

GENESIS CHAPTERS 1 & 2

- FROM CREATION TO THE FALL -

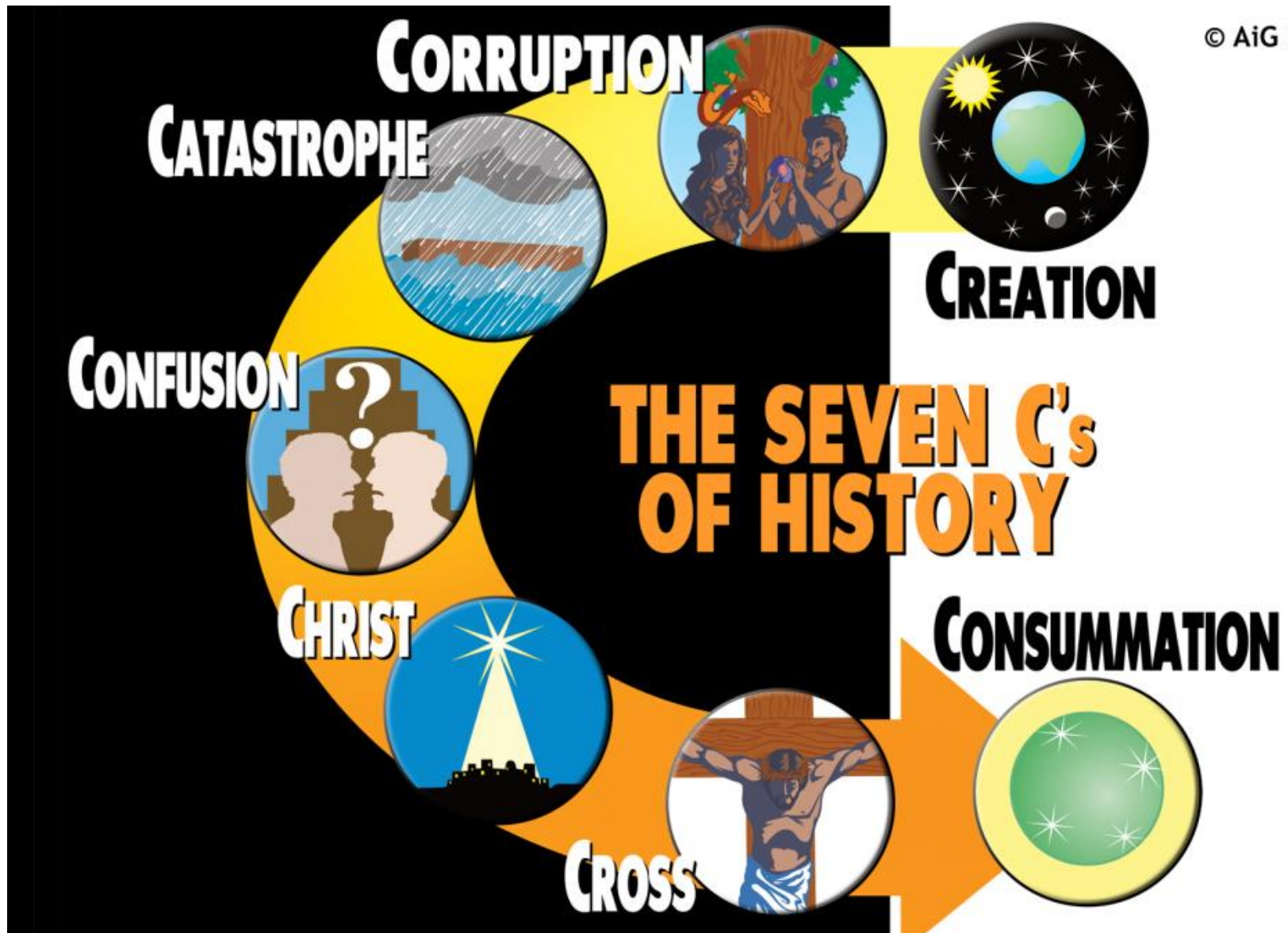
AN EXPOSITORY SURVEY

WHAT IS “GENESIS”

