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THE CREATION WEEK: DAYS FIVE, SIX, AND SEVEN

Review of Creation Week

Day One – God Creates 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 TRI-UNE God revealed in “the things that are made.”

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

Day Two – God Makes (*asah*) a structured “heaven”

- 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

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Day Three – God Organizes and Beautifies

- The “earth” was told to “have babies.”
 - Grass – all ground-covering vegetation
 - Herbs – all bushes and shrubs
 - Trees – all large woody plants
- 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

Day Four – God institutes Time References

- 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.

Day Five – God now Creates life.

- The earth is now ready to sustain life.
 - Air and water creatures are “created.”
 - SHERETS – the “moving creatures”
 - CHAY – the “life” of verse 20
 - TANNIYM – the “sea monsters” (dragons)
 - NEPHESH – the “living creature” (soul)
 - Once again, the “kind” limit is placed on reproduction
- The “living” creatures
 - “The moving creature that hath life” (Gen. 1:20)
 - Hebrew: CHAY, a form of CHAYAH
 - Used over 675 times in the Old Testament
 - Used only of animal and human life
 - Except for the Tree of Life
 - Only one tree of life
 - Many in the “new earth”
 - “The moving creature that hath life...and God created...every living creature....” (Gen. 1:20-21)

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- Hebrew: NEPHESH = “soul”
 - Used over 680 times in the Old Testament
 - Used ONLY of animal and human life
 - Used widely, but context stresses emotion
 - Soul, self, life, creature, person
 - Appetite, mind, living being
 - Desire, emotion, passion
- The “breath” of life
 - “And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.” (Gen. 7:15)
 - Hebrew: RUWACH = “spirit” (normal rendering)
 - Translated “wind” or “spirit” or “breath”
 - Used 359 times in the Old Testament
 - Most often to describe self-conscious life
 - Often to define the “intangible” nature of life
 - Used of the angelic creation – “Who maketh his angels spirits, his ministers a flaming fire.” (Psalm 104:4)

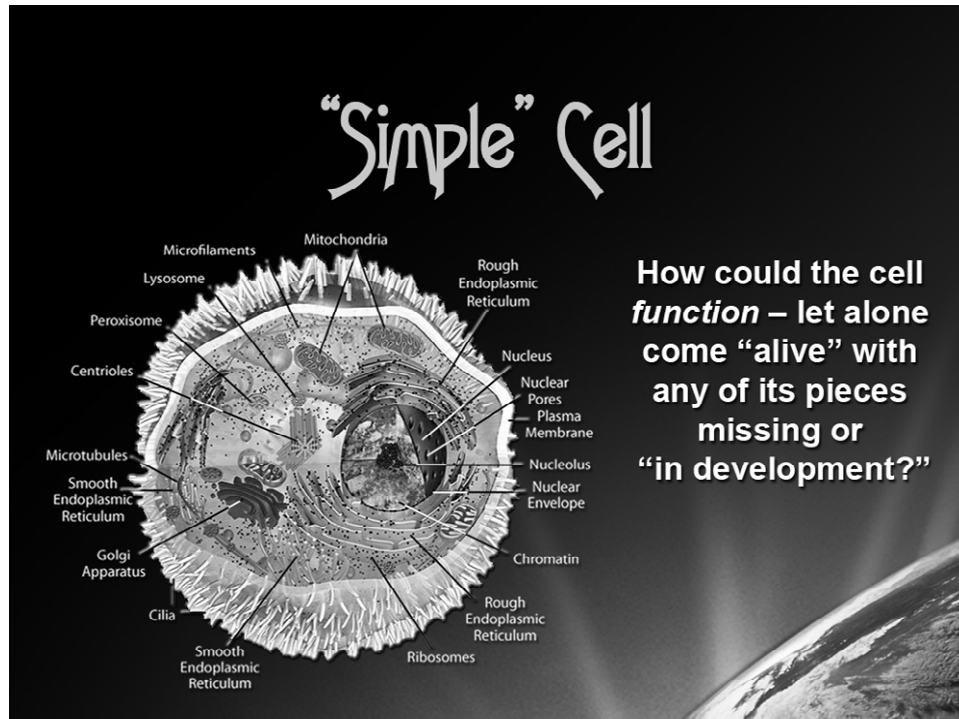
Summary of “Life”

- Life itself – CHAY
 - Self contained, independently functioning, reproducing “kinds” of “moving” creatures.
 - Not like plants or earth
- Soul – NEPHESH
 - Self aware, feeling, emotively responding
 - Probably includes the “flesh” or “body” part of life
- Spirit – RUWACH
 - Mental consciousness, intuition, instinct
 - Personality, conscious expression

“Simple” Life – If it is life, it is NOT simple

- Building blocks of life: every living thing is made of cell(s).
- The cell is the fundamental unit of life (simplest unit capable of independent existence).
- A human being is composed of over 10 trillion cells.
- How could the cell function – let alone come “alive” – with any of its pieces missing or “in development”?

