

# VABC Bible Study 1-30

## Genesis

### Session 1 In the beginning

There can be no doubt that God does want His people to influence His world. This is clear by the aggressive and loving marching orders given in Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8. As we consider the progressive revelation of God, it is interesting to note how He worked in people before the time of Christ. We refer to this as the Old Testament (OT) or “before Christ” (BC), and mark it as a time of the progressive revelation of God to man.

In this session we want to focus on the beginning of humankind 6 to 10 thousand years ago. I really do believe this to be the time frame for many reasons ... some of which will be included here. Let's start.

#### Juan 1

En el principio existía el Verbo, y el Verbo estaba con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios. 2 Él estaba en el principio con Dios. 3 Todas las cosas fueron hechas por medio de Él, y sin Él nada de lo que ha sido hecho, fue hecho.

#### John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

What's interesting here is that Jesus is the architectural agent of this creation. And there are 3 Members of the Trinity: Padre, Hijo, Espiritu Santo, as seen in the Hebrew word **ELOHIM**. The Padre is the managerial agent of creation and the Espiritu is the constructive agent of creation.

### Day 1 (Domingo/Sunday)

#### Genesis 1

En el principio creó Dios (ELOHIM) los cielos y la tierra. 2 Y la tierra estaba sin orden y vacía, y las tinieblas cubrían la superficie del abismo, y el Espíritu de Dios se movía sobre la superficie de las aguas. 3 Entonces dijo Dios: Sea la luz. Y hubo luz. 4 Y vio Dios que la luz era buena; y separó Dios la luz de las tinieblas. 5 Y llamó Dios a la luz día, y a las tinieblas llamó noche. Y fue la tarde y fue la mañana: un día.

#### Genesis 1

In the beginning God (ELOHIM) created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

We see that the earth was apparently a shapeless mass consisting mostly of water, and separate from heaven. And at some point (perhaps moving on the face of the waters) They make the mass spherical. They then go on to create the sun and put the earth into its own rotation about its axis, thereby creating the first day. So I imagine this as the first spinning of the planet. There is a conflict here in whether the sun is created on the first or fourth day. Traditional theologians have argued in favor of the fourth day since there it speaks of the “two great lights” being created.

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I, personally, disagree with this based on the following 4 points of consistency.

1. There is too much information about day and night, evening and morning in verse 5 to ignore. If the word “day” at the end of the passage is taken to mean a literal day (which I do believe), then it is inconsistent to turn around and say that “evening”, “morning”, “day” and “night” are simply figurative.
2. It is inconsistent to say that “God is light” (1 John 1:5, John 1:9, John 8:12), and by this mean spiritual and physical light (Ezekiel 1:28, Revelation 21:23), and, at the same time, say God created Himself in verse 1; nor that the light in verse 1 wasn’t pervasive enough to eliminate all of the darkness (night happens).
3. Traditionalists will talk of the Hebrew words “or” in verse 1, and “maor” in verse 4. The first refers to the light of the sun and also to metaphorical light and order, and the second refers to a light or a luminary. There is good reason to take both to mean “the sun”. The problem is that something physical is lighting up the earth in verse 1, and only part of the earth at that. Further, if in verse 1, it means order, then what does “God divided the light from the darkness” mean?
4. Finally, the moon and sun are very different in their giving of light. The first reflects; the second projects. God did, in fact, make “two great lights”, but, similar to the retelling of the creation of man in Genesis 2, the sun was made on the first day and the moon on the fourth.

Created: Physical Heaven, spherical earth, rotation of earth, sun

#### Day 2 (Lunes/Monday)

##### Genesis 1

6Entonces dijo Dios: Haya expansión en medio de las aguas, y separe las aguas de las aguas. 7E hizo Dios la expansión, y separó las aguas que estaban debajo de la expansión de las aguas que estaban sobre la expansión. Y fue así. 8Y llamó Dios a la expansión cielos. Y fue la tarde y fue la mañana: el segundo día.