- **Genesis is:**
 - **a book of beginnings**
 - **the foundation for the rest of Scripture** (its stories, doctrines, themes and events (thus is essential reading for everyone))
- **The word “Genesis” comes from the Greek term meaning origin, source, birth, or beginning**
- **Hebrew Title: BeReshyth; “In the Beginning”**

THE 1ST BOOK, THE 1ST "C" OF HUMAN HISTORY

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GENESIS CHAPTER TITLES

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Creation & Recreation | 21. The Birth of Isaac | 38. The Shame of Judah |
| 2. Creation & Recreation | 22. The Offering of Isaac | 39. Joseph, Potiphar, & Prison |
| Recap | 23. The Death of Sarah | 40. Joseph's Butler-Baker |
| 3. The Fall of Man | 24. The Bride for Isaac | Dream |
| 4. Cain Murders Abel | 25. The Death of Abraham | 41. Joseph, Minister of |
| 5. Genealogies | 26. Abrahamic Covenant | Agriculture |
| 6. The Flood | Confirmed to Isaac | 42. Joseph's 10 Brothers to |
| 7. The Flood | 27. Jacob-Esau Birthright | Egypt to buy corn |
| 8. The Flood | Conflict | 43. Joseph's 11 Brothers to |
| 9. The Rainbow & Capital | 28. Abrahamic Covenant | Egypt to buy corn |
| Punishment | Confirmed to Jacob | 44. Benjamin's Silver Cup |
| 10. Genealogies | 29. Jacob Marries Leah & | 45. Joseph Reveals All |
| 11. The Tower of Babel | Rachel | 46. Jacob and family move to |
| 12. The Call of Abraham | 30. Jacob's Cattle (method of | Egypt |
| 13. The Cowboy Conflict | breeding) | 47. Joseph sells corn for land for |
| 14. The Kidnapping of Lot | 31. Jacob Leaves Laban | Pharaoh |
| 15. Abraham Believed God | 32. Jacob Becomes Israel | 48. Joseph's Sons, Double |
| 16. Ishmael is Born | 33. Jacob's Reunion with Esau | Portion |
| 17. Abram becomes Abraham | 34. The Distress of Dinah | 49. Jacob's Evaluation of His |
| 18. Abraham prays for Sodom | 35. Rachel Dies, Isaac Dies | Sons |
| 19. Sodom is destroyed | 36. The Generations of Esau | 50. Bones of Joseph (Jacob & |
| 20. Abraham lies about Serah at | 37. Joseph's Dream, Sold to | Joseph Die) |
| Gerar | Egypt | |

GENESIS – CHAPTERS 1 & 2

The Creation - Gen. 1:1-2:25

**A. Creation of the World - Gen.
1:1-2:3**

**B. Creation of Man - Gen 2:4-25
(and his responsibility)**

Author & Authority

- **The author and the authority is God.**
- **God is speaking to us today through Genesis – and if we ignore Him and His authority we will repeat history and fall like Adam, the pre-flood human race, Israel and most of humanity since and now.**
- **We take our authority in all things from God, not man or self**
- **God got Moses to write the first 5 books of the Bible (called “The Pentateuch”) - Jos_1:7; Dan_9:11-13; Luk_16:29; Joh_7:19; Act_26:22; Rom_10:19)**
 - **Written probably during the wilderness exile (1446-1406 BC)**
 - **Directly revealed by God (Num_12:8) and probably assisted by old writings (carried from the Ark?) and oral traditions**
 - **Moses had been trained in the “wisdom of the Egyptians” (Act_7:22) – thus prepared by God for the job**

