

# *Creation of Man and the Fall*



By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
And by the breath of His mouth call their host.  
He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;  
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.  
Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.  
For He spoke, and it was done;  
He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:6-9 (NASB)

Ever wonder how the universe came into existence? Others have! There are ancient creation stories that reveal men and women have always wanted to know. People today are still asking that question because we want to know where we came from and why we are here.

Most of us laugh at many of the ancient creation stories. Most of them assume that one or more gods existed, but from there the stories are very different. One of the stories comes from people who live in southern Mali. They believe that the world was created by Mangala. Mangala was a powerful being who was composed of a variety of things, including twins. One was female and one was male. Mangala took seeds from the twins and put them into an egg. Inside the egg the seeds grew into fish. One of the fish, named Pemba, became ambitious and aggressive. He eventually threw some of the womb's placenta down. That piece became the earth. The story continues with the creation of two tribes. One became farmers and the other was aristocratic.

In the Shinto religion, there are several creation stories. One of the stories teaches that the In and Yo initially formed an egg. As time went by, heaven and earth separated within the egg. The heavier and grosser part settled down, leaving the purer and clearer above. The heavier part eventually became the earth, and purer part became the heaven.

The Hindu religion has a creation story which teaches that Indra, king of the gods, and Vishnu, god of rain, created heaven from earth when the sun rose from the navel of the earth and a pillar was erected.

Another story cannot explain how anything came into existence, but says that once “something” exploded and the universe was formed. Within that universe balls of gas and debris raced into the blackness and became rock, water, and something began to grow in the slime. Eventually, a living sea creature came into existence in the water. One day it crawled upon the earth and became different animals and eventually a man and woman. That myth says that we became animals by random chance. They claim that this occurred over billions of years, but there is no proof. That is their creation myth.

**IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED.** The Bible does not describe such fanciful stories of the beginning of the universe of our world. The first verse of the book of Genesis is simple. It says that God exists and He created everything.

### **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NASB)**

With the existence of an all-powerful God, the verse is logical and what follows is rational. Genesis 1 says that God created the universe and the world in six days. The Hebrew word for “day,” *yohm*, in the chapter refers to a twenty-four hour day (see “Six Days or Billions of Years?”). This helps us understand that God created the universe in six twenty-four hour days. Instead, God created the universe suddenly and with maturity. The trees, shrubs, flowers, grass, and the animals were full-grown. This is called “Sudden Creationism.”

Now answer these questions and discover what God did.

1. How did God design the earth according to Job 26:7?  
**God hung the earth in space on nothing.**
2. What shape did God give to the earth according to Isaiah 40:22?  
**God created the earth in a circle or sphere.**
3. What does Job 9:5-11 reveal about God and what He did?  
**God does great things. He made the heavens and the constellations.**

## **Six Days or Billions of Years?**

The word “day” in the Hebrew language is *yohm*. When *yohm* appears with an ordinal number, it refers to a twenty-four hour period. An ordinal number is one, two, three, and so forth. Repeatedly we are told that God created on the first “day,” the second “day,” the third “day,” to the six “day.” That means each day is a twenty-four day. Repeatedly, we are told that each day is an “evening and morning” in Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 31. This reveals the earth was rotating in the normal solar rotation every day. This again reveals each day was a twenty-four hour day. That is, God created the earth in six twenty-four hour days. For more information about the meaning of *yohm*, visit “[When were dinosaurs created?](#)” at NeverThirsty.org.

## As A Matter of Fact

It's too easy, with the benefit of modernity, hindsight, and all that, to regard science as the most fearless, objective, apolitical, democratic, and open-minded of human endeavors - the seeker of truth. Never mind anything by divine right . . .

Throughout the 16th century, as it gradually dawned on everybody that Columbus hadn't, after all, hit some island off Japan or India (where he was headed at the time) but that he had in fact come across an entirely new continent, everything epistemological hit the fan. For a comfortable 2,000 years, life, the universe, and everything had been what Aristotle . . . said it would be . . . So what was [America] doing there?

Things got rapidly worse in the first decades of the 17th century, as people like Galileo started seeing other centers of attraction, such as Jupiter circled by its moons. To compound the felony, sailors started coming back across the Atlantic to Europe with hundreds of new American animal and plant species that were not described in Aristotle's list . . .

