

ABOV- Session 1: The Beginning Script Facilitator

Slide: Summary Introduction

- Bible is unique in:
 - how it's written
 - it's circulation
 - it's survival
 - its predictive prophecy- 1000 of them with 700 already fulfilled
 - its content
- Organizational structure: Historical Highway handout
- 12 themes will be used, which connect dots throughout history of Bible
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Start video- Session 1: The Beginning (Video clip SR-01A 00:00.0)

Welcome to A Bible OverView session one and the book of Genesis which means "beginning." It starts out telling us the creation of the universe, the earth, and life on the earth in an easy to follow chronological manner. Although there were no witnesses to creation and we cannot recreate it in a laboratory, the Bible's account reveals the creation process using days with God as the Creator.

Let's read about these days starting with chapter one. *

Day 1. Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the first ten words of Genesis 1:1 we learn about several attributes of God.

First, we learn God is eternal, when it says, "In the beginning God..." This means God has no beginning. He has always been. He was not created and is outside of time.

By creating a beginning, God started **time**. We think of time as a line. We "remember" the past, "live" in the present, and "expect" the future. But there was no time before creation.

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Slide: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

- How would you answer someone who asked "Who created God?"
 - No one did. God always existed.
- What does this verse say about time?
 - Time started when God created "In the beginning..." There was a beginning.

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The second attribute of God is being the Creator. It says, "God created..." This word for creation is "ex nihilo" and means "created out of nothing". God spoke everything into being out of nothing. In contrast, although humans are able to make things, we use something that God has already created. For example, we use wood, yarn, fabric, or an element from the earth and then make something. But this verse tells us that God created everything in the world from nothing.

This all leads to knowing a third attribute of God: that God is separate or distinct from His creation. This makes sense since He was before creation and then created everything. Since He is the owner of all that exists He is sovereign over it. Some people worship what is created: for example, the sun, a tree, an animal, or a person. But the Biblical God is separate from His creation. Even though a beautiful sunset may make us want to worship God, the Bible says we must worship the Creator, not the created.

We also see here that God created **space**. "In the beginning, God created the heavens". The heavens are what we understand as "space" in the sense of space-matter-time. Space is invisible and always present. It exists in all things-and all things have their existence in space. When we think of heaven or space we think of both the atmospheric heavens that birds fly in and the stellar heavens of stars. We also think of space within and between molecules.

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[Slide: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1*](#)

- What is the difference between how God created and humans create?
 - God spoke everything into existence.
 - Humans use what God has already created.
- The term "Mother Earth" and "Mother Nature" are often used today. What does that insinuate?
 - A personification that earth or nature give birth or nurture as a controlling force
 - Can possibly mean that people worship what's created

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Let's continue and read **Genesis 1:2-5**, which tells us more of what God created on just day one.

2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

Here we see two "building blocks" of the universe. First, God created **matter**. Again, vs. 2 says, *2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters.*

"The earth", which is the Hebrew word "Eretz", can mean "dirt" or "dust" or "earth" as in planet. This is essentially the "stuff" of creation or scientifically "**matter**". Matter is the stuff we can see and touch.

Then God inserted **light** or light energy into the heavens and onto the earth when He said, "*Let there be light,*" and there was light. *4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.*"

Not only did God create light and separate it from darkness, but God established a system of measuring time with a light-dark cycle, when:

5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

In summary, from the very first verses in the Bible we see the biblical theme of God being the Creator. His being "in the beginning" indicates He is eternal and outside of time. In addition, He created the building blocks for the universe on the first day.

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Slide: Creation Day 1- Matter, Light, and Time

2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light... 4 he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."... Genesis 1:2-5

- What does this passage say about God?
 - God includes a Spirit

Slide: Creation Day 1- Matter and Light

3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day. Genesis 1:3-5

Note: God spoke words and creation happened.

Note: God put light in creation before making the sun and moon and then saw "that the light was good. This is God's first expression of "good".

- What might this tell us about "the light"?
 - The light is God Himself, possibly
- What does this tell us about God and "good"?
 - God defines "good"

Slide: Creation Day 1 - Light

³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day. Genesis 1:3-5

- What does "And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day." imply?
 - 24 hour days are occurring

Slide: What do we know about God & creation? (chart on screen)

God:

- Is eternal, before time
- Is Creator
- Is Spirit
- Speaks
- Sees
- Sets the standard for "good"

End Creation Day 1

Time (started, measured by day)
Light (not sun) {good}
Earth covered by water (formless, empty, deep)

Start video- SR-01D (0:00.0) Creation Day 2

Next, we'll read what God created on day two. **Genesis 1:6-8:**

⁶ Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth." ⁷ And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. ⁸ God called the space "sky." And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.