ACTS OF GOD IN GENESIS 1

| ACT | TIMES | REFERENCE |
|---------------|----------|---|
| "GOD CREATED" | 4 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:1, 21, 27</i> |
| "GOD SAID" | 10 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29</i> |
| "GOD SAW" | 7 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18 21, 25, 31</i> |
| "GOD CALLED" | 3 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:5, 8, 10</i> |
| "GOD MADE" | 3 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:7, 8, 10</i> |
| "GOD DIVIDED" | 2 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:4, 7</i> |
| "GOD BLESSED" | 2 Times | ■ <i>Genesis 1:22, 28</i> |
| "GOD SET" | 1 Time | ■ <i>Genesis 1:17</i> |
| "GOD MOVED" | 1 Time | ■ <i>Genesis 1:2</i> |

“In the beginning God”

- “God” is plural (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) - Trinity
- Belief in this statement is called *TRIUNETHEISM*
- Jesus is the Son of God (John Chapter 1) – He was there (before and at the beginning).
- Before “the beginning” God was (i.e self-existing, the “I AM”)
- Belief in the existence of the God of the Bible is the first step in salvation

Heb 11:6 (KJV) But without faith *it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God **must believe that he is**, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

THE BEGINNING OF

Genesis relates the beginning of almost everything, including:

- ☐ Universe
- ☐ Life
- ☐ Mankind
- ☐ Sabbath

- ☐ Marriage
- ☐ Sin
- ☐ Death
- ☐ Family

- ☐ Redemption
- ☐ Prophecy
- ☐ Language
- ☐ Sacrifice

“In the beginning God...” EXCLUDES

- Evolution (things created themselves – Design? First-cause?)
- Humanism (man is God)
- Rationalism (reason is God)
- Existentialism (experience is God)
- Materialism (only matter is real – see & touch)
- Pantheism (all is God)
- Polytheism (many gods)
- Animism (spirits are gods)
- Atheism (no God)
- Agnosticism (don't know)
- all other “isms” which seek alternative “answers”
- WHICH “ISM” ARE YOU?

THE ORDER OF CREATION

DAY 1

Genesis 1:1-5

- Heavens and the Earth
- Light
- Divided Light from Darkness
- Day and Night

DAY 2

Genesis 1:6-8

- God divided the waters above and below the firmament

DAY 3

Genesis 1:9-13

- Dry land appeared
- Seas gathered together
- Grass and trees

DAY 4

Genesis 1:14-19

- Lights in the firmament to give light on the earth.

DAY 5

Genesis 1:20-23

- Sea animals
- Birds

DAY 6

Genesis 1:24-31

- Land animals
- Man
- Woman

DAY 7

Genesis 2:2-3

- God rested from all His work

IN SIX 24-HOUR DAYS !!!! - WOW!



Only Man needs millions of years on which to base his philosophies. God doesn't need millions of years. So, how old is the earth now. Based on Bible genealogies – about 6,000 years.

