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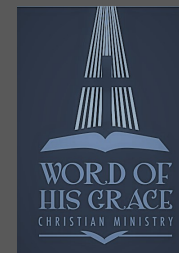
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The very first verse in the Bible states *Creation* was an intentional act by God. *Genesis 1:1* says, “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*” Is the story of creation a historical account or has modern science disproved it beyond a reasonable doubt? Does it matter? It does. What one believes about the origins of life really does impact how one views themselves, others, and life in general.

### How does the Bible explain creation?

“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. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” (*Genesis 1:2-3*).

“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the *first* day” (*Genesis 1:5*).

“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the *second* day” (*Genesis 1:6-8*).

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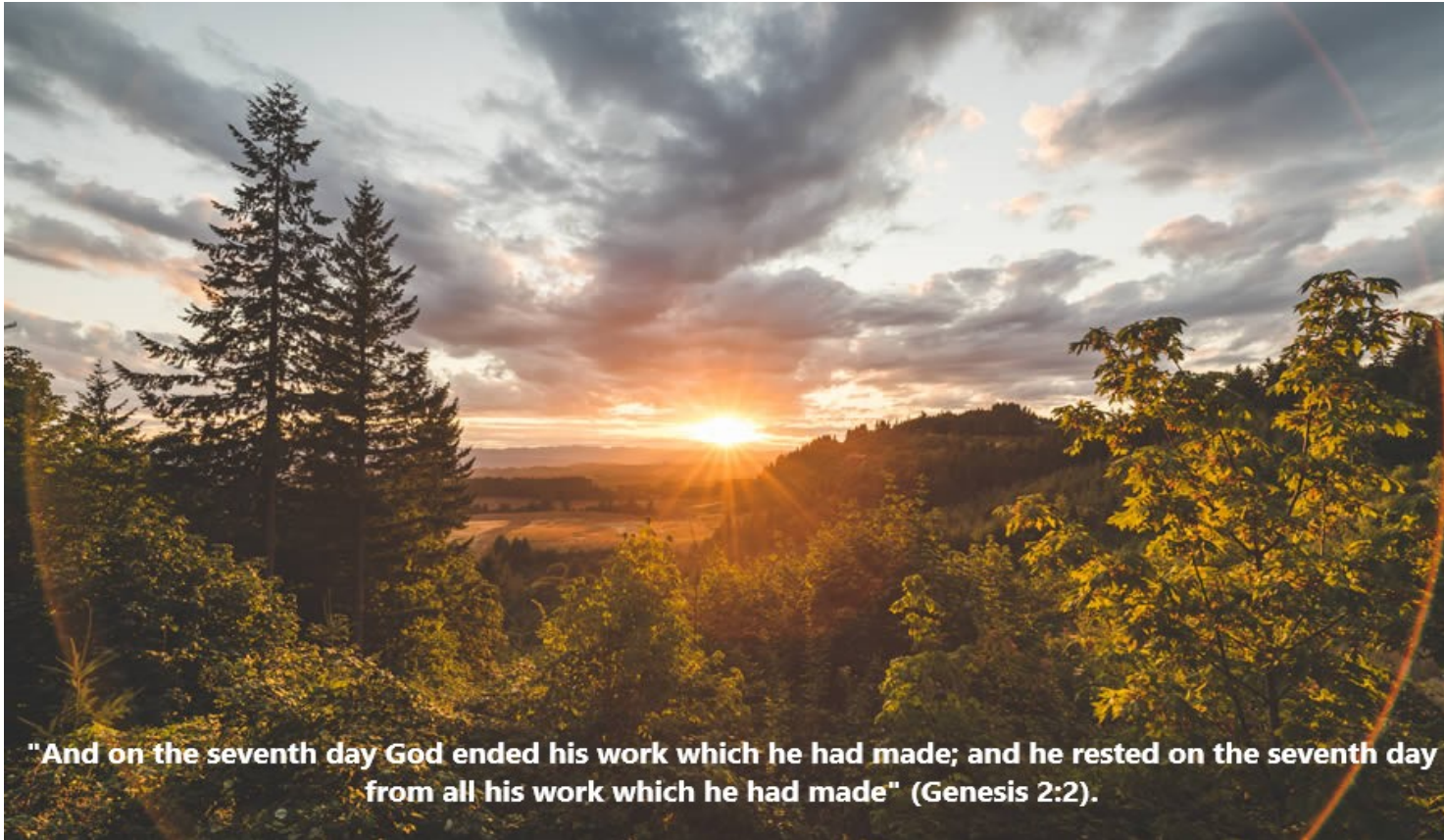
“And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and *God* saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the *third* day” (Genesis 1:12-13).

“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: And 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. And the evening and the morning were the *fourth* day” (Genesis 1:14, 16, & 19).

“And 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. And 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. And the evening and the morning were the *fifth* day” (Genesis 1:20-21, 23).

“And 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. So God created man in his own

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"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made" (Genesis 2:2).

image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them...And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the *sixth day*" (Genesis 1:26-27, 31).

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day *God* ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the *seventh day* from all his work which he had *made*" (Genesis 2:1-2).

**NOTE:** The length of time represented by '*days*' in *Genesis 1* has been a controversial issue among Christians. The Hebrew word for day is *yôm*. It has been argued that when used with a numerical figure, the pattern refers to normal time as we understand it.

Additionally, the reoccurring use of '*evening*' and '*morning*' suggests a literal 24-hour period. Others obviously disagree; nevertheless, this is not an issue that should divide believers.

Is the creation account in harmony with the rest of Scripture?