In the desperate search for some way to bail out the sinking ship or shut the stable door, a couple of quick thinkers came up with some solutions. One was a French engineer named Rene Descartes who . . . suggested that the only way to find truth was to go on doubting until you stripped away all dubious elements so as to arrive at a point where what remained was so self-evident that it was beyond doubt. That would be truth.

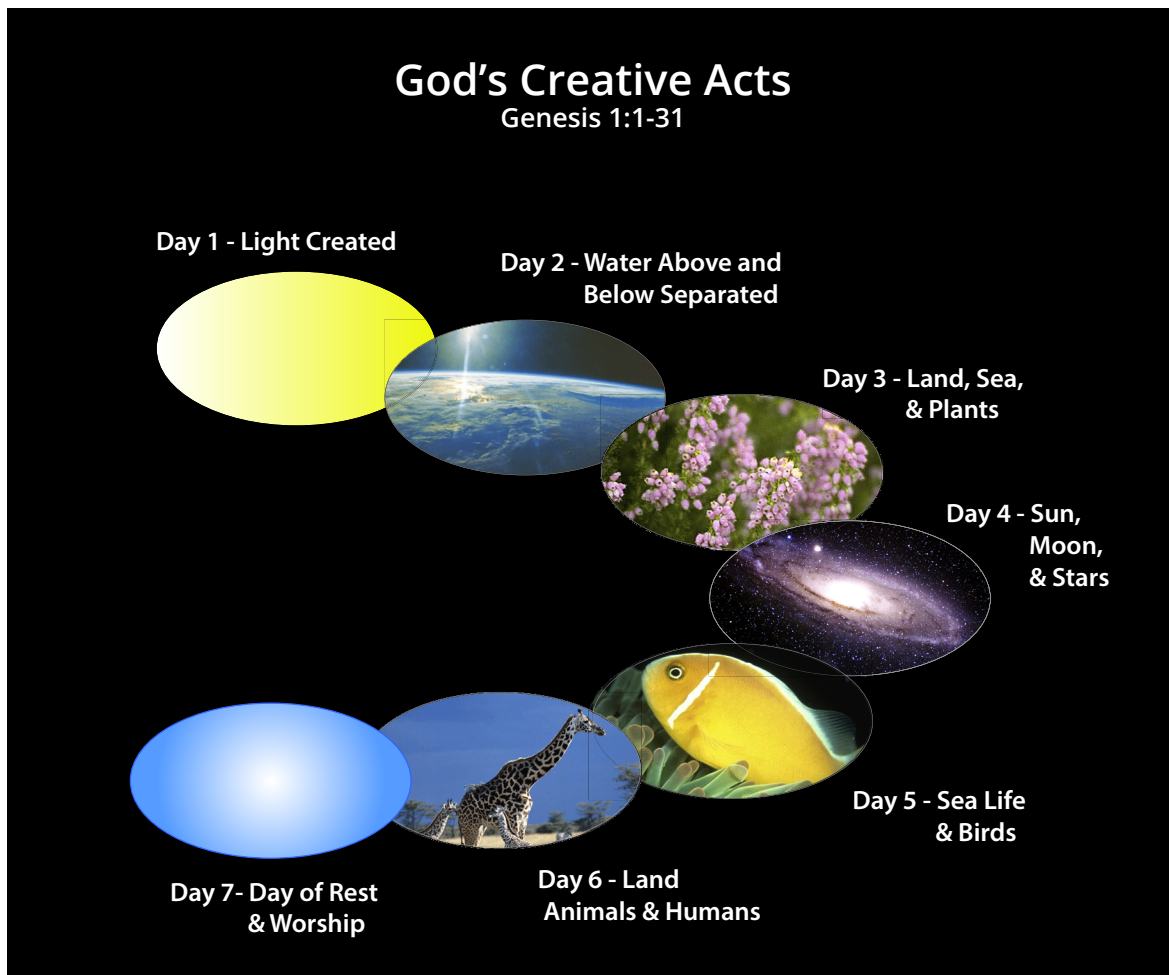
The other guy, an English legal eagle by the name of Francis Bacon, opted for correlation and analysis as a means of certainty. Amass enough evidence and you were halfway there. His admirers then came up with a Royal Society for doing this stuff, with correspondents all over the place sending in cards and letters filled with their observations. The Royal Society motto, "Take Nobody's Word for It," generated a procedure for making sure other people were seeing what you were seeing, known as "witnessing." If enough people agreed they were all witnessing the same thing, then it was a "matter of fact."