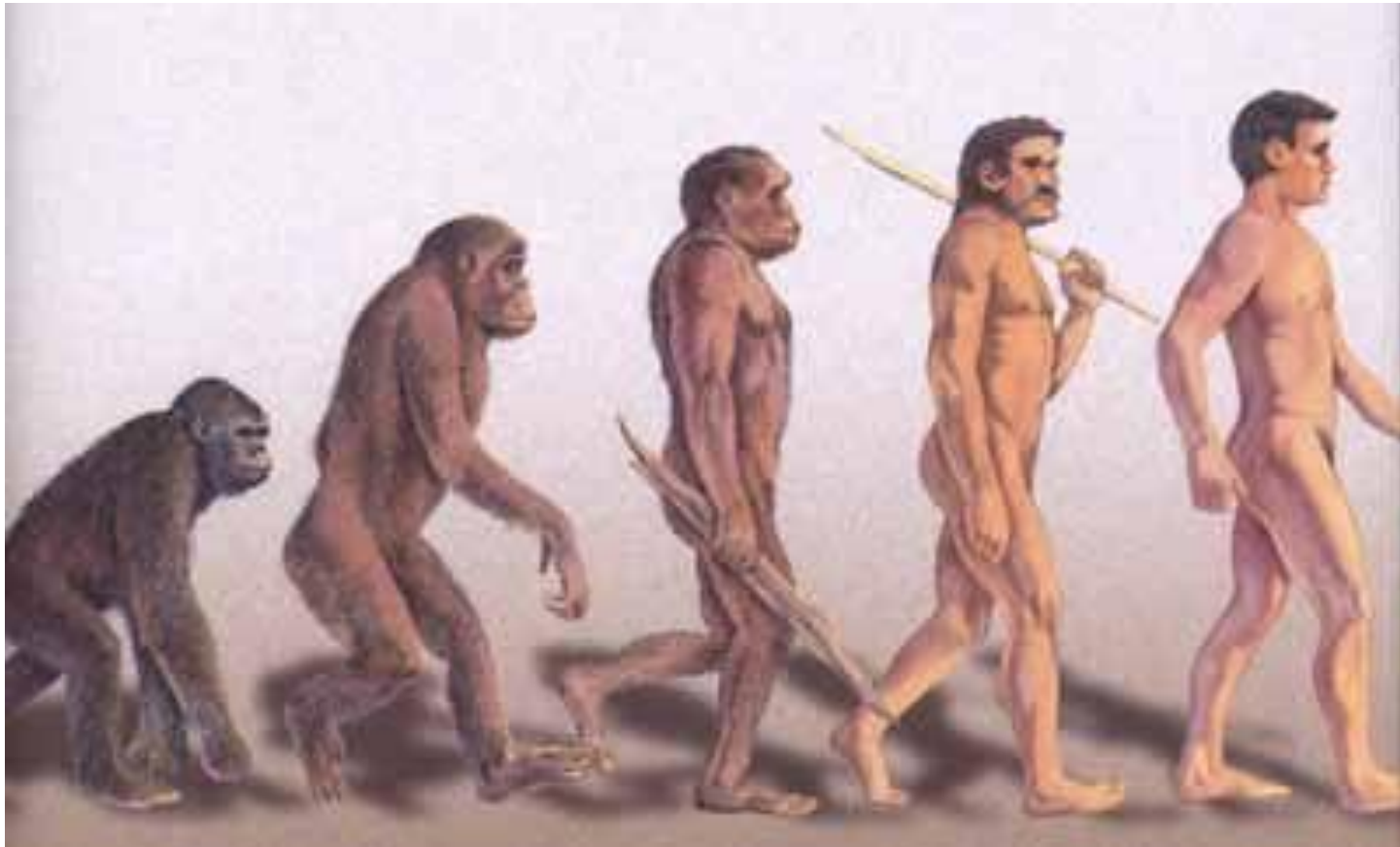
- no room for millions of years here
- God is God – He could do it in 6 minutes if He wanted to
- 6 days perfectly suited His purpose
- a functional universe
- a place for Man
- it was all GOOD (beautiful, functional, purposeful, an expression of God's power and love)

It was ALL for MAN – WHY?

- Man was meant to be part of the family of God
- Man was man in God's image (a partaker of the divine nature)
- Man was made to worship and serve God (not that God needed that) in order to be fully aligned with and enjoy God

NO EVIDENCE FOR THIS LIE

GET THIS LIE OUT OF YOUR BRAIN. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.



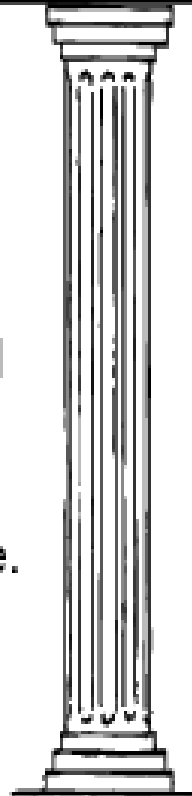
A LIE CONCEIVED AND MANAGED BY SATAN TO HELP FOUND AN ALTERNATIVE
WORLD SYSTEM BASED ON POPULAR BELIEF (not faith or truth) - 95% in this system?


MAN MADE IN AN INSTANT



WHAT EVOLUTION TEACHES VS WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

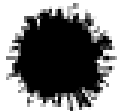
- Man came from animals.
- Man is wholly matter.
- The history of man shows an upward tendency.
- Man is a product of his natural environment.
- The universe “happened.” A “Big Bang” Theory is plausible.
- Man’s morals depend upon animal instinct.



