

Doctrine of the Days of Genesis One

1. The numerical adjective with the word "*day*" in Genesis 1 limits itself to a normal day (cf. Numbers 7).
2. The qualifying phrase "*there was evening and there was morning*" points to a twenty four-hour day night cycle.
 - *Daniel 8:26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.*
3. The creation week was used to explain the Sabbath in the fourth commandment.
 - *Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*
 - *Exodus 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.*
4. The first three days of creation were the same length as the last three, for God set the rotation of the earth and the sun, moon, and stars "*for seasons, and for days, and for years*"
 - *Genesis 1:14 And 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:*
5. Neither Psalms 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8 says that one day is a 1,000 years, but is *as* a thousand years.
 - *Psalms 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.*
 - *2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

CREATIONISM

GENESIS

Plants and fruit trees
created on third day,
two days before marine
creatures

Sun, moon, stars on
fourth day while the
Earth existed on the first day

Birds created on the
fifth day with the fish

Insects were created on
the sixth day after
flowering plants were created

EVOLUTION

Marine creatures came
into existence hundreds
of millions of years
before fruit trees

Sun existed before the
Earth itself was formed

Birds followed the
reptiles

Impossible! For pollination
of plants require insects

6. The sun, moon, and stars are not ultimately essential to the earth's existence for in the new heavens there will be no need for the sun. But they were created as lights to replace the special and temporary light of the early day as a calendar, dividing seasons, days, and years and as signs to remind men of the Creator. *Psalms 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

7. Creation involved an appearance of history, as did all the miracles of Christ.

- Water was turned into wine.

John 2:10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

- A man born blind was made to see.

John 9:32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

- A decomposing body was made healthy.

John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

- Ten lepers were cleansed.

Matthew 8:4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

8. Creation was sudden.

- *Psalms 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*
- *Psalms 33:9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*
- *Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*
- *2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
- *Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

9. In the acts of creation God chose to use previously created inorganic substances for the bodies of the creatures. While the waters were commanded to bring forth marine creatures and birds, the water did not contribute to the complex physical structure and life principle of the animals.

10. Christ was the original Creator of the world and the works He performed were designed to reveal His true nature and glory.

- *John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
- *Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*
- *Hebrews 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

- *John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*
- *John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*
- *John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*