

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

Days of Forming (Habitats)	Days of Filling (Inhabitants)
Day 1 The Earth in the Deep Light & Darkness Day & Night	Day 4 The Lights of Heaven: Sun, Moon, Stars
Day 2 The Expanse of Heaven: Sky, Air	Day 5 Fish Birds
Day 3 Earth Seas Vegetation	Day 6 Insects Land Animals Man

The Big Questions

Who am I? In Genesis 1:26–27 we learn that when God created man he created him “in his own image.” This image is our fundamental identity. Even though it may become muddled and distorted by sin, this carefully crafted image is still who we truly are.

Where did I come from? Throughout Genesis 1 we learn that all things in heaven and earth both come from and are shaped by God. Man is no exception. We are not the accidental byproduct of chemical processes. Instead we have our origin in God’s loving purposes.

What is my purpose? In Genesis 1:31 we learn that God sees the whole creation with man in it as “very good.” This means that man’s existence is not pointless. God sees man as the capstone on his beautiful project. We get a first glimpse into the specific role that God wants man to play right here in the first chapter when he gives man specific instructions: “be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” We will see in the rest of scripture that man’s purpose goes beyond this, but from the beginning God does not set us up on the earth only to wander aimlessly.

Where did the whole world come from? God did not fashion the universe from previously existing materials. Instead he simply spoke and the world sprang into existence so that it might obey his command. This means that all things—every rock, tree, and monkey you’ve ever seen—depend for their very existence on the word of God.