phrase “after his kind”
 - appears 10 times in Genesis chapter 1
 - appears 13 additional times in the Pentateuch
 - Applies to plants, animals, and man in Genesis

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed,
and the fruit tree yielding fruit **after his kind**,
whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed **after his kind**,
and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, **after his kind**:
and God saw that it was good.
And the evening and the morning were the third day.
Genesis 1:11-13

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth,
which the waters brought forth abundantly, **after their kind**
and every winged fowl **after his kind**:
and God saw that it was good.
Genesis 1:21

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature **after his kind**,
cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth **after his kind**:
and it was so.
Genesis 1:24

- Greek (NT) equivalents are very similar.
 - GENOS = “offspring” or “stock” or “family”
 - Appears 21 times in the New Testament
 - Used of every “Kind” of creature
 - PHUSIS = “nature” or “natural law” or “order”
 - Appears 11 times in the New Testament
 - Used mainly to recognize the “order of nature”

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All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is **one kind of flesh** of men,
another flesh of beasts, **another** of fishes, and **another** of birds.

There are also **celestial** bodies, and bodies **terrestrial**:
but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and **another** glory of the moon,
and **another** glory of the stars:

for **one star differeth from another star** in glory.

1 Corinthians 15:39-41

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be,
but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

But **God giveth it a body** as it hath pleased him,
and to **every seed his own body**.

1 Corinthians 15:37-38

For **every kind** of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents,
and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind.

James 3:7

Can the fig tree, my brethren, **bear** olive berries? either a vine, figs?
so can no fountain both **yield** salt water and fresh.

James 3:12

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit;
neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

For **every tree is known by his own fruit**.

For of thorns men do not gather figs,
nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Luke 6:43-44

- This phrase “Yielding Seed” about the “earth babies” is composed of two forms of the same word.
 - Hebrew: ZEH’ RA and ZERA’
 - Translation depends on the context
 - “Fruit” or “children” or “seed” or “sow” or “conceive”
 - Most often translated “seed” – 221 times of 277
 - Main emphasis is on the “product”
 - This “seed” produces the same kind of product.
 - Figs produce figs; thorns produce thorns.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb **yielding seed**,
and the fruit tree **yielding** fruit after his kind,
whose **seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb **yielding seed** after his kind,
and the tree **yielding** fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind:
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- New Testament “Seed” Illustrations in the Parables of the Sower and the Tares.
 - Luke 8:5
 - A sower [**SPEIRO**] went out to sow his seed [**SPERMA**]: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.
 - Matthew 13:24
 - Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed [**SPEIRO**] good seed [**SPERMA**] in his field:
- What We Know
 - Science knows that reproducing “Kinds” are stable, not evolving.
 - Many varieties can be formed from a single kind, but one kind of organism never becomes something else.
 - There is HORIZONTAL movement among species, but never VERTICAL movement.
 - There are many varieties of Roses – but roses NEVER turn into Tulips or Petunias.

The FOURTH Day – God institutes TIME REFERENCES.

- “Lights” are made {MA’OR}.
 - The word is “light holders or “light bearers.”
 - The word is different than the {OWR} of Day One.
 - Day 1 = light energy
 - Light source is focused above
- They are to serve “in the expanse” as references.
 - To divide the day from the night.
 - To be for signs “marks” or “tokens.”
 - To be for seasons (climate, not religious).
 - To be for days and years.
 - Two “lights” are given special responsibility.

