

MOUNTAIN PEAKS IN GENESIS

“Creation”



*Genesis 3:7 - And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;
And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

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SECOND WEEK OF STUDIES

CREATION

Creation Defined

God used two methods of creation.

1. Immediate Creation
2. Mediate Creation

What is meant by these two methods of creation?

1. Immediate Creation

By immediate creation is meant that God spoke into existence something out of nothing. At a point in eternity when the one triune God only was, when absolutely nothing else was that God by His Word spoke into existence out of nothing, immediately and instantaneously, the whole visible and invisible universe. Immediate creation was a free and voluntary act of God involving the Father as God, the Son as God, and the Holy Spirit as God, three persons in one divine Being.

This was the first revealed act of God. Creation was for the glory of God and all embracing, including all immaterial and material existence. The Bible verse that primarily embraces immediate creation is Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The rest of the Genesis account related to creation refers to mediate creation.

2. Mediate Creation

By mediate creation is meant that God took something existing and out of it made something new and different. In this method of creation God may Himself make, adapt, shape, combine, or transform existing materials into something new and different.

Mediate creation was used by God during the six days of creation to bring new order into His universe.

The immediate creation, holding that God spoke the universe into being out of nothing, attributes to God the claims that are made throughout the Bible. Between verses one and two in the first chapter of Genesis there could be a vast span of time which could account for geological ages. This analysis would imply that verse one, where God created the heavens and the earth would be classified under immediate creation, and from verse two forward, the actions would be under mediate creation. Out of the ground the Lord God formed the beast of the field and every bird of the air. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul (Gen. 2:7), This would show that both animals, fowl and man were mediately created.

The conditions presented in verses one and two indicate a vast contrast. An array of Biblical scholars hold that the immediate creation as indicated in verse one was a complete, good and beautiful creation, but in verse two the earth "was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. What brought about the change? Scofield says: "Jeremiah 4:23-26; Isaiah 24:1 and 45:18 clearly indicate that the earth had undergone a cataclysmic change as the result of a divine judgment. The face of the earth bears everywhere the marks of such a catastrophe. There are not wanting intimations which connect it with a previous testing and fall. See Ezekiel 28:12-15 and Isaiah 14:9-14, which certainly go beyond the kings of Tyre and Babylon.

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Regarding the six days of creation, there are different opinions. Some take these days to be long epochs of time. They point out that the term "day in the Bible has various meanings. It refers to the period of daylight, to the night and the day; to the day of calamity, to the day of wrath, to the Lord's day, to a thousand years, to the day of battle with a dozen other shades of meaning. Others who are more conservative in their interpretation hold each of the six days to be periods of twenty-four hours. Josephus the Jewish historian, born about the time of Christ's death, interprets Moses as saying that "in just six days the world and all that is therein was made.

Whatever was the actual length of the creative days, we can be sure that the age of the earth and heavens span considerably more time than the age of man. From the time Adam appeared upon the stage until the present is a relatively short time as compared with the geological ages.

If one takes the Biblical record of Adam and his posterity as we ought to do, then we can trace his age and the age of his posterity to the time of the flood and following. It is our contention that neither history nor archaeology will disprove the Biblical record of the age of man. The age of matter, a billion years? What difference does it make? God was in existence whenever immediate creation occurred. However, the origin and age of man on earth is a different story. We take the Biblical record rather than human imagination, archaeology, or fictitious history.

1 C. I. Scofield, ed., The Scofield Reference Bible, New York: Oxford University Press, 1917, p. 3.

Mosaic Record of Creation Genesis 1 and 2.

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and earth.

2. Give the condition that prevailed in verse two. _____

Give a record of what occurred on each of the six days of creation.

First day _____

Second day _____

Third day _____

Fourth day _____

Fifth day _____

Sixth day _____

Give a record of the creation of man from chapter two. _____

Essence: In relation to the Unity and Trinity of God we hold the following words as synonymous and as having almost identical meaning: essence, substance, being spirit. By the term "essence is meant the existence of a thing or being. It is that which underlies all manifestations and is permanent and

unchangeable; that in which qualities or characteristics inhere; that which constitutes what anything is; the essential element or components. In reference to God there is only one essential element: God is Spirit, Christ is Spirit, the Holy Ghost is Spirit. The three are of one essence, one substance, one being, one spirit.

The Trinity Participated in Creation

Please write the verses.

1. God the Father as Creator

A. Genesis 1:1 _____

B. Isaiah 40:26 _____

C. Isaiah 45:18 _____

2. God the Son as Creator

A. John 1:1-3 _____

B. Hebrews 1:1 _____

3. God the Holy Spirit as Creator

A. Genesis 1:2 _____

B. Psalm 148:5 _____

For other Scriptures on creation, see: Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 43:1, 7; 54:16; Ezekiel 21:30; Acts 17:24; Romans 11:36; Ephesians. 3:9; Colossians 1:6; Revelation 4:11.