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- Cells differ in size, shape and function (200 different kinds).

Three categories of “life” mentioned for air and water existence

- Fowl – the flying creatures – their home is in the “open firmament”
- Great Whales – the “dragons” or “monsters”
 - These would include the marine dinosaurs (Leviathan)
- Moving creatures – the small things – fish and marine invertebrates

The “creation” of several kinds of air “life” are identified.

- The “Fowl” that fly (1:20)
 - Hebrew: ‘OWPH – anything that flies
 - Used (with root) 103 times of all kinds
 - May include insects; certainly includes all flying creatures.
 - OWPH distinguished from “birds” (TSIPPOWR)
 - and every fowl [OWPH] after his kind every bird [TSIPPOWR] of every sort
- Every “winged” fowl (1:21)
 - Hebrew: KANAPH – “an extremity” – wing, skirt
 - Used 108 times, mostly of flying animals
 - Frequent metaphoric use as a “covering” from danger
 - “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust.” (Psalm 91:4)
 - This would include the flying reptiles – Pterosaurs

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- The “great whales” (1:21)
 - Hebrew: TANNIYM – “dragons” or “serpents”
 - Used 28 times in the Old Testament
 - 22 times as “dragon” – 3 times as “serpent”
 - “Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou breakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.” (Psalm 74:13)
 - “In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.” (Isaiah 27:1)

The “Dragon” of the Sea

- God’s description in Job 41:1-34
 - Untamable and uncatchable (41:1-11)
 - Terrible teeth
 - Scales like armor plating (41:15-17, 23)
 - Expels fire (41:18-21)
 - Exceedingly strong and fearless (41:24-29)
 - Nothing like it on Earth (41:3 3-34)
- This is NOT a crocodile!

“...the moving creature that hath life.” (1:20)

- Hebrew: SHERETS – a swarm, i.e. active mass of minute animals
- “Whatsoever goeth upon the belly and whatsoever goeth upon all four or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things [SHERETS] that creep [SHARATS] upon the earth them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.” (Leviticus 11:42)

“Every living creature that moveth” (1:21)

- Limited in this context to air and water life.
- Hebrew: RAMAS – move, creep, soul, life
 - Used only 17 times in the Old Testament
 - Basic: to glide swiftly, i.e. to crawl or move with short steps
 - It is used mostly of smaller creatures.
- “This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters.” (Leviticus 11:46)

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Day Six – the Creator now makes the land creatures.

- The “life” (CHAY) of Day Five is granted.
 - Both Animals and Man are “CHAY” – living
 - The “earth babies” of Day Three are not “alive”
 - Plants reproduce, but they do not “move”
 - Plants grow and age, but they are not independent
 - Animals and Man share life, soul, and spirit
 - Only Man has God’s “image.”
- Man’s Life
 - “And the LORD God formed man [ADAM] of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life [CHAY], and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7)
 - “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: [CHAY] and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.” (Psalm 23:6)
- Animal Life
 - “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living [CHAY] creature that was the name thereof.” (Genesis 2:19)
 - “And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living [CHAY] creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.” (Genesis 9:15)

Both Man and animals have the NEPHESH

- Most often translated “soul”
 - Translated “life” in Genesis 1:20
 - Translated “living creature” in Genesis 1:21 and 1:24
 - Translated “living soul” in Genesis 2:7
- Man’s Soul
 - “And the LORD God formed man [ADAM] of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life [CHAY], and man became a living soul [NEPHESH].” (Genesis 2:7)
 - “The merciful man doeth good to his own soul, [NEPHESH] but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.” (Proverbs 11:17)
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Animals also share the “spirit” portion of life with Man.

