

GENESIS								
	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
	CHAPTERS 1-2	CHAPTERS 3-5	CHAPTERS 6-9	CHAPTERS 10-11	CHAPTERS 12-25	CHAPTERS 26-27	CHAPTERS 28-36	CHAPTERS 37-50
Beginnings	Beginning of the human race				Beginning of the chosen race			
Result	Confusion and scattering				Bondage in Egypt			
History	Primeval history				Patriarchal history			
Chronology	Over 2,000 years				Approximately 300 years			
Emphasis	Four major events				Four important people			
Key Words and Phrases	"In the beginning" (1:1) "Generations" (5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2)							
Theme	God promises to redeem and bless His people.							
Key Verses	3:15; 12:3							
Christ in Genesis	Pictured in the seed of the woman (3:15); Melchizedek, the high priest (14:18); the humiliation and exaltation of Joseph (chapters 37-50)							


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What Is Your
Worldview?

Every worldview
answers four
ultimate
questions...





What Is Your Worldview?

- 1. Origin- Where did I come from?**
- 2. Meaning- What's my purpose in life?**
- 3. Morality- What is right and wrong?**
- 4. Eternity- What happens when I die?**

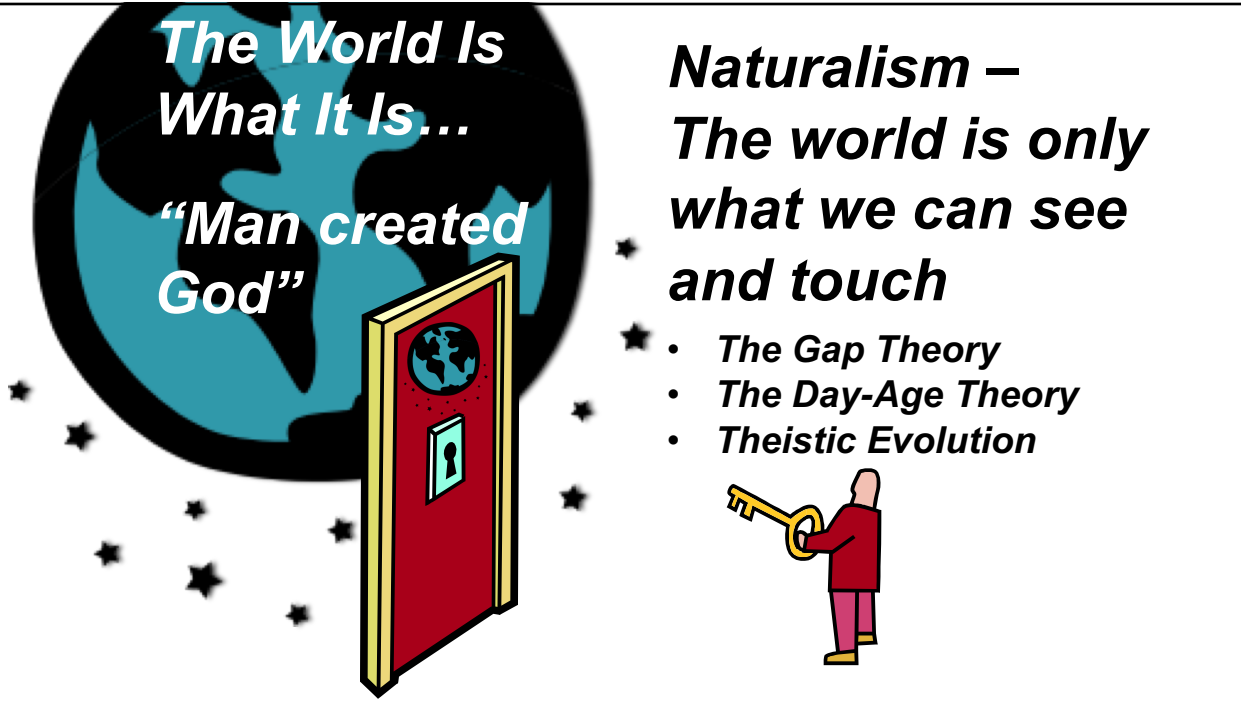


Three Worldview Options:

**The World Is
What It Is...**
**“Man created
God”**

**Naturalism –
The world is only
what we can see
and touch**

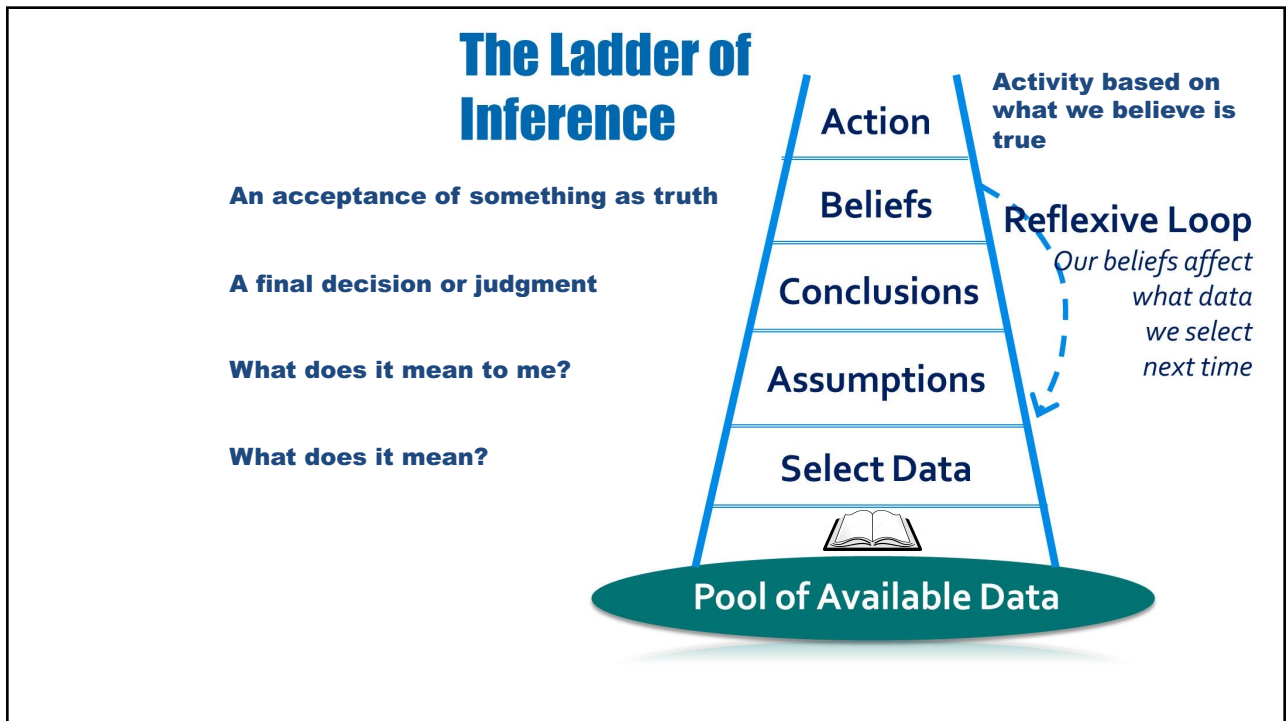
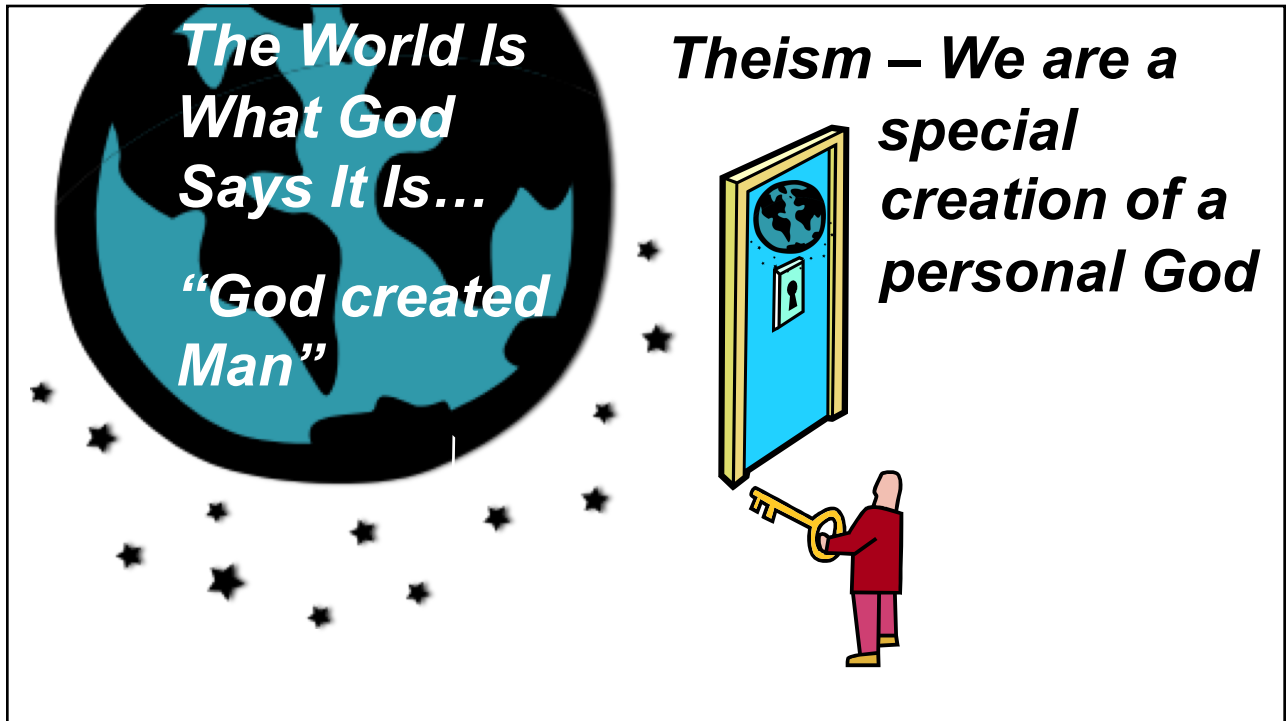
- *The Gap Theory*
- *The Day-Age Theory*
- *Theistic Evolution*