- Man came from God. Genesis 1:26-27
- Man has a soul. 1 Thess. 5:23
- Man falls away. 
Gen. 3:6-9
- Man can live above his environment
2 Peter 2:4-9
- God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1
- Man’s morals are governed by God.
1 Cor. 6:9-10; Matthew 22:37-39

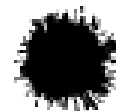
EVOLUTION IS:

- A nonreligious faith
- Unscientific
- Non-demonstrable



THE BIBLE:

- Produces faith
- Pure science agrees with it
- Demonstrable



| | CHRISTIANITY | ISLAM | SECULAR HUMANISM | MARXISM-LENINISM | COSMIC HUMANISM | POST-MODERNISM |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Bible | Qur'an, Hadith, Sunnah | Humanist Manifestos I, II, III | Marx, Engels, Lenin, Mao | MacLaine, Spangler, Chopra, Walsch | Nietzsche, Foucault, Derrida, Rorty |
| THEOLOGY | Theism (Trinitarian) | Theism (Unitarian) | Atheism | Atheism | Pantheism | Atheism |
| PHILOSOPHY | Supernaturalism (Faith and Reason) | Supernaturalism (Faith and Reason) | Naturalism | Dialectical Materialism | Non-Naturalism | Anti-Realism |
| ETHICS | Moral Absolutes | Moral Absolutes | Moral Relativism | Proletariat Morality | Moral Relativism (Karma) | Cultural Relativism |
| BIOLOGY | Creationism | Creationism | Neo-Darwinian Evolution | Punctuated Evolution | Cosmic Evolution | Punctuated Evolution |
| PSYCHOLOGY | Mind/Body Dualism (Fallen) | Mind/Body Dualism (Un-fallen) | Monism (Self-Actualization) | Monism (Behaviorism) | Higher Consciousness | Socially-Constructed Selves |
| SOCIOLOGY | Traditional Family, Church, State | Polygamy, Mosque, Islamic State | Non-Traditional Family, Church, State | Classless Society | Non-Traditional Family, Church, State | Sexual Egalitarianism |
| LAW | Divine/Natural Law | Shari'ah Law | Positive Law | Proletariat Law | Self-Law | Critical Legal Studies |
| POLITICS | Justice, Freedom, Order | Islamic Theocracy (Global Islam) | Liberalism (Secular World Gov't) | Statism (Communist World Gov't) | Self-Government (New World Order) | Leftism |
| ECONOMICS | Stewardship of Property | Stewardship of Property | Interventionism | Scientific Socialism | Universal Enlightened Production | Interventionism |
| HISTORY | Creation, Fall, Redemption | Historical Determinism (Jihad) | Historical Evolution | Historical Materialism | Evolutionary Godhood | Historicism |

WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD IN CHAPTER 1?