In the late 19th century, at the University of Nancy, France, the recent discovery of X-rays convinced people that other rays should be there too. Sure enough, once some guy demonstrated N rays (named after the town), they became a hot ticket to a Ph.D. And, no doubt, somebody got a degree, in N-ray studies. Then one day some American, who hadn't heard about these rays, said the truth was he couldn't see them. Sure enough, when everybody looked closer, nor could they. Collapse of theory.

This kind of collapse riddles the history of the so-called truth finding sciences. Here's a list of the greatest hits of scientific theory collapse. For centuries it was known that disease came from miasma, a foul air emanating from marshes and putrescent materials and such creepy stuff . . . Until 1884, when Louis Pasteur discovered germs. For centuries electricity was a fluid . . . until 1820. It was a well-known fact rotten apples spontaneously generated little worms and grubs found inside them . . . until 1767. The atom was indivisible . . . until 1877 . . . Light was particles until 1801, when it became waves; until 1905, when it became particles again; until 1924, when it became both. And my all time favorite, the one that really makes my point: Space and time were absolutes until 1886, when Ernt Mach introduced the insidious concept of relativity and set the stage for Einstein.

In the end, the can of worms Columbus opened with his trip to India is this: There is no truth to find. Truth is what you want it to be . . . (James Burke, "As A Matter of Fact," Forbes ASAP, October 2, 2000).

Thomas Henry Huxley stated, "The great tragedy of science is the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact." The point of the article is that the theories of science are constantly changing. Only God knows absolute truth.



4. On what days did God create the world's land and sea and the stars and suns of the universe (Genesis 1:1-31)?

Days 1-4

5. On what days did God create the animals that live on the sea, in the air, and on the land (Genesis 1:1-31)?

Days 5-6

6. On what day did God create man (Genesis 1:1-31)?

Day 6

7. What does the creation reveal according to Psalm 19:1 and Romans 1:20?

The creation reveals:

- 1) The glory of God.
- 2) God's invisible attributes, eternal power, and that He is God.

8. How should we respond to what we see and learn about the creation (Romans 1:21-23)?

We should understand that God exists!

**CREATION OF MAN.** We have learned how God created the universe and our world. He created everything that exists in the universe. Now let's discover what God did when He created Adam and Eve. How did God create men and women (Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; 1 Corinthians 11:7; James 3:9)?

**God created Adam and Eve in His image or likeness.**

To say that Adam was made in the image of God means that he 1) had intellect, 2) had emotion, 3) was able to have a relationship with God and others, and 4) could perform many different tasks. Isaiah 43:7 says that God made us for His glory. Now let's answer these questions so that we can discover what Scripture teaches about men and women.

1. Now draw a line between the following characteristics and the correct verse. You will discover how people and God are alike.

Man Is In The Image of God	Scripture Passage
Man should love because God loves.	John 7:17 and Isaiah 14:24.
Man has an intellect and so does God.	John 21:17 and 2 Corinthians 13:11.
Man makes choices and decisions as God does.	Isaiah 1:18
Man can perform work.	Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 2:15

2. What does Hebrews 4:12 reveal about people?

**Man has a body and spirit/soul.**

3. What was man like when he was created, according to Ecclesiastes 7:29?

**Adam and Eve were made upright. It is best to say they were without sin. This does not mean they were holy.**

When God created mankind He made them like Himself in many ways. He created the ultimate in masterpieces. That helps us understand why we were so marvelously created. As a result, King David wrote this psalm.

For you formed my inward parts;  
 You knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 Wonderful are your works;  
 My soul knows it very well.  
 My frame was not hidden from you,  
 When I was being made in secret,  
 Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

In your book were written, every one of them,  
The days that were formed for me,  
When as yet there was none of them.  
Psalm 139:13-16 (NASB)

**THE FALL OF MAN.** Sometime after Adam was created, God warned Adam that if he ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he would die. What did God tell Adam in Genesis 2:16-17?