CREATION

DRILL

Spelling:

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Creation | 6. Existence |
| 2. Immediate | 7. Universe |
| 3. Mediate | 8. Nostrils |
| 4. Made | 9. Soul |
| 5. Formed | 10. Man |

Give the right word:

11. To bring into being, to cause to exist. _____
12. A method of creation where God speaks into existence something out of nothing. _____
13. A method of creation where God makes something new out of something existing. _____
14. A method where God refashioned something. _____
15. God took original substance and fashioned it. _____
16. A fact or state of being. _____
17. The total material creation of God. _____
18. The part of Adam's body into which God breathed. _____
19. The spiritual or immaterial part of man's being. _____
20. The highest earthly order of being that God created. _____

Questions about Creation:

21. What did God create first? _____
22. What did God create on the first day? _____
23. What did God create on the second day? _____
24. What did God create on the third day? _____
25. What did God create on the fourth day? _____
26. What did God create on the fifth day? _____
27. What did God create on the sixth day? _____

28. How many people did God create? _____
29. What was created in God's likeness and image? _____
30. On what day did God rest? _____

Other Questions About Creation:

31. In the beginning what did God create? _____
32. In Genesis 1:2 who moved upon the face of the waters? _____
33. According to John 1:2 who made the worlds? _____
34. In Genesis 1:1 what method of creation was used? _____
35. In Genesis 1:21 what method of creation was used? _____
36. Out of what was Adam's body made? _____
37. Out of what was Eve's body made? _____
38. On how many days did God create? _____
39. When God breathed into Adam's nostrils what did he become? _____
40. What did God first give for food? _____

Questions from the Written Material:

41. How many methods of creation are mentioned? _____
42. What method of creation did God use in Genesis 1:1? _____
43. What method of creation did God use in Genesis 1:9? _____
44. How many persons are there in the Holy Trinity? _____
45. In Genesis 1, between what verses could be a vast amount of time? _____
46. What method of creation was used when God made fowls, beasts and man? _____
47. What duration of time has various meanings? _____
48. The age of the earth and heavens may be much longer than the age of what? _____
49. What Jewish historian held that God made the world in six days? _____
50. Can the age of man be traced by the Bible? _____

ANSWER SHEET FOR CREATION

Give the right word:

11. To bring into being, to cause to exist. **Creation**
12. A method of creation where God speaks into existence something out of nothing. **Immediate**
13. A method of creation where God makes something new out of something existing. **Mediate**
14. A method where God refashioned something. **Made**
15. God took original substance and fashioned it. **Formed**
16. A fact or state of being. **Existence**
17. The total material creation of God. **Universe**
18. The part of Adam's body into which God breathed. **Nostrils**
19. The spiritual or immaterial part of man's being. **Soul**
20. The highest earthly order of being that God created. **Man**

Questions about Creation:

21. What did God create first? **Heaven & Earth**
22. What did God create on the first day? **Light**
23. What did God create on the second day? **Firmament**
24. What did God create on the third day? **Grass, trees, land & seas**
25. What did God create on the fourth day? **Sun, moon, stars**
26. What did God create on the fifth day? **Whales, moving creatures, fowls**
27. What did God create on the sixth day? **Beast & man**
28. How many people did God create? **Two**
29. What was created in God's likeness and image? **Man**
30. On what day did God rest? **7th**
31. In the beginning what did God create? **Heaven & Earth**
32. In Genesis 1:2 who moved upon the face of the waters? **Spirit - Word**
33. According to John 1:2 who made the worlds? **Christ**
34. In Genesis 1:1 what method of creation was used? **Immediate**
35. In Genesis 1:21 what method of creation was used? **Mediate**
36. Out of what was Adam's body made? **Dust**
37. Out of what was Eve's body made? **Rib**
38. On how many days did God create? **Six**
39. When God breathed into Adam's nostrils what did he become? **A living soul**
40. What did God first give for food? **Every green herb**

Questions from the Written Material:

41. How many methods of creation are mentioned? **Two**
42. What method of creation did God use in Genesis 1:1? **Immediate**
43. What method of creation did God use in Genesis 1:9? **Mediate**
44. How many persons are there in the Holy Trinity? **Three**
45. In Genesis 1, between what verses could be a vast amount of time? **1 and 2**
46. What method of creation was used when God made fowls, beasts and man? **Mediate**
47. What duration of time has various meanings? **Day**
48. The age of the earth and heavens may be much longer than the age of what? **Man**
49. What Jewish historian held that God made the world in six days? **Josephus**
50. Can the age of man be traced by the Bible? **Yes**