During day 2, God separated the waters into "waters of the heavens" and "waters of the earth." What the "waters of the heavens" were we do not know. However, in the New Testament in 2 Peter 3:6, Peter references creation when making a point about the great flood when He says:

"By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed."

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Slide: Creation Day 2 – Separated Waters

⁶ Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth." ⁷ And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. ⁸ God called the space "sky." And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day. Genesis 1:6-8

- At the end of day two, what does creation look like?

- See next slide

Slide: Creation at End of Day 2 (chart on screen)

- Time Life requires water, the universal solvent
- Light (not sun) Popular World theories describing earth formation indicate that:
- Waters of earth water arrived on earth via asteroids or comets
- Sky (atmosphere) atmosphere came from outer space or volcanic eruption
- Waters of heavens

Start Video- SR-01E (1:01.0) Creation Day 3

Day three is next. Genesis 1:9-13-

9 Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear." And that is what happened. 10 God called the dry ground "land" and the waters "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came." And that is what happened. 12 The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

From these verses we see God separated the "waters beneath the sky". This allowed dry land to be surrounded by seas or oceans. Notice, too, that when God ordered, or directed, the land to "...sprout with vegetation..." it sprouted with grasses, herbs, and fruit trees which had within them seeds to reproduce their complex systems "of the same kind." Today we still observe that grass produces grass and not apple trees. Orange trees produce oranges. Everything works as God ordered it to happen and kind produces kind.

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Slide: Creation Day 3- Land & Vegetation

9 Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear." And that is what happened. 10 God called the dry ground "land" and the waters "seas." And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:9-10

- What did God express about His creation?
 - "It was good"

Slide: Creation Day 3- Land & Vegetation

11 Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant... These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came."... Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:11-13

- Do we still see seed & fruit bearing vegetation producing the same kind?
 - Yes- always
- What did God express about His creation so far?
 - “It was good”

Slide: What do we know about creation at the end of day 3? (chart on screen)

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| • Time | [called good] |
| • Light (not sun) | [called good] |
| • Waters of earth | [called good] |
| • Sky | [called good] |
| • Waters of heavens. | [called good] |
| • Land (dry ground) | [called good] |
| • Vegetation (seed & fruit bearing) | {called good} |

Start video- SR-01F (0:00.0) Day 4 Light Holders

Now let's read about day four. Genesis 1:14-19-

14 Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. 15 Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened. 16 God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, 18 to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

Here we see that God made light holders. The sun and moon became the way to measure time, using a day-night cycle which also identifies the passage of seasons and years. The sun and moon provide the way to maintain a schedule, or orderly progress. The rotation of the earth provides the morning and evening cycle that God called a day. The tilt to the earth defines the seasons. As we proceed through the Bible, we will see that God uses these lights to identify specific “appointed” events.

End video- SR-01F Day 4 (1.29.0)

Slide: Day 4- Sun, Moon, Stars

14 Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years... 16 God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set these lights ... 18 to govern the day and night... And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:14-19

- What do these created lights provide?
 - Light for the earth
 - Way to measure time: marks seasons, days, and years

- What does God express about His Creation?
 - “It was good”

Slide: What do we know about God & creation? (chart on screen)

God:

- Is eternal, before time
- Is **Creator**
- Is Spirit
- Speaks
- Sees
- Sets the standard for “good”

End of creation Day 4

- Time
- Waters of earth
- Sky
- Waters of heavens
- Land (dry ground)
- Vegetation (seed & fruit bearing)
- Sun, moon, stars (seasons, years)

Start Video- SR-01G (0:00:00) Day 5 Fish & Birds

Now let's read what God created on day 5. Genesis 1:20-23-

20 Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

Until now, we've read how God formed the universe and earth to bring into existence plants which became the food source for life. But on day five, God created the first life: the fish in the sea and the birds of the air. God tells them to be fruitful and multiply and for each to reproduce offspring of "the same kind".

End video- SR-01G (1:14.0)

Slide: Day 5- Fish, Birds

21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” Genesis 1:21-22

- What did God express about His creation?
 - “It was good”

Slide: Day 5- Fish, Birds

21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the

seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day. Genesis 1:21-23

- What is the first blessing God gives to his creation?
 - He tells the fish & birds to be fruitful and multiply, fill the seas and earth.

KIND - A good rule of thumb is that if two things can breed together, then they are of the same created kind. God placed variety within the original kinds.

