



GENESIS 1

&

SCIENCE

# GENESIS 1

## 1. Introduction



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# **GENESIS - A POLEMIC**

- ✓ **Egyptian theology**
- ✓ **Canaanite theology**
- ✓ **Babylonian cosmology**
- ✓ **21<sup>st</sup> Century science**



# **INTERPRETING CREATION**

- 1. Methodological Naturalism**
  - a. Imposes naturalistic theory**
  - b. Attempts to harmonize text**

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2. Accommodating Views

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# ACCOMMODATING VIEWS

➤ **Day Age Theory -** **geological ages**

# **DAY AGE THEORY**

**Each Day of Creation is a  
Geologic Age**

- 1. Misuse of term “Day”**
- 2. Does not solve Geological Issues**
- 3. Misinterprets 2Pet 3:8**



# ACCOMMODATING VIEWS

- **Day Age Theory -** geological ages
- **Gap Theory -** Gen 1:1-2 gap

# **GAP THEORY**

**Large Time Gap between  
Gen 1:1 and 1:2**

- 1. Accepts Evolution**
- 2. Ignores Geological Issues**
- 3. Not Supported by Scripture**

# ACCOMMODATING VIEWS

- **Day Age Theory -** geological ages
- **Gap Theory -** Gen 1:1-2 gap
- **Progressive Creation -** interjections

# **PROGRESSIVE** **CREATION**

**God Occasionally Injects Acts  
of Creation**

- 1. Accepts Evolution**
- 2. Makes God a bumbling god**
- 3. Not Supported by Scripture**



# ACCOMMODATING VIEWS

- **Day Age Theory -** geological ages
- **Gap Theory -** Gen 1:1-2 gap
- **Progressive Creation -** interjections
- **Days of Revelation -** visions

# **DAYS OF** **REVELATION**

**God Reveals His Creation in  
6 Days**

- 1. Accepts Evolution**
- 2. Ignores Geological Issues**
- 3. Not Supported by Scripture**

# **ACCOMMODATING VIEWS**

- **Day Age Theory -** geological ages
- **Gap Theory -** Gen 1:1-2 gap
- **Progressive Creation -** interjections
- **Days of Revelation -** visions
- **Analogical Days -** God's days
- **Other Views**

# **ANALOGICAL DAYS**

**God's days are not same as  
our days**

- 1. Accepts Evolution time-frame**
- 2. No example elsewhere**
- 3. Not Supported by Scripture**



# **INTERPRETING CREATION**

## **1. Methodological Naturalism**

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- b. Attempts to harmonize text**

## **2. Biblical Worldview**

- a. Begin with Scripture**
- b. Avoid unbelieving worldview**
- c. Interpret physical data**

# LAW OF 1<sup>ST</sup> USE

“God called the light day,  
and the darkness He called  
night. And there was evening  
and there was morning, one  
day.”

Gen 1:5

# AVAILABLE TERMS

עוֹלָם (olam) - long duration

אָרָד (arad) - be long

# GENESIS Outline

- I. Primeval History 1:1-11:26
  - A. History of the Creation 1:1-2:3
    - 1. Creation of the Universe 1:1-2



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In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:1