##### Genesis 1

6And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Here we see the separation of an atmosphere (firmament/sky) from water.

Created: Sky and clouds.

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### Day 3 (Martes/Tuesday)

#### Genesis 1

9Entonces dijo Dios: Júntense en un lugar las aguas que están debajo de los cielos, y que aparezca lo seco. Y fue así. 10Y llamó Dios a lo seco tierra, y al conjunto de las aguas llamó mares. Y vio Dios que era bueno. 11Y dijo Dios: Produzca la tierra vegetación: hierbas que den semilla, y árboles frutales que den fruto sobre la tierra según su género, con su semilla en él. Y fue así. 12Y produjo la tierra vegetación: hierbas que dan semilla según su género, y árboles que dan fruto con su semilla en él, según su género. Y vio Dios que era bueno. 13Y fue la tarde y fue la mañana: el tercer día.

#### Genesis 1

9And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 13And the evening and the morning were the third day.

We now see the formation of a single land mass (Pangaea?) along with vegetation and its affiliated reproduction process and fruit production. Coincidentally there is the creation of (at that time) one pervasive ocean. We will say more about this shortly.

**Created: Land, Plants**

### Day 4 (Miercoles/Wednesday)

#### Genesis 1

14Entonces dijo Dios: Haya lumbreras en la expansión de los cielos para separar el día de la noche, y sean para señales y para estaciones y para días y para años; 15y sean por luminarias en la expansión de los cielos para alumbrar sobre la tierra. Y fue así. 16E hizo Dios las dos grandes lumbreras la lumbrera mayor para dominio del día y la lumbrera menor para dominio de la noche; hizo también las estrellas. 17Y Dios las puso en la expansión de los cielos para alumbrar sobre la tierra, 18y para dominar en el día y en la noche, y para separar la luz de las tinieblas. Y vio Dios que era bueno. 19Y fue la tarde y fue la mañana: el cuarto día.

#### Genesis 1

14And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

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17And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And here God creates/populates the rest of the universe beginning with the moon. Notice also that the earth is now in orbit around the sun, and the seasons can be distinguished by the rising and setting of the sun, along with its apex going from low to high. Next comes the creation of the living creatures.

And here God creates/populates the rest of the universe beginning with the moon. Notice also that the earth is now in 365.23 day orbit around the sun, and the seasons can be distinguished by the length, along with its apex going from low to high, along with certain constellations as signs. We know, for instance, that when Orion is in the southern sky it is early spring. The Southern Cross can only be seen near or below the equator. We know that when the days are shorter, and the sun sets in the southwest, we are in winter. We also know from the Bible when the true year begins ... in March.



#### Exodo 12

Y el SEÑOR habló a Moisés y a Aarón en la tierra de Egipto, diciendo: 2Este mes será para vosotros el principio de los meses; será el primer mes del año para vosotros.

#### Exodus 12

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, 2This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Created/Filled: Filled the universe with stars, planets, moons; the year (rotation of earth around the Sun) and affiliated seasons

#### Day 5 (Jueves/Thursday)

##### Genesis 1

20Entonces dijo Dios: Llédense las aguas de multitudes de seres vivientes, y vuelen las aves sobre la tierra en la abierta expansión de los cielos. 21Y creó Dios los grandes monstruos marinos y todo ser viviente que se mueve, de los cuales están llenas las aguas según su género, y toda ave según su género. Y vio Dios que era bueno. 22Y Dios los bendijo, diciendo: Sed fecundos y multiplicaos, y llenad las aguas en los mares, y multiplíquense las aves en la tierra. 23Y fue la tarde y fue la mañana: el quinto día.

##### Genesis 1

20And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

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21And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 22And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

The fifth day has the creation of aqua life (beginning with the whale) and fowl. Note that their habitats are completed before habitation. These will later be cleared for food in Acts. This is not a separation based on any current scientific division. Rather, These creatures have the feature of freely moving in 3 dim. The creatures forthcoming in Day 6, will essentially be 2 dim in their movement.