"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 20:11).

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“O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, thou dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: Thou hast *made* heaven and earth (Isaiah 37:16).

“By the word of the LORD were the heavens *made*; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth... Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For *he* spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:6, 8-9).

“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” (Hebrews 11:3).

### Did Jesus affirm the creation account?

“But from the beginning of the *creation* God made them male and female” (Mark 10:6).

“For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the *creation* which God created unto this time, neither shall be” (Mark 13:19).

### Does the Bible contradict science?

1) The Shape of the Earth: “It is he that sitteth upon

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the *circle* of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in” (Isaiah 40:22).

2) *Weight of air*: “To make the *weight* for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure” (Job 28:25).

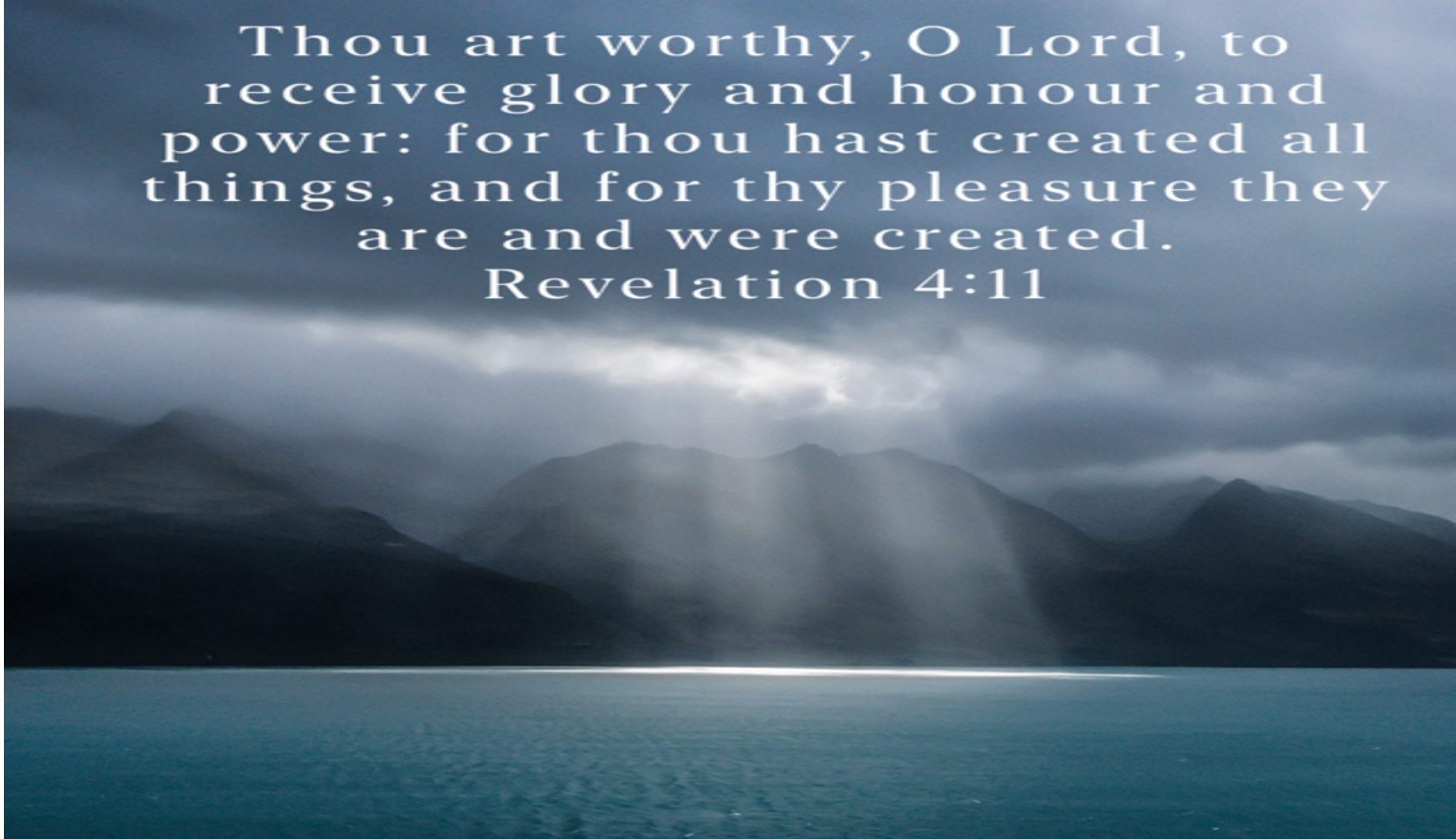
3) *The Orbit of The Sun*: “Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the *sun*, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his *circuit* unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof” (Psalm 19:4-6).

4) *Differences in Heavenly Objects*: “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star *differeth* from another star in glory” (1 Corinthians 15:41).

5) *Man from Dust*: “And 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” (Genesis 2:7).

6) *Different Kinds of Flesh*: “All 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” (1 Corinthians 15:39).

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Revelation 4:11

## Why did God create the world and mankind?

“What is *man*, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour” ([Psalm 8:4-5](#)).

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy *pleasure* they are and were created” ([Revelation 4:11](#)).

**NOTE:** Some Christians propose a worldview known as theistic evolution. This belief teaches God used evolution to bring about life on earth through natural processes; that is, all life evolved from and into various species. This worldview however is not compatible with the creation account of [Genesis](#). The collective testimony of Holy Scriptures declare,

“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” ([Hebrews 11:3](#)).

“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 1:8-9](#)).