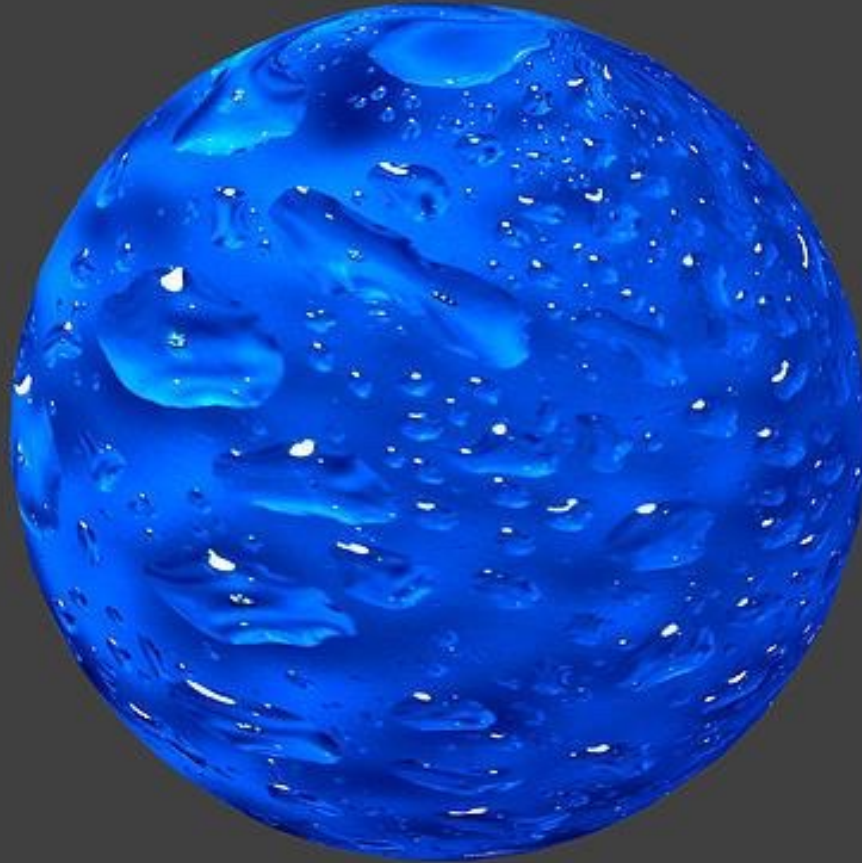


From Apollo 8  
Wm Anders  
Dec 24, 1968

**1:2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.**



# **Waters (Earth)**





# 1:1-2 - SCIENCE

- **Creator/creation Distinction**
- **Absolute beginning**
- **No Big Bang - “nothing exploded & became everything?”**
- **Origin of Geophysics & Oceanography**
- **Origin of Physics & Chemistry**
- **General relativity - time & matter**
- **Uniform background temperature**
- **Earth is priority - water, gravity**



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**3. Genesis 1:1-2**

**4. Day One - 1:3-5**

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    - 2. 6 Days of Creation** **1:3-31**
      - a. Day One - light** **1:3-5**

**1:3-5** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

**4** God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

**5** God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.



# **DAY 1**

- 1. Beginning of cause & effect**
- 2. Means of Creation - God speaking**
- 3. Origin of language, science, technology**
- 4. Work of God - no naturalism**
- 5. Electromagnetic spectrum**
- 6. Origin of optics**
- 7. Immediacy of fulfillment**
- 8. Origin of time-frame**
- 9. Young Earth**

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3. Genesis 1:1-2
4. Day One - 1:3-5
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Day - 1:6-8

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        - 1) Revelation** **1:6**

**1:6 Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”**

# **LANGUAGE - Foundation**

1. God Communicates - not silent
  2. Means of Creation - not trivial
  3. Origin in God - not man
  4. God Names - not linguists
  5. Built into Man - not evolution
  6. Basis of Communication - not rationalism
  7. Basis of Science - not naturalism
- Temple Mount



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**[yqir; (raquia) -  
out**

**spread  
thinness**

**Ps 19:1, 150:1**

NASA  
NGC4414

**Atmosphere or Space**

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    - 2) Articulation**
    - 3) Accomplishment** **1:7**



