

Days of Creation - Genesis 1

Yom - “day” Can be used figuratively or literally. Context determines the meaning.

translated as “time” ~ 65 times

translated as “day” ~1200 times

Yamin (plural) translated as “days” ~ 700 times

Period of light = “day” Genesis 1:5

Period of light & dark (morning & evening) = “day” Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31

Day 1 (1-5)	Heavens & Earth; Light;
Day 2 (6-8)	Expanse between waters;
Day 3 (9-13)	Waters gathered, land appears; vegetation, seed plants, fruit trees
Day 4 (14-19)	Sun to govern day; Moon to govern night; Stars
Day 5 (20-23)	Living creatures in the water; Every winged bird
Day 6 (24-31)	Living creatures on the earth: cattle, creeping things & beasts Man in God’s image to rule the Earth Plants designated as food
Day 7 (2:1-3)	God rested

Ten Different Interpretations of Genesis 1

- LITERAL:** A Six, 24 hour day Creation
- GAP, RECONSTRUCTION, Re-Creation or Pre-world:**
A gap exists between Genesis 1:1 & 1:2 or 2:3 & 2:4. Original creation destroyed and world re-created.
- PROGRESSIVE CREATION or EVOLUTION:**
Evolution is helped along by creative acts of God.
- DAY-AGE THEORY:**
Each day of Genesis 1 is an undetermined length of time.
- THEISTIC EVOLUTION:**
“God’s method of creation is evolution.”
- Day of Revelation or FRAMEWORK HYPOTHESIS**
Each Genesis 1 day gives an idea of the framework of creation, but the account is not literal.
- Pictorial or Allegorical**
- Literary**
- Poetical**
- Mythological**

ORDER OF CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

<u>EVOLUTION</u>	<u>CREATION</u>
Matter Eternal	God Eternal
Sun & Stars before Earth	Earth before Sun & Stars
Land before Oceans	Oceans before Land
Sun; Earth's first light	Light before Sun
Contiguous Atmosphere & Hydrosphere	Atmosphere between two Hydrospheres
Marine Organisms First Life	Land Plants First Life
Fish before Fruit Trees	Fruit Trees before Fish
Insects & Reptiles before Birds	Birds before "Creeping Things"
Sun before Land Plants	Land Plants before Sun
Women before Men (genetics)	Men before Women
Rain before Man	Man before Rain

Comparing Creation & Evolution

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Evolution</i>
	Method
Out of nothing	Primeval atmosphere of gases and water.
Work of God's hand	Condensation of protoplasm
By the Word - Jesus Christ	Positive Mutations
God intervenes - Miracles	Natural selection
	Time
Began thousands of years ago	Began billions of years ago
Six days for entire creation	Millions of years for each step
	Order
Grass & Trees	Sun & Moon
Sun & Moon	Droplets of chemicals
Water Creatures & Birds	One celled organisms
Cattle, beasts & creeping things	Multi-celled organisms
Man	"Tree of life" complex organisms
Orderly planned occurrence	Chance occurrence
	Continuity
One original creation, God rests	Species gradually appear
Laws of genetics allow variation within basic kinds	Mutations & genetics produce new species
Natural selection removes the weak & abnormal.	Natural selection chooses healthy & "good" mutants
Speciation a genetic decrease	Speciation a genetic increase
	Purpose
To declare the glory of God	No foreordained future
To express the love of god to and through man	No goal except survival
A creation for man to have dominion over.	Man is merely the latest stage of evolution

ASPECTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC MODELS OF CREATION & EVOLUTION

The CREATION MODEL includes the scientific evidence and related inferences suggesting:

- *The Universe & solar system were suddenly created
- *Life was suddenly created
- *All present living kinds of animals & plants have remained fixed since creation, other than extinctions. Genetic variation in originally created kinds has only occurred within narrow limits.
- *Man & apes have a separate ancestry
- *Earth's geologic features were fashioned largely by rapid; catastrophic processes that affected the earth on a global and regional scale (Catastrophism)
- *Inception of the earth and of all living kinds may have been relatively recent

EVOLUTION MODEL includes the scientific evidence and related inferences suggesting:

- *Universe & solar system emerged by naturalistic processes.
- *Life emerged from non-life by naturalistic processes
- *All present life emerged from simpler, earlier life forms, so that single-celled life evolved into invertebrates, then vertebrates, then amphibians, then reptiles, then mammals, then primates, then man.
- *Man & apes have a common ancestry
- *Earth's geologic features were fashioned largely by slow, gradual processes with infrequent catastrophic events restricted to a local scale (uniformitarianism)
- *Inception of earth & then of all living kinds must have occurred several billion years ago.