

INFINITE DEPTH: *REVISITING CLASSICS FROM GENESIS*

GENESIS 1

Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. 6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. 9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Question 1 – Why do so many Americans accept the myth of Evolutionary Darwinism without giving it much thought? Why would the Evolutionist chafe when Creationists explain the Earth's origin using the Bible?

Even famous and brilliant atheist scientist Stephen Hawking concludes the world had a beginning. Gen 1:1 “In the beginning God.... He always was. What comfort can you claim that your God is eternal?

Question 2- Find in Psalm 33 evidence that author understood that Genesis 1 was fact. Share your insights. Recall a time when Jesus himself put his stamp of approval on the Creation account. Mark 10:6 and 13:19

Question 3 –. Read John 20:31. How does the fact that the Bible was written for a specific purpose help you accept Moses historical account as the truth. Also check Luke 1:1-4.

Question 4 – Many Christians denominations, including Catholicism, teach that the words of Genesis 1 are myth. They use 1 Peter 3:8 to substantiate their “Old Earth” teachings. Recall what Pastor Hein said in his sermon about how long a day was during the week of creation.

Question 5 – Why is science ever changing in its explanation of the origin of the universe? (From Steady State to Big Bang)

How is the more recent Big Bang theory also a faith based idea?

Question 6. Three great takeaways about Creation are: 1) God made it 2) out of nothing 3) ordered by the power of God's Word. God's Word brings order to chaos.

Share with the group a situation in your life where you rebelled against God's Word and it devolved into chaos. Share a time in which you perceived that God ordered your life for the good.

Question 7 – Pastor Hein said...*“The Creator himself became de-created in order to recreate us. The Maker became unmade so that we could be remade”*. Take two minutes to write what this means in your words. Share your words. How will your holding fast to this fact change your life?

In Genesis 1 we see the Triune God initiate the first step in making a world in which he would have a relationship with humans. To close read the magnificent biography of your creator in Colossians 1:15.

Closing Prayer – Make sure to take prayer requests for one another.