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

This was a test of Adam’s commitment to God. Just as in any family or friendship, one’s faithfulness to another is always the real test of one’s love in a relationship. Jesus told His disciples, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Jesus’ statement reveals that people who are committed to a relationship will love one another. God was already committed to Adam because He loved Adam and Eve. 1 John 4:8 and 16 says that God is love. This implies commitment and faithfulness. But in Genesis 3, we discover that Satan was able to motivate Eve to doubt God. He motivated Eve to doubt that God really loved her. How did Satan motivate Eve to disobey God, according to Genesis 3:1-5? There are at least two answers.

- 1) Satan lied about what God said (v. 1, 4).
- 2) He implied that God did not want Eve to know good from evil.
- 3) He implied that knowing good and evil would be like a special gift that would be beneficial to experience.

Genesis 3:6 tells us that Eve disobeyed God by eating of the fruit. We do not know what kind of fruit she ate, since scripture never tells us - that is not important. The most important information is that Satan was successful and Eve disobeyed God.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. Genesis 3:6-7 (NASB)

What does 1 Timothy 2:14 reveal about Eve and Adam when they ate of the fruit?

Eve was deceived by Satan. Adam knew what he was doing when he ate the fruit.

When Adam ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, sin entered the entire creation and the human race. Romans 8:20-22 tells us that the creation was also corrupted when Adam sinned. This is called “The Fall.

1. How many people sin and will die because Adam sinned according to Romans 5:12?  
All or everyone.



2. What is sin according to Romans 5:19 and 1 John 3:4?

**Disobedience or lawlessness.**

3. Romans 5:19 says that when Adam sinned we became sinners. What is the proof that we are also sinners (Romans 3:23)?

**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

4. What does Psalm 14:3 and Romans 3:9-12 reveal about man?

**No one does good, not even one!**

5. Write down at least twelve sins that are mentioned in Romans 1:28-31; Galatians 5:19-21, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

6. Because we sin, what do we deserve according to Romans 6:23?

**Death — physical and spiritual.**

**OUR CONDITION.** God is very clear in the scriptures that we are sinners. Some folks consider themselves to be good people who sometimes make mistakes. However God has a different view. There is an old statement that says we are sinners because we sin. The truth is we sin because we are sinners. We are not good people who happen to sin. We sin because we are unholy people. We are born sinners. The following questions will help us understand this truth better.

1. How were we born, according to Psalm 51:5?

**Everyone is born a sinner.**

2. At the moment of birth, what are we like according to Ephesians 2:1-3?

**We are born spiritually dead.**

**Then we live like we are dead, by living according to the lusts of our flesh.**

3. If you say you do not sin, what are you according to 1 John 1:8, 10?

**A liar. As a result, the person is self-deceived.**

4. Can we blame someone else for our sins according to James 1:13-16? Why do we sin?

**No! We choose to sin.**

5. When we sin, whom do we offend, according to Ephesians 4:30 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19?  
**We offend God.**

## Things To Ponder

1. Please write a definition of sin.
2. Have you ever committed murder, according to Matthew 5:21-22?
3. Do you consider yourself to be a sinner? Why?
4. Which sins have you committed in the list given in Galatians 5:19-21?
5. How can we have our sins forgiven according to Mark 2:7; Luke 24:45-47 and Acts 13:38-39?  
**Ask God to forgive me! Christ died in order to forgive our sins.**
6. What happens when you believe in and trust Jesus to forgive your sins (Romans 5:1)?  
**God will not condemn you for any sin that you have committed or will commit.**
7. 1 John 1:1-3 says that something wonderful occurs in our relationship with God when we believe in Jesus. What is it?  
**We have a relationship with God.**
8. Would you like to have your sins forgiven?



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**Answer true (T) or false (F) to each of the following statements:**

1. The earth and all living things were created by God over millions of years. F
2. Man was made on the sixth day according to Genesis 1. T
3. Adam and Eve were both made out of dust. F
4. Sin entered the world because Adam sinned. T
5. Sin is breaking any of God's standards. T
6. We sin because we are sinners. T
7. We sin because we choose to do so. T
8. Because of our sins, we deserve to die both spiritually and physically. T
9. Sin has resulted in conflict between spouses, parents and children, and within society. T
10. Adam and Eve were created without sin. That was God's original design. T
11. Adam violated his relationship with God by being unfaithful to Him. T