**The World Is
What I Want
It To Be**
**“Everything
is god”**

**Transcendentalism–
god is in everything (a
force), spirituality
without Christianity**





The Day-Age Theory

Each day represents millions of years

The Theory of Evolution

Theistic Evolution
God started the evolutionary process

The Gap Theory
Sin and death before Adam?

Romans 5:12- Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned.

“Day” (yom) is used 2301 times in the Old Testament, but its use is only questioned in Genesis 1

**Back in my father’s day,
it took two days
to drive to Memphis during the day.**

Chapter 1

Verse 3- *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

God said- Repeated ten times in the creation narrative.

"Let there be light";- Day One of creation- heavens, earth, and light. This is the first record of God speaking in the Bible. This is the first act of creation, and God will not create the sun until three days later (vv. 15-16), so this source of light indicates the presence of God, just as we saw in our Revelation study. At the end of time, he will destroy the sun, and His own glory will once again illuminate the new heaven and earth as it does here at the beginning of creation.

This is in contrast to the bizarre creation myths of pagan religions.



Chapter 1

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

the light was good- God is not only the Creator but the Judge of His creation. He called "light" good but not darkness because darkness is the absence of light. This is the first time He calls what He creates "good." The division of light and darkness is the first of three divisions in God's creative work:

- 1:4 Division of light and dark
- 1:6 Division of the waters from the waters
- 1:9 Division of waters and heavens

light was good;- God is the Judge of His creation, and the light was "good" because it dispelled the darkness. After the end of time, darkness will be dispelled permanently.