**1:7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.**

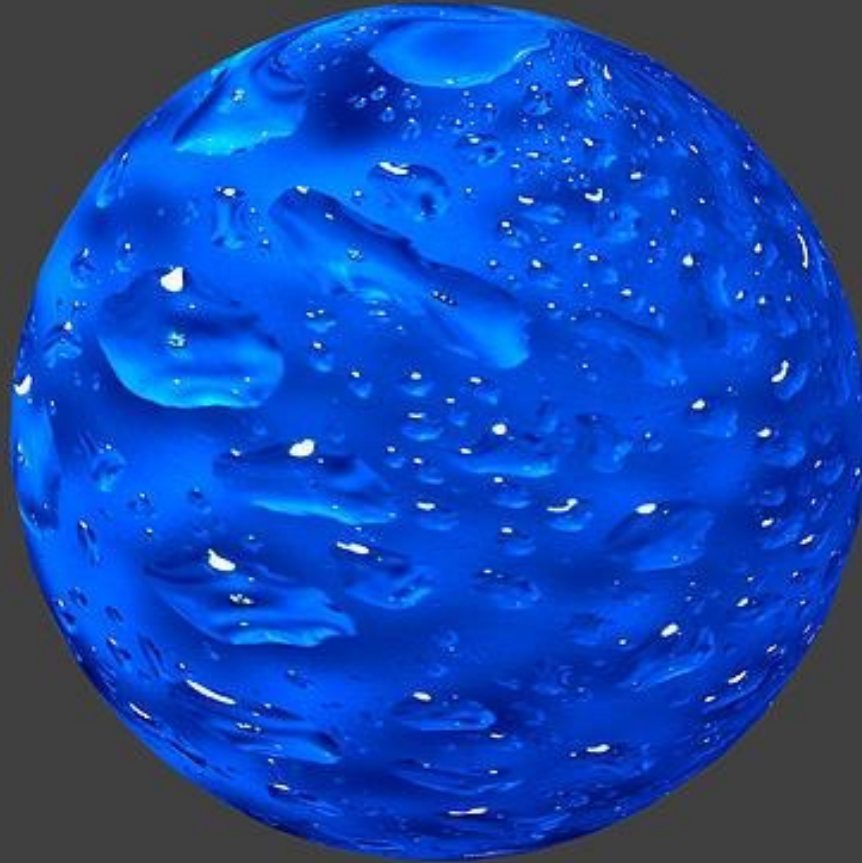
# **WATERS SEPARATED**



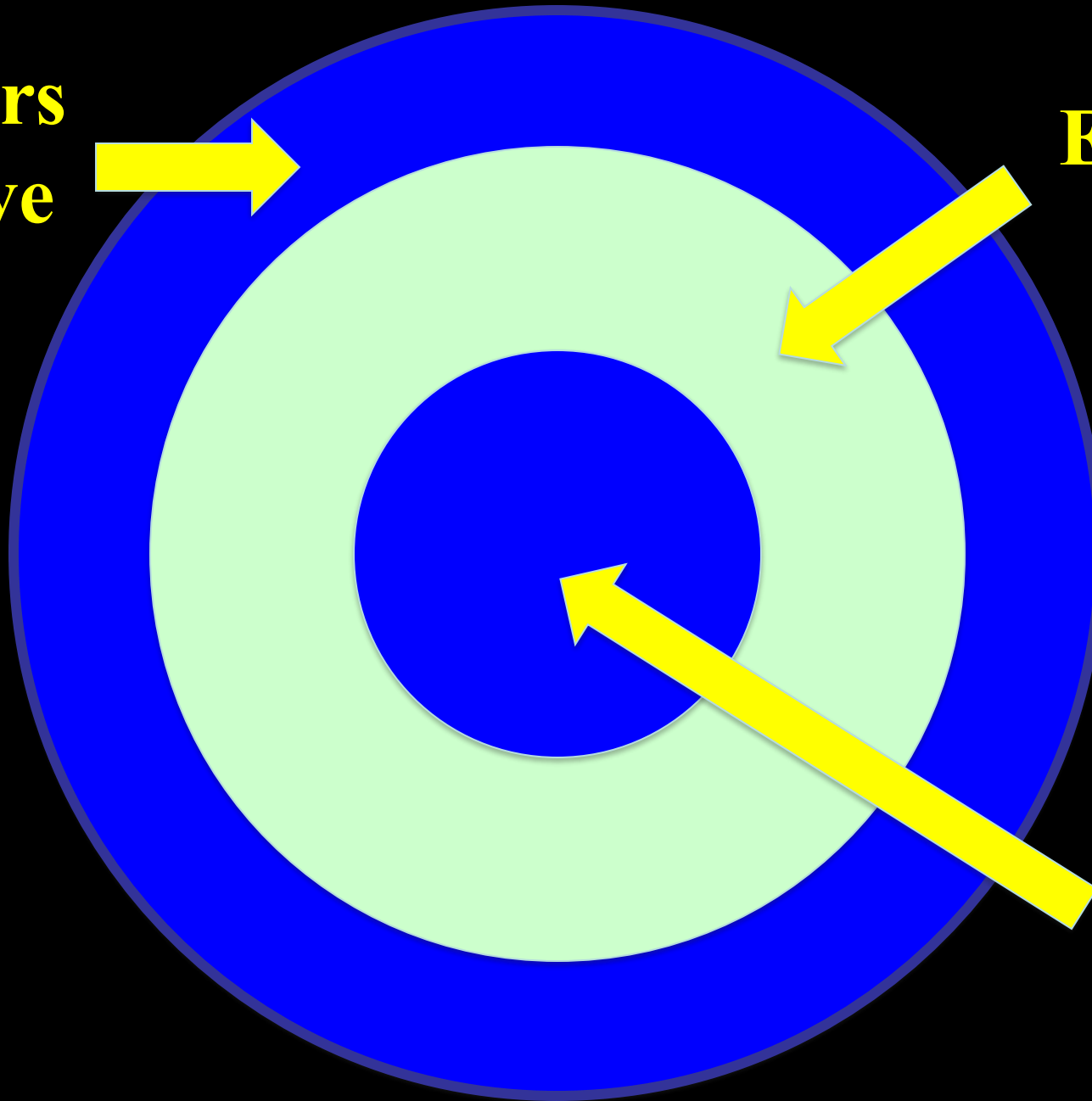
**1. Atmospheric  
& Oceans  
(canopy theory)**