“He made the stars also” Genesis 1:16

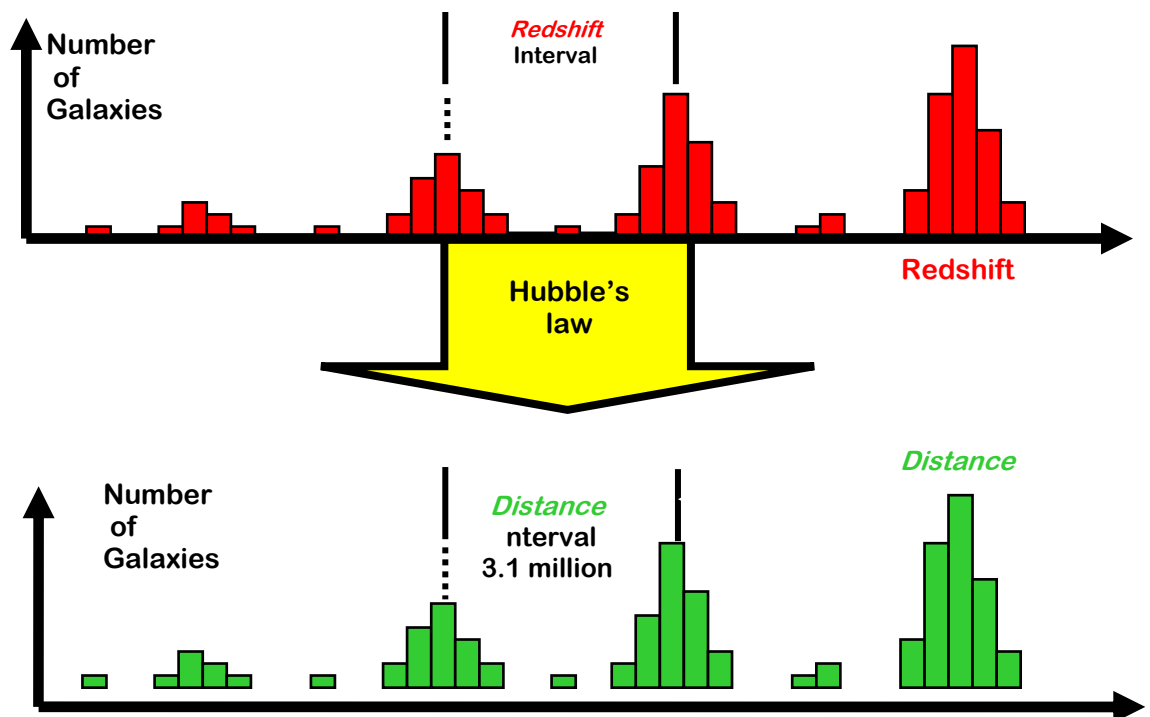
“He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.”
Psalm 147:4

“Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: ...The LORD is his name”
Amos 5:8

“Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,...The LORD of hosts is his name”
Jeremiah 31:35