Maps are 2 dim representations. Directions are 2 dim. Football plays are designed in 2 dim. State and international boundaries are essentially 2 dim. Locations are given in North/South and East/West demarcations (Starnes Spur: 36.1 N, 83.7 W). Although we live in a 3 dim world, there is little attention given to up or down save for contour lines for mountainous or marine areas.

The Day 5 creations, however, move freely in 3 dim. Up/down is a significant addition to left/right and forward/back. Eagles aren't concerned about building their homes on the side of a cliff. Ocean life is nomadic. Human flying and diving are based on human inventions ... not our natural abilities.

Additionally, David Guzik, makes not of the creation according to "kind". There is no evolutionary transition between "kinds". In fact,

"The fossil record is marked by two great principles: first, stasis, which means most species are unchanged in all their documented history. The way they look when they first appear in the fossil record is the way they look when last appearing in the fossil record. They have not changed. Second, sudden appearance, which means in any local area, a species does not arise gradually, but appears all at once and "fully formed.""

He also quotes imminent liberal evolutionist Nile Eldredge:

"We paleontologists have said that the history of life [in the fossil record] supports [gradual evolution], ... while knowing that it does not."

In effect, the biggest problem with the theory of evolution is time. NOT to mention the fact that in most evolutionary depictions the final human version is caucasian!

Created/Filled: Whale, Fish, Fowl (not likely to include mammals that fly)

### Day 6 (Viernes/Friday)

#### Genesis 1

24Entonces dijo Dios: Produzca la tierra seres vivientes según su género: ganados, reptiles y bestias de la tierra según su género. Y fue así. 25E hizo Dios las bestias de la tierra según su género, y el ganado según su género, y todo lo que se arrastra sobre la tierra según su género. Y vio Dios que era bueno.

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26Y dijo Dios: Hagamos al hombre a nuestra imagen, conforme a nuestra semejanza; y ejerza dominio sobre los peces del mar, sobre las aves del cielo, sobre los ganados, sobre toda la tierra, y sobre todo reptil que se arrastra sobre la tierra. 27Creó, pues, Dios al hombre a imagen suya, a imagen de Dios lo creó; varón y hembra los creó.

28Y los bendijo Dios y les dijo: Sed fecundos y multiplicaos, y llenad la tierra y sojuzgadla; ejerced dominio sobre los peces del mar, sobre las aves del cielo y sobre todo ser viviente que se mueve sobre la tierra. 29Y dijo Dios: He aquí, yo os he dado toda planta que da semilla que hay en la superficie de toda la tierra, y todo árbol que tiene fruto que da semilla; esto os servirá de alimento. 30Y a toda bestia de la tierra, a toda ave de los cielos y a todo lo que se mueve sobre la tierra, y que tiene vida, les he dado toda planta verde para alimento. Y fue así. 31Y vio Dios todo lo que había hecho, y he aquí que era bueno en gran manera. Y fue la tarde y fue la mañana: el sexto día.

#### Genesis 1

24And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 26And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. 31And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

The sixth day includes the creation of animal and human life (what about the insects?). And man was to subdue the other creatures.

Can you think of Biblical characters who demonstrated subduction of the animals, fish and birds? Do the names Samson, David, Elijah, even Jonah, and, of course, Jesus the Christ come to mind? Think of the verses that indicate this. Paul neatly divides the kingdom of life into various kinds.

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### 1 Corintios 15

39 No toda carne es la misma carne, sino que una es la de los hombres, otra la de las bestias, otra la de las aves y otra la de los peces.

### 1 Corinthians 15

39All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

How do animals and humans differ? In at least a couple of ways. First, animals have no sense of abstraction. By this we mean, animals have no written history. They do have memory, but no one has ever found a picture drawn by an animal.

The second way (possibly an artifact of the first) is that they have no sense of eternity. The concept of infinity and Limfinity ( $\mathcal{L}$ ) are human constructs.

