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# THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF CREATION:

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.

**GENESIS 1:1**









**– MICHAEL DENTON (BIOCHEMIST,  
GENETICIST, AND AGNOSTIC)**

“Is it really credible that random processes could have constructed a reality, the smallest element of which – a functional protein or gene – is complex beyond our own creative capacities...”

**– MICHAEL DENTON (BIOCHEMIST,  
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“...a reality which is the very antithesis of chance, which excels in every sense anything produced by the intelligence of man?”

**- FRED HOYLE (CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY  
ASTRONOMER, MATHEMATICIAN, AND ATHEIST)**

“A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature...”

**– FRED HOYLE (CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY  
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“...The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question.”

**– ROBERT JASTROW (ASTRONOMER,  
PLANETARY PHYSICIST, AND AGNOSTIC)**

“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak...”

**– ROBERT JASTROW (ASTRONOMER,  
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“...as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**GENESIS 1:2**

3 Then God said...

**GENESIS 1:3-27**



# Notice:

- The high view of **God**
- The high view of **human beings**

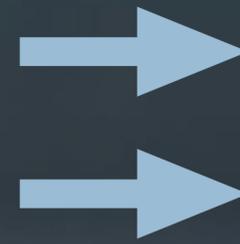
IS GENESIS 1  
POETRY OR HISTORY?

# FORM

# FULLNESS

**DAY 1**

Light (Day)  
Dark (Night)

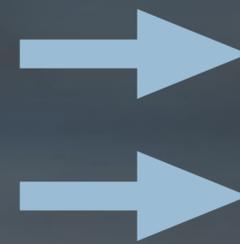


Sun  
Moon

**DAY 4**

**DAY 2**

Sea  
Air

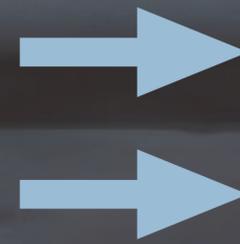


Fish  
Birds

**DAY 5**

**DAY 3**

Land  
Vegetation



Creatures  
Humans

**DAY 6**

# **Hugh Ross, *The Fingerprint of God***

1. Transformation of earth's atmosphere from opaque to translucent [Day 1]
2. Formation of a stable water cycle [Day 2]
3. Establishment of continent(s) and ocean(s) [Day 3]
4. Production of plants on the continents [Day 3]
5. Transformation of the atmosphere from translucent to transparent [Day 4]

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6. Production of small sea animals [Day 5]
7. Creation of sea mammals [Day 5]
8. Creation of birds [Day 5]
9. Making of land mammals [Day 6]
10. Creation of mankind [Day 6]

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# **When did this happen?**

- **Young Earth Creationists**
- **Old Earth Creationists**
- **Evolutionary Creationists**

**Here Is What We Know  
For Sure From Genesis:**

**– BADGER AND TENNESON,  
*CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON ORIGINS***

- The universe and everything in it had a beginning;
- Human history had a beginning;
- There is only one God, and He is Yahweh;
- God is personally and intimately involved in His creation;
- God considered the creation good;
- God created everything – including life – in the physical universe;
- God brought everything into existence for His own purposes;

- Humans (and only humans) are created in God's image.
- God created humans to live in loving relationship with Him and with each other;
- The first humans disobeyed God (sin), destroying our relationship with God;
- God punished humans for disbelieving and disobeying Him.
- The rest of Genesis – indeed, the rest of the Bible – reveals God's great desire for fellowship with humans to be restored.

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18, 20**

**<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18, 20**

**20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**

**21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

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