**2. Edge of  
universe & Oceans**

# **Waters (Earth)**



**Waters  
above**



**Expanse**

**Waters  
below**

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# **STRETCHING**

**Ps 104:2 Covering Yourself with light as  
with a cloak, Stretching out (natah)  
heaven like a tent curtain**

**Isa 44:24 Thus says the Lord, your  
Redeemer, and the one who formed you  
from the womb, “I, the Lord, am the  
maker of all things, Stretching out  
(natah) the heavens by Myself And  
spreading out (raqa) the earth all alone,**

# **STRETCHING**

Isa 48:13 “Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand **spread out (taphach) the heavens**; When I call to them, they stand together.

Jer 51:15 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom, And by His understanding He **stretched out (natah) the heavens** .

Isa 40:22, 42:5, Zech 12:1, Job 26:7

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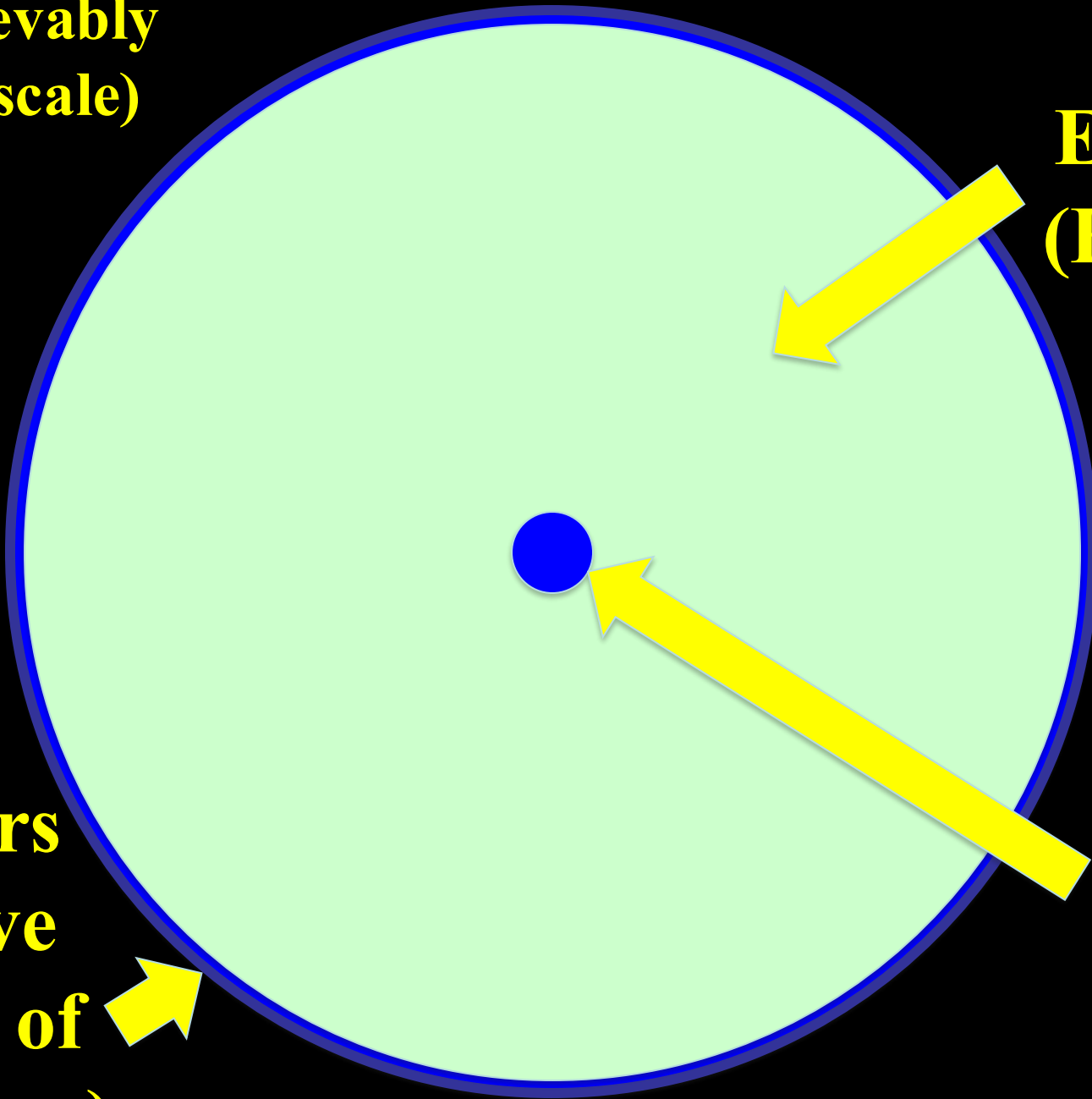
**1:8** God called the expanse  
heaven. And there was  
evening and there was  
morning, a second day.