Slide: What do we know about God & creation? (chart on screen)

God:	End of Creation Day 5
• Is eternal, before time	Time
• Is Creator	Waters of earth
• Is Spirit	Sky
• Speaks	Waters of heavens
• Sees	Land (dry ground)
• Sets the standard for “good”	Vegetation (seed & fruit bearing)
	Sun, moon, stars (seasons, years)
	Fish & birds

Start video- SR-01H (00:00.0) Day 6a Animals

Next, is day six, Genesis 1:24-25-

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

Notice the animals, like the fish and birds, each produced "offspring of the same kind." This "produce offspring of the same kind" has been validated by science. It has not been documented that one kind changes into another kind. Even though breeding may cause some genes to become more dominate within a species, nothing changes from one kind into another. For example, a pig doesn't grow wings, a bird doesn't grow fur, and an ape doesn't become a man.

End video- SR-01H (1:11.00)

Slide: Creation Day 6- Animals

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:24-25

- What part of reproduction has remained the same among life?
 - Reproduce according to kind

- What did God express about His creation?

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But, at the end of day six, the first humans are created. Genesis 1:26-27-

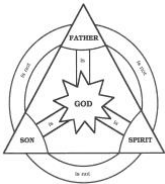
26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

*27 So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

It's important to notice in v. 26 that when God says "Us", "Our", & "Us", it is the Hebrew word "Elohim" which is a plural noun with a singular meaning. This indicates that God is one but has a plural nature. This is the first mention of what Christians call the "Trinity."

Although the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible, it is a word trying to describe the unique relationship of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Our finite minds have a difficult time understanding this infinite God and the relational concept. However, this diagram is a representation of the biblical concept: ¹



God is the Father, God is the Son, and God is the Holy Spirit. They are distinguished from each other yet one God. Their tasks differ but they are one God with one purpose existing in three coexistent, co-equal Persons each glorifying the other.

All three persons of the Godhead were involved in creation. God's Spirit was involved on day one.

"And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters." Genesis 1:2

God the Father created everything through the Son, who is called the Word in this passage:

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone." John 1:1-4

The relationship and work of the three persons of the Godhead will become clearer as we proceed through this study.

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Slide: The Word Is Powerful

“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.” John 1:1-4

- Describe the “Word”?
- What did the Word bring to the world?
 - The Word gave life to every created thing
 - The Word’s life brought light to everything
- How do we know the Word is a person?
 - The passage refers to “Him” three times

Slide: Trinity- Questions?



Start video- SR-01Q (00:00.0) Image of God

Also notice in v27 that humans- both male and female- are the most special and unique of God's creation because they, alone, are made in God's image. People are above the animals in rational ability, moral awareness, pursuit of beauty, use of language, and spiritual awareness. Our spirit can connect with God's Spirit. The Bible says later that “God is Spirit.” Therefore, God exists without a body. Thus, being made in the image of God refers to the immaterial part of man: our soul & spirit. Humans have an ability to have a relationship with God. This is our second major theme throughout the Bible: that God offers us a personal relationship with Him.

End video- SR-01Q Image of God

Slide: Creation Day 6- Humans

26 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

27 So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26,27

- What does made “in the image of God” mean to you?
 - Spirit that can relate to God’s Spirit
 - Relationship with God.
 - Rational ability
 - Moral awareness

- Language of words
- Pursuit of beauty

Start video- SR-01J R (0:00.00) Take Care of Earth

In addition, God cares about how humans take care of the earth. **Genesis 1:28-31-**

28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

29 Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened. 31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

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Slide: Creation Day 6- Charge to Humans

28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish...birds..., and all the animals...

29 I have given you every seed-bearing plant... all the fruit trees for your food...every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds...the small animals...—everything that has life.” And that is what happened. 31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! Genesis 1:28-31

- What blessing does God give the man and woman?
 - Be fruitful and multiply
 - Fill the earth and govern it
- What commands did God give Adam & Eve
 - Be fruitful and multiply
 - Fill the earth and govern it
 - Reign over the fish...birds...all animals...
 - All the plants... everything that has life
- What provision does God provide for all living things?
 - They have everything they need
 - They have the ability to reproduce after their kind
- How does God describe Creation?
 - “it was very good”

[Start video- SR-01M R Man & Woman – Eden 00:00.0](#)

Genesis chapter two contains more information about God's relationship with the first humans.