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- Man’s Spirit
 - “Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity and in whose spirit [RUWACH] there is no guile.” (Psalm 32:2)
 - “A talebearer revealeth secrets but he that is of a faithful spirit [RUWACH] concealeth the matter.” (Proverbs 11:13)
- Animal Spirit
 - “And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath [RUWACH] of life, from under heaven and every thing that is in the earth shall die.” (Genesis 6:17)
 - “And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath [RUWACH] of life.” (Genesis 7:15)

God identifies three categories of animals.

- “Cattle”
 - Probably refers to domesticable animals
 - “beasts of the earth”
 - Probably refers to large wild animals
- “Creeping things”
 - Probably refers to smaller animals
 - Categories based on man’s interest
- The “beasts of the earth” would have included the “dinosaurs.”
 - “Behemoth” of Job 40:15-24
 - “Chief of the ways of God”
 - “Strength in his loins”
 - “Moveth his tail like a cedar”
 - “Bones are as strong pieces of brass”
 - “Drinketh up a river”
- Whatever this was, it was not an elephant or a hippopotamus.

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- Many of those “beasts” are now extinct
 - There were a few large dinosaurs
 - Many more are small; most the size of a dog
 - Reptiles
 - Grow larger until dead;
 - Pre-flood world kept animals alive longer
 - Mass Extinction – the Flood

The “image” and “likeness” of the Creator

- Man (both male and female) are created [BARA] in the image [TSELEM] and in the likeness [DEMUWH] of God.
 - “Image” – a representative form of another form
 - Used 17 times – mostly of idols
 - “Likeness” – a copy (stronger word)
 - Used 25 times – emphasis on physical likeness
 - “And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth.” (Genesis 5:3)
- Man alone has this “image” and “likeness” of all created life.
 - Whatever this involves, it DOES NOT apply to animal life.
 - The shape and capabilities of Man are unique.
 - Old Testament theophanies
 - Melchisedec; Abraham @ Sodom; Jacob; Daniel
 - The “body” that the Father prepared for Jesus
 - Hebrews 10:5; Jesus favorite title: “Son of Man”
 - Philippians 2:6-8 – the “fashion” of a Man
- The difference between man and animals is NOT merely quality or better abilities.
 - Man’s body is similar, but still unique –
 - Wide gulf between apes and man
 - Man’s soul (emotion) unique from animals
 - Vast range of feelings and reactions
 - Man’s spirit (intellect, self-conscious life) exceeds animals by an unbridgeable chasm.
 - Reason; abstract thought; imagination; speech
 - Worship – desire to/for fellowship

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The Dominion Mandate

- The First Great Commission (Genesis 1:28; 9:1-7)
 - "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it..."
 - Is still in effect (repeated to Noah)
- The Fundamental Warrant for:
 - Research, development, education: all legitimate activities
- This primeval command implies all honorable human occupations
 - Science to understand the earth
 - Technology to develop it
 - Commerce to utilize it
 - Education to transmit the knowledge
 - Humanities to glorify it
 - All to honor God and serve as Stewards of the earth, under Him.

God's Evaluation

- "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)
- Everything was "VERY GOOD"
 - Perfect Harmony
 - Perfect Balance
 - Perfect Relationships
 - Perfect Responsibility
 - NO Sin
 - NO Death

Day Seven – God Rests

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. (Genesis 2:2-4)

- Exodus 20:11 – "Remember. . . Because, in six days God created the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them."
- Mark 2:27 – "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."
- Sabbath" does NOT mean Saturday.
 - Hebrew: SHABBATH -- means "cease" or "rest"
 - Used 71 times in the Old Testament
 - Translated: cease (47), rest (11), away (3), fail (2), celebrate (1), miscellaneous (7)
 - "Sabbaths" occurred on different days of the month and week.

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- “Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.” (Leviticus 23:24)
- “It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.” (Leviticus 23:32)
- “Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.” (Leviticus 23:39)
- The seven-day week is a unique pattern
 - “The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.” Mark 2:27
 - All astronomical “clocks” are NOT divisible by seven.
 - The Lunar month – 29.53059 days
 - The Solar year – 365.24219 days
 - The movement of the Solar system within the Galaxy
 - The movements of the Galaxy within the Universe

God’s Rules

- Fill the Earth with your children.
- Take charge of the Earth and control it.
- Assume authority over all living creatures.
- Eat only the plants and fruits of the Earth.
- Find and keep a life partner.
- Don’t eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
 - Essentially this forbade the knowledge of evil.
 - This was the only specifically restrictive order.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you
through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
according as his divine power hath given unto us
all things that pertain unto life and godliness,
through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:
that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 Peter 1:3-5