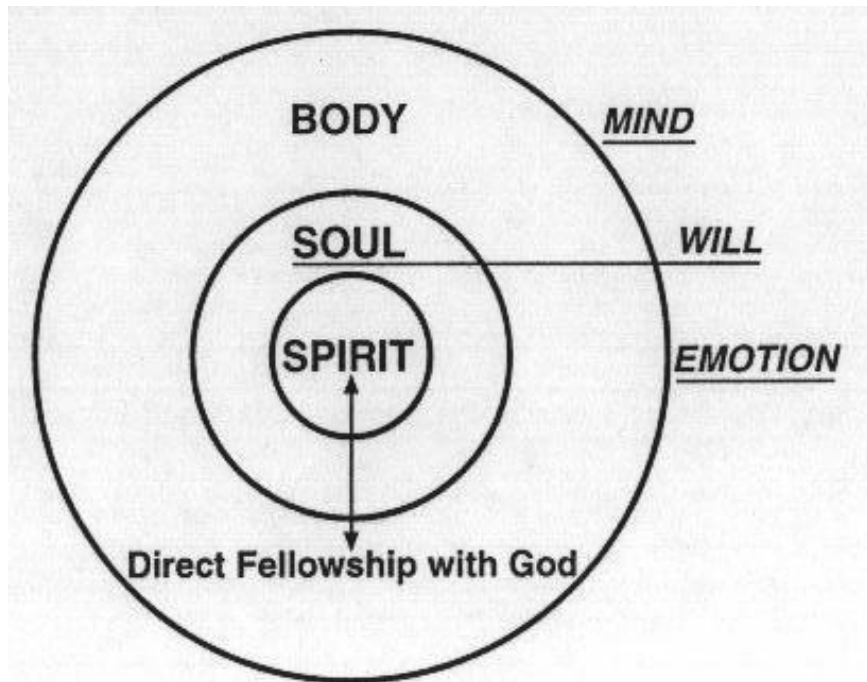
GENESIS 1 ~ "GOD" 35 x

GOD IS PERSONAL (heart, mind, will)
POWERFUL (10 commands obeyed)
UNCREATED (already, always there)
CREATIVE (imagination → variety)
ORDERLY (symmetry, mathematics)
SINGULAR (verbs)
PLURAL (noun)
GOOD (all he does because he is)
LOVING (wants to bless those he makes)
LIVING (active in this world)
SPEAKING (communicates to relate)
LIKE US (in his image)
UNLIKE US (we can't create)
NOT IDENTIFIED WITH HIS CREATION
DEPENDENT UPON

WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT MAN'S NATURE IN CH. 1?

- how to be really human – AS God designed

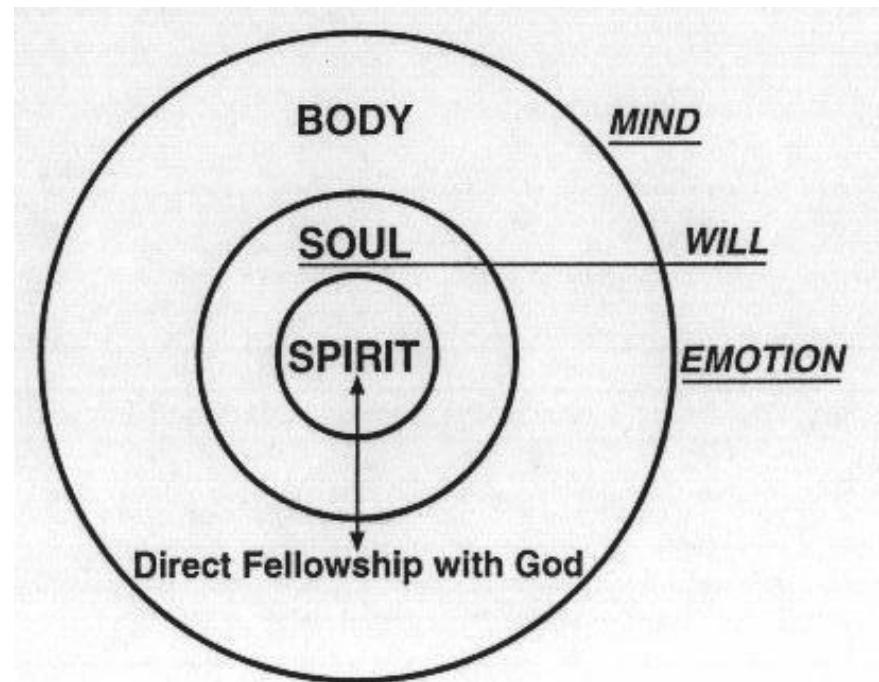
ADAM



PLUS

Direct fellowship with God –
in the garden. How good is
that!

Compared with us
here on earth now



Note our destiny involves being
“face to face” with God.


WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT MAN'S JOB IN CH. 1?