### Eclesiastes 3

11Él ha hecho todo apropiado a su tiempo. También ha puesto la eternidad en sus corazones; sin embargo, el hombre no descubre la obra que Dios ha hecho desde el principio hasta el fin.

### Ecclesiastes 3

11He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts, but man cannot discover the work God has done from beginning to end.

The third way is that animals have no soul. Their end is the end. There are animals in heaven, but we will leave that discussion for another time and place. Additionally, Adam was given the responsibility to name the animals ... a position of power.

### Genesis 2

7Entonces el SEÑOR Dios formó al hombre del polvo de la tierra, y sopló en su nariz el aliento de vida; y fue el hombre un ser viviente.

### Genesis 2

7And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Unlike the creation of the animals, God breathed His breath of life into man. Note that Adam was given the responsibility to name the animals, a position of power.

The third way hearkens back to the dimensionality difference between the creations of days 5 and 6. Of all of the creations on day 6, mankind is the only creation that has invented means to travel in 3 dimension space in and around earth (and beyond). Divers, submersibles and submarines dive to great depths of the ocean. Whilst aircraft and spacecraft take us to great heights of heaven!

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David Guzik adds: Mankind alone has a natural countenance looking upward. Mankind alone has such a variety of facial expressions. Mankind alone has a sense of shame expressing itself in a blush. Mankind alone speaks. Mankind alone possesses personality, morality, and spirituality.

Created: Human, Animal, Reptile, Insect

We also have, in man, the origin of women some time later.

#### Genesis 2

18Y el SEÑOR Dios dijo: No es bueno que el hombre esté solo; le haré una ayuda idónea. ...

21Entonces el SEÑOR Dios hizo caer un sueño profundo sobre el hombre, y este se durmió; y Dios tomó una de sus costillas, y cerró la carne en ese lugar. 22Y de la costilla que el SEÑOR Dios había tomado del hombre, formó una mujer y la trajo al hombre. 23Y el hombre dijo:

Esta es ahora hueso de mis huesos, y carne de mi carne; ella será llamada mujer, porque del hombre fue tomada.

24Por tanto el hombre dejará a su padre y a su madre y se unirá a su mujer, y serán una sola carne. 25Y estaban ambos desnudos, el hombre y su mujer, y no se avergonzaban.

#### Genesis 2

18And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ... 21And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23And Adam said,

This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Consistent with God's other creations, He makes man and woman different from each other. Adam is complemented by Eve. There is no crossing over of genders.



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Man is made for one type of work, and woman is made for another. What is special about this relationship? *L'amour entre un homme et une femme ... Où commencer??? Il est magnifique!!!*

1. Eve is created as a “helper”, but there is nothing diminutive about that. Each is uniquely equipped to complement the other. Woman is the only being to be created out of another living being. As such, we can observe not only that she is special, but that the woman can also be a protector for man.

In English, we use the suffix “ette” to mean the female version of something (majorette, cadette, suffragette ...). Unfortunately, this has come under negative connotation. It is really a useful addition that can be used to celebrate our complementary essence.

2. A woman “completes a man” through marriage. There is a special bond in marriage as given in v24. This is the culmination of woman being “taken out of Man”. This is not to say that everyone has to be married, but those who have been married a long time know this truth.

3. A woman is to be cherished greatly. Guzik gives a Jewish tradition in which it is noted that if woman had been taken from the foot of man, he would dominate her; if from the head, she would dominate him. But as it is, it is from the side ... meaning he should hold her closely.

Finally, the ultimate end of man is to glorify God! This is seen in the wonderment of creation.

