

The Six Days of Creation - Genesis 1 - Answers in Genesis

The First Day - *1In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 3And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good.*

How could there be light on the first day if God didn't create the sun and moon and stars until the fourth day? In the book of Revelation God tells us that in heaven we won't need the light of the sun because God Himself will be our light. He is our light. Light was a reality before the sun or moon or stars existed.

The Second Day - *7And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven.* How far do you think the heavens go? Where do you think the sky ends?

The Third Day - *11And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." God made each plan bear fruit according to its own kind. There are many varieties of apples and many varieties of peaches. Although they will cross pollinate among their own kind, apples do not cross pollinate with peaches or oranges with pears. From creation each was unique. Why did God make it that way?*

The Fourth Day - *14And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.*

How do the sun and moon and stars act as signs for seasons, days, and years? The rotation of the earth one time makes a day. When the earth revolves around the sun one time it is a year. The position of the sun, moon and stars in the sky help us determine the time of day, the season, and our own location.

The Fifth Day - *20And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. God created every creature according to its kind. Can fish live out of water? Can birds survive under water? Each needs oxygen but get it a different way.*

The Sixth Day - *24And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." 26Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28And God blessed them. God said, "Let us make man in Our image." The Bible teaches that God is a triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When God created the first man and woman, they were without sin. When they disobeyed God, sin entered the world. We all battle sin in the world around us. We also battle sins and temptations in our own lives. Jesus came to free us from the curse of sin so that someday we can live with Him in heaven forever. If you could create a perfect world for yourself what would it look like?*

The Seventh Day - *So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.* Set aside time each week to honor God and to rest.

Dear Lord, we thank You for the book of Genesis. In it You've told us how You created the world. Open our eyes to the truth of Your word and the beauty of Your creation. We are sorry that we misuse what you have given us. Help us to turn our hearts back to Your will and Your ways. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. In His name we pray, Amen.