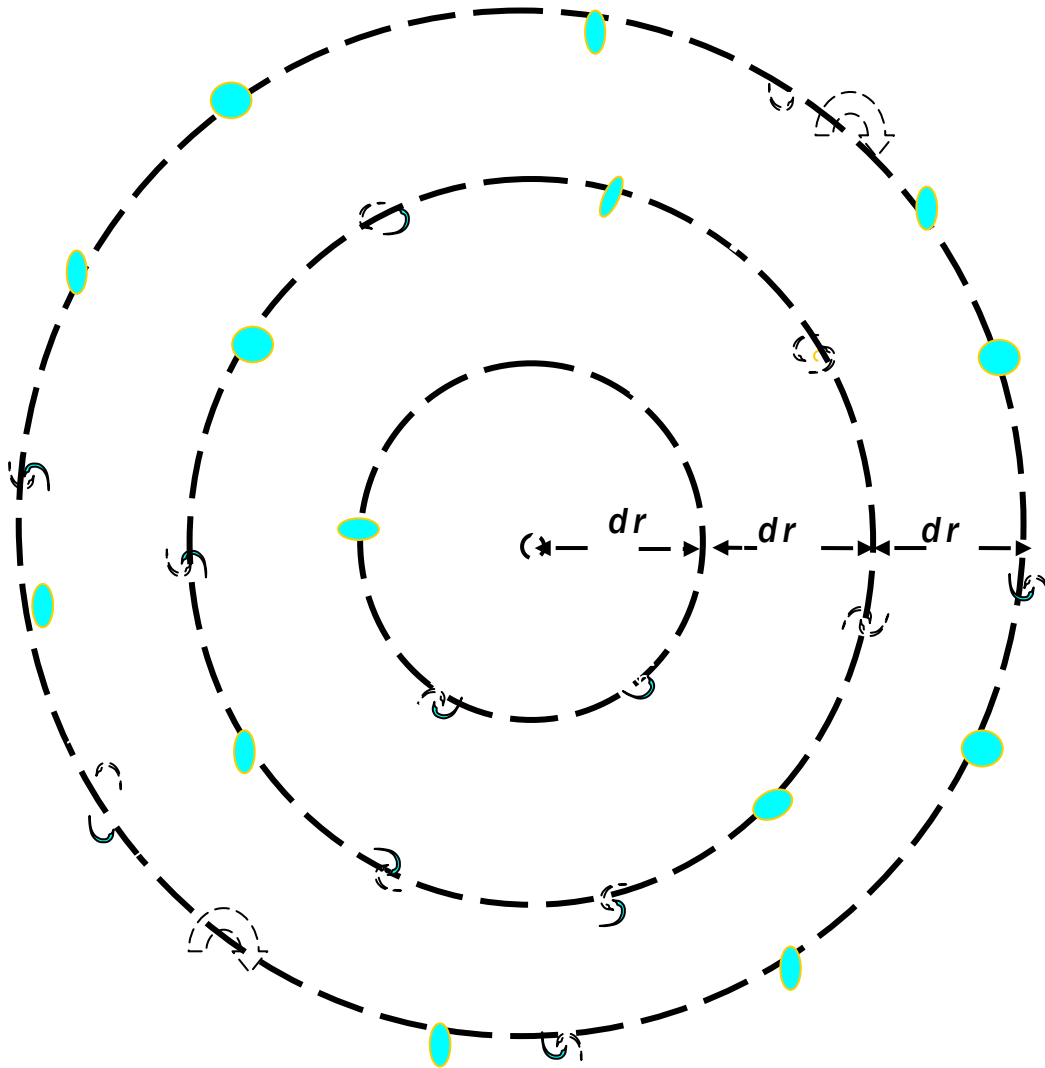
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- What about “Light Years?”
 - The expression designates DISTANCE
 - Light travels 186,000 miles in one second.
 - ON EARTH
 - 60 seconds in one minute
 - 60 minutes in one hour
 - 24 hours in one day
 - 365 days in one year
 - 5,865,696,000,000 miles in one year
 - Two possible (human) explanations.
 - God made light systems that were fully functioning – as were all other created things.
 - God set in motion on the First Day processes that culminated on the Fourth Day – Impacting Earth on the Sixth Day.
 - Remember – TIME is a created thing.
 - Time is different with distance.
 - Universe is expanding – was smaller at beginning.
 - At edge, time moves much faster than at center.
 - Relativity calculations indicate stars “age” billions of “years” while the Earth ages only days.
- Astronomers have found that red-shifts are regularly-spaced.
 - Our universe is very orderly, not the product of a big bang.
 - Hubble’s law changes groups of red-shifts into groups of distances



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- Galaxies form concentric shells around us. There's more – the entire universe is rotating like a top!



- The universe bears the fingerprints of its Creator! The more we learn, the more we praise Him.
- There are many, many, more galaxies than there are people who have ever been born. We never even knew they were there. Why did God create them? Are there more?

Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. ...
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son man, that thou visitest him?

Psalm 8:1-4

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- In the Biblical Context there is not a “hint” of unknown ages
 - “Day” clearly defined.
 - “Instant” creation obvious.
 - Psalm 33:6-9 – The word of His mouth
 - Psalm 148:5 – He commanded
 - Hebrews 1:3 – The word of His power
 - Hebrews 11:3 – Framed by word of God
- God’s Evaluation of the Created Universe
 - And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold it was very good.
 - Perfect harmony
 - Perfect balance
 - Perfect relationships
 - Perfect responsibility