- based on God's commandments

- **Be fruitful**
- **Multiply**
- **Replenish the Earth**
- **Subdue it**
- **Have dominion over the birds, fish and every living thing**
- **All these things involve delegated creativity, authority and responsibility to maintain the “goodness”**
- **Obedience required (DO those things but DON'T do this (eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) – note “knowledge” means “experience’**
- **Man given FREE CHOICE – was that a “good” thing?**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE IN CH1

THE FIVE ELEMENTS
OF SCIENCE ARE FOUND
IN THE VERY FIRST
VERSE OF
THE BIBLE

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1. **TIME** - [IN THE BEGINNING]
 2. **FORCE** - [GOD]
 3. **ACTION** - [CREATED]
 4. **SPACE** - [THE HEAVENS]
 5. **MATTER** - [AND THE EARTH]

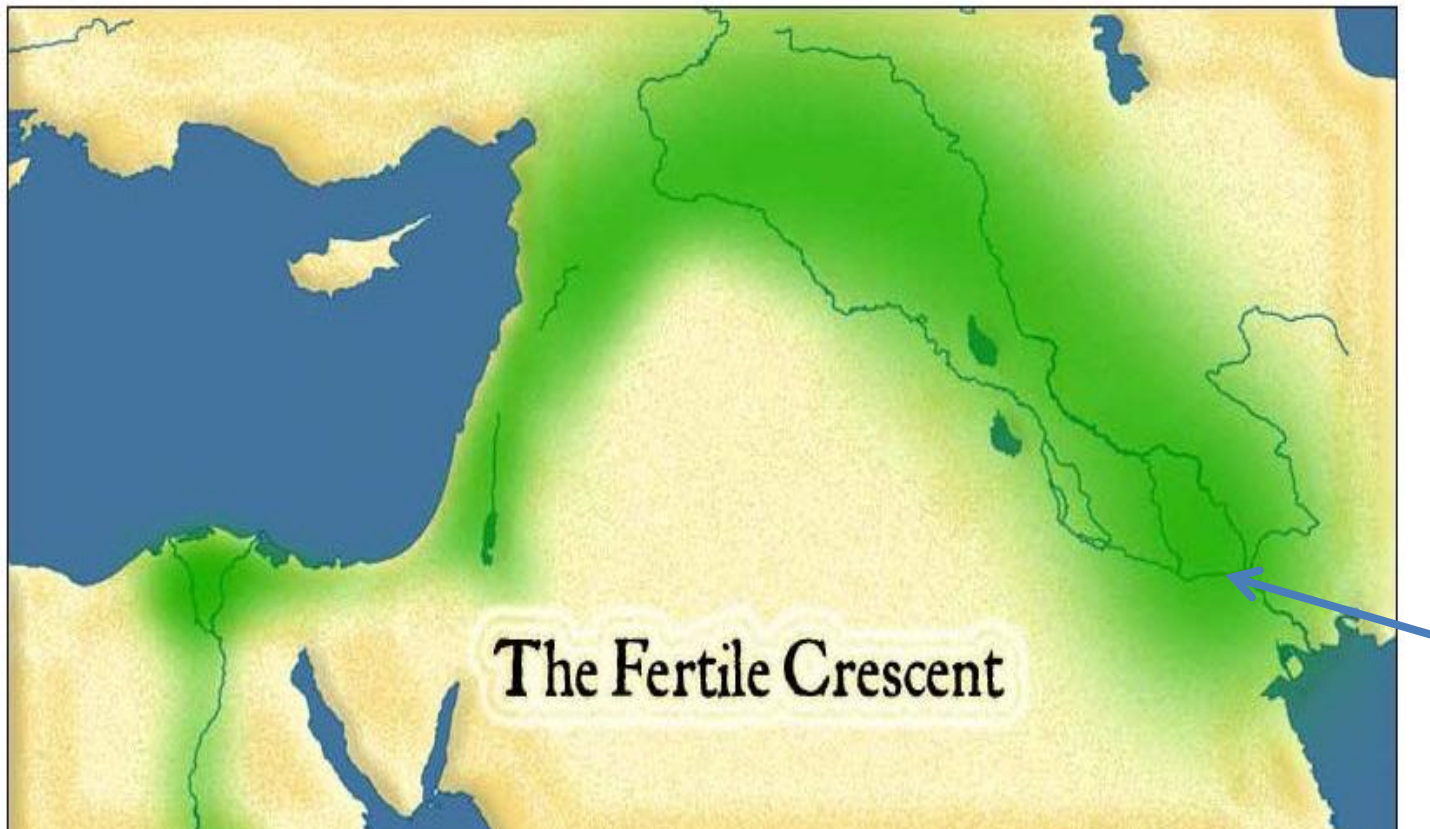
WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT PLACE IN CHAPTER 1?

