**Genesis 1 Creation**

*1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*

Such a simple sentence, but so full of meaning. First of all; to all my atheistic/science friends. This whole chapter will actually blow up some of your anti Biblical world views, If you are honest.
For example: Here is some hard science for you: Albert Einstein discovered and proved that the space time continuum is finite, it has an end and it had a beginning, both spatially and in time. And BINGO! Your theory of Big Bang does not acknowledge that, in fact the theory of Big Bang basically makes this statement (of course without meaning to) In the Beginning there was nothing and it Blew Up! Well the surprise here is that we of the Biblical persuasion are more in line with reality, because we believe that God existed before or actually outside of time, so In the Beginning God created

OK it gets better. The word create in Hebrew is "bara" which means absolute creation, or God created the universe out of nothing, just like Einstein said.

And one last gem in verse 1, the word God here is the Hebrew Elohim, which is a plural word for God ,it could also mean gods, or even angels, but when we see the Shema prayer of Israel in
Deuteronomy 6: 4 “Hear, O Israel: [b]The Lord our God, the Lord is one! This is the prayer where the Jew is stating that there is one God, well the word is also Elohim, which in effect would then mean "Hear O Israel, the Lord our Plural God is one" Sounds like pretty good evidence of the Holy Trinity.

 *2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness [a]was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light,that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. [b]So the evening and the morning were the first day.*

So lets see, here we have the Spirit and the Word, so I want you to see how this ties in with

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

So it says in Genesis 1:3 that God said and then it was. So putting it together,, The Holy Spirit is there and then The Father is there speaking and then Jesus is the words spoken, and that is the creative force, like it says in John 1:3 ALL things were made by him..

So we have the trinity right here in the beginning creating everything. I know that the septic will say how we can have light before we have the sun and stars. Well we cannot in the physical realm, but in the spiritual realm, well in

Revelation 21:23
The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

*6 Then God said, “Let there be a ]firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” 7 Thus 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. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day*.

Interesting few verses, that puts water in the sky between the ocean and space. hm, well one answer is as simple as saying its the atmosphere, But I like the water canopy theory better, In case you have not heard of it, the idea is that there was once a canopy or misty area of water at the bottom of the ionosphere, I think more on that later, However, just so you know, it is just a theory but explains how we have tropical vegetation that would have been enough for the dinosaurs to feed on, if the earth were actually like a greenhouse.. and it also helps explain the Biblical view of longevity before the flood. (Because it May have shielded some of the radiation) Just a notion, but the best part is coming, so do not get caught up in that too much yet.

*9 Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
11 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.*

Lets start to note two phrases here, "according to its kind" and the evening and the morning"

*14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great [d]lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.*

God made...so remember the cord created "bara" means out of nothing. This word "awah" means to make out of what is there, to put together. So in effect..In the beginning God created the atoms that form the universe (the space time contuniuum) and then after that eveything else he put together out of atoms...Who knew that the Bible actually fits into reality!!

*17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*

Sun and Stars and moon. I know that the order might confuse compared to modern science, but right now I want to focus on something else. "The evening and morning were the fourth day"

20 Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living [e]creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the [f]firmament of the heavens.” 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

OK now lets address one of these phrases "according to its kind", each living thing from plants to all animals produce according to their kind, that is what Genesis 1 tells us.
Hmm, so is there anything in science that causes life to produce according to its kind, kind of like a built in code, wait a minute I know DNA. SO DNA IS RIGHT HERE IN GENESIS, WAY WAY BEFORE SCIENCE KNEW. of course it does not take a genius to see that a monkey mom will produce a monkey offspring. I guess it takes some kind of fool to believe that a monkey mom can produce a human ....No DNA locks it all in so that like kind produces like kind, and the craziest thing is that after all these years (over 150) THERE ARE STILL NO FOSSILS OF ANY KIND OF TRANSITION ANIMALS!! So Genesis in effect disproves Macro evolution, of course we all believe in adaptation, micro evolution, but it is amazing to me how clear and simple God's word is, yet how many will refuse it.

24 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Create them in OUR image. Once again we have a multiple Triune God. Yet God is one. Ok math question: I know my Mormon friends will say 1+1+1=3. So they say. No Triune God but since all 3 are God it’s really 1x1x1=1.
And are we really the image of God. It is not the physical mirror image. It’s more like the attributes God gave us. Examples; the ability to love, and the ability to create things. And also I think it’s because we have an eternal soul.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [h]moves on the earth.”

29 And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is [i]life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

So the second phrase we see throughout this chapter, evening and morning were the .....day.
This obviously means that each day was a day, evening and morning, not a thousand year or million year day, but pretty sure it was a 24 hour day, or close to it. Because if it takes millions of years for the earth to rotate life could not exist on earth

I do not have time to explain how we decide how old the earth is, not right here in this post, But I will tell you that my Bible says its between 6 and 7 thousand years old!! The world Billions.

