








The Biblical Account of Creation

						
God "formed" the earth.			God "filled" the earth.			God rested.
Genesis 1:1-5	Genesis 1:6-8	Genesis 1:9-13	Genesis 1:14-19	Genesis 1:20-23	Genesis 1:24-31	Genesis 2:1-3
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<p>God created the "heavens" (plural) and the earth. The account then turns from the heavens and focuses on the earth. On this day, God created angels and the "heaven" or spirit realm in which they dwelt. Job 38:7 speaks of the "sons of God", the term used for angels (See Gen. 6:1-4), praising God as He lays the foundations of the earth.</p> <p>The Hebrew word for <i>heaven</i> can denote the visible sky, outer space, or the place where God dwells. As heaven is plural in verse 1 and God created the visible sky and atmosphere on the second day, it may be that space and the home for the angels was completed in vs. 1.</p>	<p>God separated water from water in that he created the space between the earth and sky. Some Christian scientists speculate that the earth in which Adam was placed had a thick protective water canopy over it. It did not rain according to Gen. 2:5 but a mist watered the earth. This water canopy is what was released to create the flood of Genesis 7. After the loss of this canopy, man's life span may have been naturally reduced because he is more susceptible to the sun's harmful rays which were previously filtered by the water canopy.</p>	<p>It doesn't appear that the trees and other plants "appeared" instantly, but God created them and caused them to grow from seed quickly enough to be formed in a day. Like the re-creation that the Holy Spirit performs in the believer, He caused new growth in our lives after "hovering" over the chaos and dark waters of our hearts and "forming" in us usable ground that may become fruitful to Himself.</p>	<p>God so ordered the stars, planets, and other heavenly bodies that they work and move in precision to determine seasons and years. God did not randomly scatter them into the heavens.</p>	<p>In Genesis 1:22 God commanded the creatures to procreate and spread out throughout the earth. We can look at nature today and see that even the ignorant beast continue to obey their Creator despite being effected by the curse.</p>	<p>The Hebrew for "created" is <i>bara</i>. It is used 6 times in the first chapter of Genesis and is a special word used only in reference to God. 3 of those 6 usages are in vs. 27 when God created man. Mankind is the pinnacle of God's creation and we are His only image-bearers. It is sad that only this portion of creation, outside of the fallen angels, rebelled against our Creator.</p> <p>Fortunately this rebellion was part of the Creator's plan in the eternal covenant of salvation and 2 chapters later in 3:15 God declared that the Savior would come. Once again God would say "Let there be Light."</p>	<p>Based on vs. 31, God saw "all" of His creation and that "all" of it was good, I believe that the fall of Satan and his demons occurred in the period of time between Ch. 2:3 and Ch. 3:1.</p>