**(Unbelievably  
not to scale)**

**Expanse  
(Heaven)**

**Waters  
Above  
(edge of  
Universe)**

**Waters  
Below  
(Earth)**



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| <b>5) Chronology</b>                   |               |

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morning, a second day.**

# **DAY 2**

- 1. Stretching out of space**
- 2. Origin of Astrophysics**
- 3. Material possibly spread in space**
- 4. Separation of water mass**
- 5. More on Oceanography**

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# CREATION

**Day 1 - Light**

**Day 2 - Universe**

**Waters Separated**

**Day 3 - Earth**

**Vegetation**

**Grass & Herbs**

**Fruit Trees**

**Day 4 - Sun, Moon, & Stars**

**Day 5 - Aquatic Life**

**Flying Creatures**

**Sea Monsters**

**Day 6 - Domestic Animals**

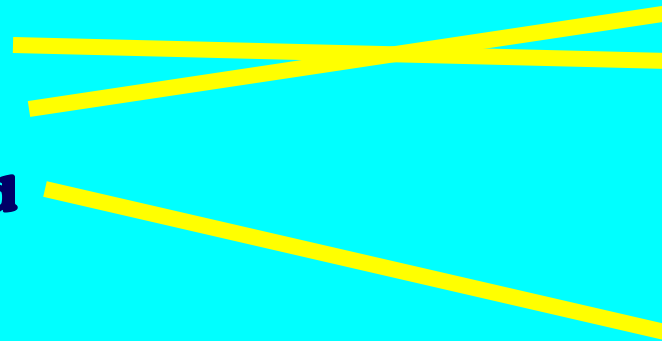
**Creeping Animals**

**Wild Animals**

**Man**

# EVOLUTION

1. **Big Bang**
2. **Light**
3. **Stars**
4. **Galaxies**
5. **Planets**
6. **Earth**
7. **Oceans**
8. **1<sup>st</sup> Cell**
9. **Ocean Life**
10. **Invertebrates**
11. **Fish**
12. **Amphibians**
13. **Land Animals**
14. **Boneless Fish**
15. **Seed Plants**
16. **Insects**
17. **Reptiles**
18. **Dinosaurs**
19. **Birds**
20. **Mammals**
21. **Man**





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A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the foreground, a long pier with several arched metal trusses extends from the left side into the lake. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. In the distance, low hills are visible under the twilight sky.

Sea of Galilee

**God as Creator means we  
are accountable to Him.  
Praise Him for His  
Sovereignty!!!**