Stay tuned

**Genesis 2**

**The Garden of Eden**
*2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

Sabbath day: God here institutes the day of rest. Of course He did not stop being God. But He stopped the creation of the universe. God does not need to rest, but He wants us to be able to rest. That is why He gave us the Sabbath. It was not so that we could have a rule to follow, it was so that we could have an example. Take a day off to rest. "even God took a day off" is one of the things I tell folks.
A bit more about the Sabbath; it means rest. Initially it was the 7th day, which is Saturday. For my Adventist friends, God never changed the day. The New Testament Church in Jerusalem met on Saturday then again they met on Sunday, which is the Lord's Day. He was ressurected on a Sunday. But at any rate we have scripture which you would think would relax those that insist on only honoring Saturday.
Romans 14:5 5 "One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind." Jesus completed all previous requirements! Now let each man be convinced in his own mind. Its not a requirement, but I think a strong suggestionn, one should take at least one day a week to rest...Not a salvation issue

*4 This is the [a]history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.
7 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 being*.

It is a fact that we are made up of the same minerals as the earth. Of course the evolutionists believe its because we literally evolved out of rock/earth. Well they are right in a sense, but it only took the flash of a moment, not millions (billions?) of years. The God breathed life into Adam. The breath of life. Have you ever been in a room when someone dies? I have, and it was so quiet, we all heard that last exhale, kind of the opposite of what happened here. But thansk be to Jesus. both of those times I am pretty they went to be with Jesus at that time.

Jesus breathed on the disciples in
John 20:22 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.
This is also the breath of life, available to all believers!!

*8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the* *knowledge of good and evil.
10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel;[b] it is the one which goes toward the east of [c]Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.*

We do not know where the Garden was, we had a world wide flood that removed 2 of the 4 rivers, and we have no idea these are even the same Euphrates River?

*15 Then the LORD God took [d]the man and put him in the garden of Eden to [e]tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 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[f] shall surely die.”*

God only gave them ONE rule.

*18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to [g]Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.*

So God gives Adam the task of naming the animals, humans are to take care of animals. But an even bigger truth would dawn on Adam. How come all these have a mate? So God of couscous this all part of His plan.

*21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He [h]made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*

So note: woman came from man's side, to be his partner; not from his foot to be his servant, and not from his head to be his ruler.
And to the silly argument that therefor men should have one more rib than women. Adam was created with the full set, so his children would also be born that way. Remember DNA.

*23 And Adam said:
“This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called [i]Woman,
Because she was taken out of [j]Man.”
24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be[k] joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

OK so he was so amazed he said "WOAH !! MAN!!"

The two shall become one. this is not merely about sex. though of course that is a p art of it. its about How God created marriage so that the man and the woman may become one; physically and spiritually. Though anyone can with another physically it is ONLY through the honored marriage bed that it is truly they become ONE! Thank God for that Amen?

And before we became sinful nakedness was truly nothing to be ashamed of..........

**Genesis 3: The fall of mankind, and further explanations of the reality of the universe...........**

*3" Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”*

So here is where we start to lose the skeptic, I mean really a serpent spoke? And Eve just calmly answers.
First of all, lets get this straight. If we believe in a God that can speak the universe into existence (believers should believe that) than anything else is easy. if God wants to make a snake talk, or a donkey, or if he wants to stop the sun. Any of it, is actually logical if you believe in this God of the Bible.
We do not know if the animals perhaps had more intelligence before the fall, I doubt it, but at any rate Eve being so new to all of this creation, would not be surprised by much.
And why a serpent (snake). Well for one thing, there is nothing to lead us to believe that this was a fable, it was a real snake.
The snake is also being used by Satan himself. Possessed or used by Satan the results are the same. And of course the first attack Satan used against mankind was an attack on God's word. "Has God indeed said?" This is why the first chapter of Genesis is so important, if God did not really create the universe out of nothing in 6 literal days, then the rest of scripture is not trustworthy. And so it was in the 19th century when the Bible version that was trusted for hundreds of years began to be questioned (look for my posts on History of the Bible) The idea was not so much to change the Bible, we still have 93% agreement. No the idea was and always is to put doubt in the minds of believers. And if we start to cave on this, we soon will have (like the serpent) no leg to stand on.

*2" And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’* ”

So the woman is adding to God's word, God did not say not to touch it. There is a warning in
Revelation 22:18
"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;"

*4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

The enemy is so cunning, he puts a little truth in his lies. It is true that when they eat of the fruit they will then know of evil, and then they will know of good. But the lie; they will not be like God. Only the likeness of God, like we already said yesterday. some of the abilities we have are a likeness to God; the ability to love and create, for example.

