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 - 1) The Dry Land and Seas 1:9-10
 - a) The Separating 1:9
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Possible pre-existing land under the waters that now could be seen.

Or, Transformation of water 2. Pet 3.5: they are mocking the idea of creation. Here there is a transformation of water and land—and there were creation and a flood. Creationists believe that it was the flood that caused the separation of the single continent ‘pangea’ into smaller ones .

2Peter 3.5 *For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water;*

The plates on the surface may have moved around fast—a sprint.

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He makes distinctions...

- b) The Naming 1:10

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God gives the ability to make distinctions and this implies sovereignty with the giving of a name...over dry land...

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There is only good at this point.

Water

- >High specific heat = oceans are slow to heat and cool, keeping the surface of the earth steady.
- > High heat of evaporation = this cools the body, from evaporation
- > High surface tension = eg, some insects can actually walk on water. different from other liquids
- > High solvency = enables us to clean things
- > High melting & boiling points = also different from most liquids
- > Freezing expansion = ice floats so that a lake would freeze from bottom up, fish survive because it only freezes so far
- > Esencial for life

2) The Vegetation 1:11-13

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As always: God said. 3 categories: or 2 categories after a general statement.

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Terms

- desheh* - vegetation in general
esheb - herbage
ets - fruit trees

‘...self-replicating solar-powered food factories’ Sarfati
Man hasn’t created...

a) The Creation **1:11****Min (kind)**

- > Occurrence - 10 of 33 times in Gen 1 (1.11-12, 21, 24-25)
- > Meaning - Limitations of Variation = opposite of evolution, there are boundaries
- > Permanence - boundaries, a change from one kind to another. only a philosophical idea
- > Self-reproducing - nothing man has made can reproduce itself

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immediacy of fulfillment:

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In plant life: Photosynthesis: $H_2O + CO_2 + \text{Sunlight} = O_2 + \text{Food}$ = the beginning of the food chain. Again, cannot be evolutionary.

‘Photosynthesis is one of the most important chemical reactions on earth.’
Sarfati

b) The Fulfillment & Assessment **1:12-13**

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1:13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

Against evolution: fruit trees before animal life, vegetation on land, evolution never observed.

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God (Elohim)

- √ Created - 1, 21, 27, 2.3
- √ Said - 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24
- √ Separated - 4
- √ Made - 7, 16, 25, 2.3
- √ Placed - 17

Evolution takes a lot a more faith...that we are from gooo!

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Day 3

1. Origin of Geophysics - tectonics
2. Origin of Botany & Genetics - on land
3. Fixity of Kinds - no evolution
4. Origin of Food & Oxygen Factores
5. Vegetation before Sun Light
6. Fruit trees before animals
7. Work of God - no naturalism

d. The **4th Day** - lights **1:14-19**

Celestial bodies. Formless and void not in a negative sense but the incompleteness of what God had started.

Creation Days**Form**

1. Light
2. Separating heaven from earth
3. Land (at least one mass) separated from Sea = probably fresh water at this point.

Fullness

3. Plants
4. Lights

1) The Creation & Purpose **1:14-16**

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Light already created. These are ‘light bearers’. in the expanse of the heavens, in space itself. Their purpose: contradicts evolution, all of the pagan religions that give high prominence to sun and to the moon, eg, the Egyptians, the Canaanites, worshiped the sun. The Sumerians & babylonians had a god for moon. The Bible: the Elohim is the creator.

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Distinguish seasons, days, months, years.

and it was so: no long times like evolution

Purposes

1. Separation - day/night 1.15 determines how our life functions. give timeframe, separating day and night.
2. Signs - navigation
3. Seasons - tilt of earth is what produces seasons
4. Calendars - days, months, yrs
5. Illumination - light 1.16

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The heavens declare the glory of God...the sun and its hugeness, only one of billions of stars...the sun is a 'white' star

White star

- > Diam = 109x earth, 865,000 miles
- > From earth = 93 million miles. At the exact place for life to exist on planet earth
- > Earth's power = 1.73×10^{17} watts (only for us, not all of it)
- > Light takes 8 minutes 20 seconds to reach us
- > Orbits galaxy = 240 million yrs

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Reflects = give light

Lesser light

- > Basalt surface = lava material, black
- > Origin is a problem for evolutionists
- > Receding from earth - $1.5''/\text{year}$ No evolution...slower than in the past.
- > Tides & ocean cleansing from them, esp beaches. Also dictate currents which prevent stagnation

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In Hebrew: 'and the stars'. The word 'made' is not repeated from first part of the verse. What He is doing on earth is important, but the stars don't play an important part. Doesn't give prominence to the vast universe. Even the stars observed cannot be counted.

The Stars also

- > Heavenly bodies on 4th day
- > Great variety. The word *star* can be other heavenly bodies also
- > Numberless - 10^{22} in observable universe. Also estimated 46 billion light-yr radius.

Variety

1 Cor 15.41 *There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.*

The Bible acknowledges the distinctions. There are many: red giants, super giants, white & yellow dwarfs, variable stars, pulsars, binaries, planetary nebulae, neutron stars.

2) The Placement & Assessment

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Reiterates the purpose

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Earth before the Sun, Stars and Galaxies. Contradicts modern teaching. See 2-column chart showing differences, everything is out of sequence compared with evolution.



Accommodation

Books impose science on the Genesis text. Typical pattern (in Hugh Ross's)

1. Emphasize supporting details
2. Superimpose current theories
3. Reinterpret text
4. Ignore non-supporting details

1.19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

Day 4

1. Light before stars
2. Earth before sun, stars and galaxies
3. Origin of stars - no pre-existing stars
4. Heavenly Bodies on Day 4
5. Origin of Astronomy

The creation displays the omnipotence of our creator. Worship Him!!!

e. The 5th Day - birds & fish

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