Chapter 1

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

God called- First, God creates, then He names. Naming something is a claim to ownership. Later, Adam will name the animals because he is greater than them.

day- (yom) – Used There are different views on how long a day is. “Day” can mean*:

- 1) a period of light
- 2) a period of 24 hours
- 3) a general, vague time
- 4) a point of time
- 5) a year

If the meaning of the word “day” with a number always means a 24-hour period of time outside of Genesis 1, then it should also mean a 24-hour period of time inside Genesis.

evening and there was morning- This suggests a normal 24-hour day. This is how Jews recorded a “day”- evening to evening.

*Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, I:371.



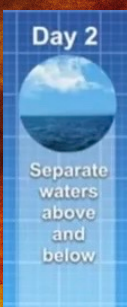
Chapter 1

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

an expanse- (raqiya’) God created our atmosphere to separate the waters below from the waters above. This could mean our atmosphere, clouds, or a canopy of water above the earth.

Exodus 39:3- *Then they hammered out (raqiya’) gold sheets and cut them into threads to be woven in with the violet, the purple, and the scarlet material, and the fine linen, the work of a skilled embroiderer.*

God “flattened out” our atmosphere to create waters above and waters below. This could also be referring to outer space.



Chapter 1

Verse 7- *God made the expanse, and separated the waters that were below the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse; and it was so.*

God made the expanse- In the previous verse, He spoke the creative act, and now He fulfills it.

Day 2



Separate
waters
above
and
below

Chapter 1

Verse 8- *God called the expanse “heaven.” And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.*

God called- This is the third time God named His creation:

- *God called the light “day”*
- *God called the dark “night”*
- *God called the expanse “heaven”*

heaven- (*šāmayim*) “sky” is the same word used in verse 1 for “heavens.” This might mean that previously there had been dense moisture (canopy) enshrouding the earth.

Day 2



Separate
waters
above
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Chapter 1

Verse 9- *Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.*

Then God said- This was when the third day of creation was spoken into existence. All the water on the earth was divided into the seas as land appeared. He continues the pattern of creating and then naming.

Day 3



Dry land and plants

Chapter 1

Verse 10- *And God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the waters He called "seas"; and God saw that it was good.*



Pangea?

He spoke His authority as He named the dry ground "land" and the waters "seas," assigning them their place and function (1:10).

By separating the ground water into its assigned place, God brought the dangerous elements, darkness, and water, under control.

Pagans worshipped false deities of the water, but here we see God is in control.

Day 3



Dry land and plants

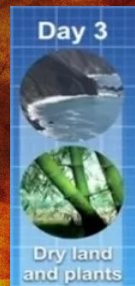
Chapter 1

Verse 11- *Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit according to their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.*

Let the earth sprout vegetation- The third day of creation was different than the first two because it involved a second act of creation. Vegetation is created to prepare for other life on the earth. The only reason the earth produces vegetation is because God commanded it.

plants yielding seed, and fruit trees- God creates two different types of vegetation- plants that yield seed and fruit trees that yield seed.

according to their kind- The boundaries of reproduction for plants and fruit trees is that they must reproduce "according to their kind (Heb.- "min"). There is an assurance that if corn or strawberries are planted, the same will be harvested. This pattern is repeated in verses 21 (creatures in the water), verse 24 (earth creatures), and verse 25 (earth creatures).



Chapter 1

Verse 12- *The earth produced vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, according to their kind; and God saw that it was good.*

This is the response of the earth to the command in the previous verse, and the language is almost identical. This time God sees that it is good. He doesn't pronounce it good.

Here's the answer to the age-old question: Which came first, the chicken or the egg?
The chicken.

Which came first, the plant or the seed? The plant.



Chapter 1

Verse 13- *And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.*

This follows the pattern of Genesis 1. The first half of the creation week. God speaks, then His words are fulfilled, then He names His creation, and then declares it good. The Bible then applies a number to that creative day.

Each of the first three days produced the conditions needed to support what God will create in each of the second three days. The first half of these days produced light, the sky and seas, and then land. The second three days will see God populate those areas with the sun and moon, birds and sea creatures, land creatures, and man and woman.

The point of Genesis chapter 1 so far is that God alone is responsible for the creation we see around us and that the creation has no power. Sun, sea, trees, and sky are not gods or spirits but objects formed by God.

