

Introduction

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

"Happy is the soul that has been awed by a view of God's majesty!" (AW Pink)

Here's a CFBC distinctive (from our website):

We teach that God spoke creation into being by the Word of His power. He created the heavens and the earth out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) in six literal twenty-four hour days. We reject every form of evolution and theistic evolution as being contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture.

At CFBC, we are committed to the AUTHORITY and INTEGRITY and PERSPICUITY of SCRIPTURE.
Our authority & framework & understanding begins with God & Scripture.

Interestingly, in 1820 A.D. a man named Herbert Spencer, an evolutionist & philosopher gave the world five scientific principles by which man may study the unknown: (1) time, (2) force, (3) energy, (4) space, and (5) matter). **Interesting:**

"In the beginning" –time;

"God" – force;

"created" – energy;

"the heavens" –space;

"and the earth" – matter.

All of Spencer's scientific principles are right there in Genesis 1:1!

Creation/evolution is **NOT** an evidence issue; it's a worldview issue. Who or what is gonna have authority & have the final say?

THESIS — Let's travel & journey through the galaxy of this poetic masterpiece --- and we'll see the parallels to the Creation Account (in Genesis 1).

I. DAY 1 - LIGHT (1-2a) [Gen 1.3-5]**II. DAY 2 - HEAVENS (2-4) [Gen 1.6-8]****III. DAY 3 - EARTH (5-18) [Gen 1.9-13]****IV. DAY 4 - LIGHTS (19-24) [Gen 1.14-19]****V. DAY 5 - ANIMALS (25-26) [Gen 1.20-23]**

VI. DAY 6 - MAN/PROVISIONS (27-30) [Gen 1.24-31]**VII. EVERY DAY - GOD SHOULD BE PRAISED! (31-35)**

Never forget the exuberant, tireless, perfect **JOY** God has in Himself & in all His works! (v.31)

SO WHY DID GOD MAKE CREATION?

1. TO GLORIFY HIMSELF (Psalm 19.1)
2. TO DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE (Psalm 136)
3. TO REJOICE IN HIS WORKS (Psalm 104:31)
4. TO SHOW HIS ATTRIBUTES (Romans 1.20)
5. TO POINT TO REGENERATION: GOD'S NEW-CREATION (2 Corinthians 4.6)
6. TO CALL ALL TO WORSHIP HIM (Revelation 4.11)

Conclusion

Why must we take the Creation account of Genesis 1-2 (and, Psalm 104) literally as a supernatural, sovereign act of God?

2 Corinthians 4:6 —

John 1:12-13 —

"Creation is a wonderful subject for sweet meditation, but we have even greater subject! Redemption is a choicer theme for meditation than creation is, for its wonders are far greater." (Charles Spurgeon)