- In Gen 1:1 In the beginning (**Time**) God (Elohim means Gods) created the heavens (**Space**) and the earth (**Matter**).
- Places involve matter and space and have time significance
- Places are in the created order, thus must have purpose.
- Even the “heavens” are used by God (inc. sun, moon & stars)
- God made the earth to be inhabited (Isaiah 45:18)
- Place helps man’s quality of life and his prime role of worship & service
- Man has a created need/yearning for place and places
- God uses “place” in His communication with us. The Bible is full of storied places (places with stories attached).
- Satan uses heavenly and earthly places for his counterfeit kingdom

WHERE WAS EDEN?

ANSWER – WE DON'T REALLY KNOW, BECAUSE THE PRE-FLOOD WORLD DIDN'T LOOK LIKE IT DOES TODAY.

BEST GUESS – based on the clues in Chapter 2



EDEN?

Genesis 1

The heavens and the earth are created in six days.

Panorama of creation as a whole

Centers on God creating the heavens and the earth

Genesis 2

Creation of the man and woman (no time element mentioned).

Detailed focus on one aspect of creation

Centers on man as the crowning act of God's creation

GENESIS 2 AMPLIFIES GENESIS 1

| Genesis 1 | Genesis 2 |
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LEARN THE LINKS IN GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|----|
| LONGING | Jb 23:3 | 1 |
| CREATOR | Ge 1:1 | 2 |
| MAJESTIC GOD | Ex 19:18 | 3 |
| FIRST THINGS | Ge 1:1 | 4 |
| SPIRITUAL DARKNESS | Ps 82:5 | 5 |
| SATAN'S VICTORY | Ge 3:6 | 6 |
| SIN'S CURSE | Ge 3:17-19 | 7 |
| DEATH REIGNS | Ge 3:19 | 8 |
| BLOODY SACRIFICES | Ex 12:3-7 | 9 |
| BONDAGE | Pr 5:22 | 10 |
| LAW | Ex 20:1-17 | 11 |
| TYPES AND SHADOWS | He 8:5 | 12 |
| OUTWARD CEREMONIES | He 9:10 | 13 |
| WRITTEN CODE | Ro 7:6 | 14 |
| PROPHECY | Is 11:1-2 | 15 |
| EXPECTED MESSIAH | Mal 3:1 | 16 |
| PARADISE LOST | Ge 3:23 | 17 |

400
SILENT
YEARS

CHRIST

NEW TESTAMENT

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| 1 | REALIZATION | Jn 1:45 |
| 2 | REDEEMER | Ga 3:13 |
| 3 | OUR FATHER | Mt 6:9 |
| 4 | LAST THINGS | 2 Pe 3:10 |
| 5 | LIGHT OF WORLD | Jn 8:12 |
| 6 | SATAN'S DEFEAT | Re 20:10 |
| 7 | SIN'S REMEDY | Jn 3:16 |
| 8 | LIFE ETERNAL | Jn 5:24 |
| 9 | CHRIST THE LAMB | Jn 1:29 |
| 10 | LIBERTY | Ro 8:2 |
| 11 | GOSPEL | Ro 1:16 |
| 12 | SUBSTANCE | He 10:34 |
| 13 | INWARD EXPERIENCE | Lu 24:32 |
| 14 | THE SPIRIT | Ga 5:5 |
| 15 | FULFILLMENT | Ac 3:18-19 |
| 16 | OUR SAVIOR | Lu 2:11 |
| 17 | PARADISE REGAINED | Re 22:14 |