7 Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. 8 Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. 9 The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." 19 So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. 20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

*23 "At last!" the man exclaimed.
"This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called 'woman,'
because she was taken from 'man.'"*

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. 25 Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

(Genesis 2:7-9 & 15-25)

Notice that God breathed life into Adam. God didn't do that for the other creatures and plants. God was personal in reaching down to form man out of the earth. Another point on relationships is that God cares not only about our vertical relationship with Him, but the horizontal relationships of human to human. God created Eve so Adam would enjoy someone like himself. In 2:23, the original Hebrew conveys great excitement as Adam was thrilled to have someone like himself instead of just animals.

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Slide: Breath of Life

Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils... Genesis 2:7

- What might the “breath of life” be?
 - God Himself breathed life into Adam. This was personal. God didn’t do this to the animals.

Slide: Two Trees in Eden

8 Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden... 9 made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:8-9

- What environment did God give Adam?
 - Perfectly wonderful and beautiful. Adam had everything he needed. All kinds of delicious fruit with two special trees in the middle of the garden.
- Here’s that word “good” again. What do you think it means in this context?
 - It’s opposite evil- since the idea of evil is now introduced as a contrast to good.

Slide: God’s Warning to Adam

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden... warned him, “...freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” Genesis 2:15-17

- What warning did God give Adam?
 - He could eat of all trees except one or he’d die
- Today, what do we call the ability to choose?
 - Free will
- How did God protect Adam?
 - Gave him the warning

Slide: Man & Woman

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him. 19... the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals... no helper just right for him... Lord God made a woman from the rib (Adam’s), and he brought her to the man. 23 “At last!” the man exclaimed... 24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Genesis 2:18-24

Remember Genesis 1:27: *So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

- What do you think “united into one” means?
 - Marriage

Slide: Jesus Quotes Genesis 1:27 and 2:24

“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’ ” 5 And he said, “ ‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ ” Matthew 19:4,5

- How does Jesus reinforce the Genesis statements?
 - Created male and female
 - Man & wife (two) “united into one”

Start Video- SR-01L R Comparison God Says vs World Says

We conclude this session with a table that compares the biblical creation narrative with the secular or world narrative. The world’s versions are varied and often change. Note: since science is generally limited to those things that are observable, testable, and repeatable, neither narrative can be proven by science.

- The world says there is no God of the Bible.
 - God says He existed before creation.
- The world says the universe always existed, or that it created itself from a big bang resulting in matter, space, energy and light
 - God says He created time or a Beginning with a day night cycle
 - God says He spoke creation into existence
- The world says the universe moved from a state of disorder to order and into stars and galaxies
- The world says particles of dust accumulated into a hot ball of matter, cooled and became the earth over a long period of time
 - God says He created in an orderly six-day process
- The world says water arrived on earth via asteroids and comets.
 - God says water was before land
- The world says that somehow non-life became life and a single cell changed into complex life
 - God says He created life: plants, then fish & birds, and then animals all able to reproduce in kind
- The world says that animals changed into humans
 - God says that He created humans special, in His image, male and female, able to reproduce in kind

End video- SR-01L R (00:00:00)

Slide: Creation: God vs World. Thoughts? (chart on screen)

God says:

- He existed before creation
- He created time (a beginning), measured in days
- He spoke creation into existence

- His Creation is ordered and He sustains it.
- He Created day/night cycles
- He created space & matter

World says:

- There is no God of the Bible.
- The universe has always existed
- The universe created itself
- Somehow nothing exploded into something resulting in matter, light, space, and energy
- Somehow the universe moved from a state of disorder to order

Slide: Creation: God vs World. Thoughts? (chart on screen)

God says:

- He provides light
- He Created the light holders
- He created seed & fruit bearing plants & trees that reproduce in kind
- He created fish and birds that reproduce in kind
- He created all kinds of animals that reproduce in kind
- He created humans in his image, male and female to reproduce in kind

World says:

- Particles of dust accumulated into a hot ball (earth) cooled & land appeared
- Water arrived via asteroids and comets
- Somehow non-life became a living cell
- Somehow this cell became a simple organism
- Somehow this simple organism became complex organisms resulting in vegetation, fish, birds, and animals
- Animals changed into humans

Start Video- SR-01P End (00:00:00)

In this session, we've answered several questions from the Introduction:

- Where did I come from? *God created us*
- Why am I here? *We're made in God's image which makes us special, giving us dignity and purpose.*

At this point, life on earth is like a puzzle that came together into one beautiful piece. Humans were in a right relationship with God and each other, the created world, and the environment. There was no death, only eternal life.

But that changes. In session two called "The problem and Promises", you'll learn how problems entered our world and how God planned to provide help.

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