*6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was [a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves [b]coverings.*

From the narrative we can surmise that Adam was there the whole time. So why did he not intervene to stop this? It is said that Eve was tricked but that Adam entered into this eyes wide open. Perhaps that is true, but if both were there, I think both were tricked, but as the con men say, you cannot con an honest man, its only the promise of some ill gotten gain that opens the person up to some unearned benefit.
So they both disobeyed the one command from the Lord.
And immediately they were aware of something, that before was perfectly fine, their nakedness. Its like with their new natural sin eyes (mind) they now perceive what was once good to now be sinful.
I can almost here the naturalists out there, how can this be good? But the idea here is that now, they had to hide this from the world, Not from each other, God says that the marriage bed is not defiled.

*8 And they heard the [c]sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the [d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

So now they think they can hide from God. I thought I could do that for many, many, years, but God knows everything you do, or think. But do not be worried, He loves you and has a good plan for you, if you will only receive it.

*9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”*

*10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”*

*11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”*

*12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”*

Typical guy, blame the wife. Wow, that is wrong on so many levels. First Adam did not protect her from the snake, then he throws her under the bus.

*13 And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”*

*The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

And of course the woman also passes the buck, or the fruit i should say. Of course this is our human nature, how often we blame others for our own mistakes. Well its not my fault, that persons actions drove me to drink, or made me so angry. there is a good one "YOU made me so mad!" Take responsibility for your actions, its a good step towards the Lord.

*14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:*

*“Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.*

The first part here is an actual curse on the snake. yes we are to believe that they once had feet. And yes it does not seem fair to the animal. I have actually had some issue with this over the years. My friend at Answers in Genesis have some good insight on this. Bottom line, God is righteous, and his judgements are right. But also know that the snake will symbolize sin and Satan until the end of times, thus being a help for us to remember.

*15
And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”*

This curse is for Satan himself. Satan is the enemy of the Seed of the woman.
Here is a cool nugget THE WORD SEED IS SINGULAR, SO IT CANNOT REFER TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, IT REFERS TO ONE PERSON. AND OF COURSE WOMEN DO NOT HAVE SEEDS MEN DO, THE ONLY TIME THAT EVER HAPPENED WAS THE CONCEPTION AND BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST!!
Jesus bruised the head of Satan on the cross, he destroyed Satan's grip on us. Death was defeated, and Satan bruised his heel at the cross. Interesting that to bruise means to crush in Hebrew "shûwph". When you crush a head you cause death, when you crush the heel, not so much. So we see that Satan's defeat is permanent, where as the death of Christ on the cross was not, only the effects of that death were
HERE WE HAVE THE FIRST MESSIANIC PROPHECY, God already had a plan.

*16 To the woman He said:*

*“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire shall be [e]for your husband,
And he shall rule over you.”*

So child birth is gonna be painful. And the second part means the the wife will desire to be the ruler, but that the man will ultimately rule the house. OK that is gonna stir it up. I can tell you later we find out that the man is gonna have to lay his life down for her, if that helps, I will also tell you this does not mean abuse. It really is partnership, but tell me you have not seen a woman and man struggle about this issue?

*17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:*

*“Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.
18
Both thorns and thistles it shall [f]bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
19
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are,
And to dust you shall return.”*

Man is to work. By the sweat of the brow we fight the very land for food. The earth is also cursed. pretty much everything begins to fall apart. ONCE AGAIN THE BIBLE AGREES WITH SCIENCE HERE, Its called Entropy, the second law of thermodynamics. It pretty much means that everything falls apart when left alone. You know like things get old and rust and such. It is actually in line with the universe as it is. That why things appear to be winding down. You may not know this but the speed of light is actually slowing down (measurably) the rate of decay of carbon 14 is actually increasing (measurably) because things are getting worse, one day it will all end. Once again the universe had a beginning and an end. This pretty much flies in the face of evolution, because mutations can only destroy information. not add to it.
ITS ALMOST LIKE THERE IS A CREATOR THAT HAS A MIND THAT IS LOGICAL AND THEREFORE HIS CREATION IS LOGICAL, THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE VIEW OF THE UNIVERSE..

*20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve,[g] because she was the mother of all living.*

*21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

*God here killed animals to make clothes for them. I love animals, but they are for our use. Granted we should make sure they are not abused, beaten, and such. But ultimately its about the humans. Sorry to PETA*

*22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.*

God put them out and forever He has hidden the tree of life, because it would be eternally horrible for someone to live forever with that sin nature. Talk about living dead!

i know that many will question how this is fair, how can God judge me because of what happened thousands of years ago. Well he does not, believe me we are plenty good at sinning. But I guess in a way you can say "I was born this way" wit a nature to sin; the thing is that God has given you a way out of this. So that you can choose not to sin. But this can only happen after you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, realizing and then asking for forgiveness for all the things you have ever done wrong (sin)
May you find Him now