#### Salmos 8

3Cuando veo tus cielos, obra de tus dedos, la luna y las estrellas que tú has establecido,  
4digo: ¿Qué es el hombre para que de él te acuerdes, y el hijo del hombre para que lo cuides?  
5;Sin embargo, lo has hecho un poco menor que los ángeles, y lo coronas de gloria y majestad!  
6Tú le haces señorear sobre las obras de tus manos; todo lo has puesto bajo sus pies:  
7ovejas y bueyes, todos ellos, y también las bestias del campo, 8las aves de los cielos y los peces del mar, cuanto atraviesa las sendas de los mares. 9;Oh SEÑOR, Señor nuestro, cuán glorioso es tu nombre en toda la tierra!

#### Psalm 8

3When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;  
4What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?  
5For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.  
6Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:  
7All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;  
8The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.  
9O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Wow! What a declaration!

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Creation glorifies God. We have seen that in the earlier passages. We see it in the eclipse of the sun wherein the moon is just big enough in the sky to obscure the sun with a sliver of light around the edge. We see it in the regularity of the seasons. We see it in the continued order of the universe ... small or large. We see it in humanity.

Carmen Imes has observed that like the false ancient deities whose temples contained images of the gods they represented. God's temple is the universe, and his image is mankind. It is not "like" the image of God. Mankind is the image of God. And Christ is the perfect example of what man should be.

He is our Savior and Lord!



### Section 1 Quiz

1. When (approximately) did the creation occur?

a) a zillion years ago; b) a trillion years ago; c) at the birth of Christ; d) a billion years ago; e) a million years ago; f) a hundred thousand years ago; g) 10 thousand years ago

2. On what day were birds created?

a) Day 2; b) Day 3; c) Day 4; d) Day 5; e) Day 6

3. Which are differences between animals and humans?

a) animals walk on all fours; b) humans can swim; c) humans are capable of abstraction; d) animals have a spirit; e) animals can run; f) humans have a soul; g) animals can fly

4. What did God create on the third day?

a) Grass; b) Water; c) Fire; d) Light; e) Man

5. Evolutionists believe ...?

a. the Bible; b. all life came from a single organism; c. several forms of life were created simultaneously; d. varying theories should be considered in light of the data; e. ancient people were intelligent

6. In evolutionary human development, the most developed man is most always?

a) African; b) French; c) Mexican; d) Jewish; e) Caucasian; f) Chinese

7. Darwin believed that ultimately non-Caucasians would be ... ?

a) the man; b) able to fly; c) able to speak other languages; d) extinct; e) Caucasian

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8. Man is made in the ...

- a) Serengeti; b) Image of a fish; c) heat of competition; d) image of animals; e) Image of God; f) Outback

9. The Trinity consists of ...

- a) The serpente; b) The Father; c) The Espiritu Santo; d) Adam; e) The Son

10. What are the biggest impediments to the theory of evolution?

- a) the fossil record; b) man hates animals; c) William Jennings Bryan; d) time extrapolation; e) not enough proponents

11. Women and men are ...

- a) the exact same; b) determined by the feelings of the individual; c) complementary; d) no more than animals; e) essentially good

12. Woman was made from the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.

- a) rib; b) neck; c) femur; d) hip; e) hair

13. The Hebrew plural name for God in Genesis 1 is ...

- a) El Shaddai; b) Adonai; c) Yahweh; d) Hashem; e) Elohim

14. Man was created to ...

- a) Work the earth; b) Play sports; c) Glorify God; d) Make Music; e) Enjoy eating

15. What are some of the ways we see order in creation?

- a) Consistent length of a day; b) Consistent length of a month; c) Moon at precisely the right distance to eclipse the sun; d) the tides; e) constellations same in every culture

16. What person of the Trinity hovered over the waters on the first day of creation?

- a) The Father; b) The Son; c) The Darkness; d) The Cherubim; e) Espiritu Santo

17. Which of the following statements would be made by someone who believes in the truth of the Bible.

- a) "Hell's not a real place."; b) "We're all descended from the primordial soup!"; c) "Man is made in the image of God!"; d) "You're a cat if you believe you're a cat!"; e) "Jesus Christ really died, was buried, and raised to life on the third day!"