

A surreal landscape featuring a large, blue, textured planet or moon dominating the upper left portion of the sky. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white stars and several white birds in flight. Below the planet, a line of trees with white, frost-like foliage stretches across the horizon. The foreground is a vibrant green field with a row of white daisies along the bottom edge. A small, brown rabbit is visible in the grass on the right side.

Land:

The Beginning and the End



Why are we here?

To honour God,
to fill the earth,
and to care for it.
Adam had cows
and his son had sheep.

As only Mums and Dads
can have babies, didn't God
have to make male and
female adults straight away?

If babies came first, who
looked after them?

How could a single cell
divide into male and female
parents?



*In the beginning, (time)
God created
the heavens, (space)
and the earth. (matter).*

Genesis 1 v1

*In the beginning was
the Word (intelligence).*

John 1 v1

*In the beginning, Lord, You
laid the foundations of the
earth and the heavens are
the work of Your hands.
They will perish but You
will remain...*

Hebrews 1 v10-11

*But in keeping with
His promise
we are looking forward to
a new heaven and a
new earth, the home
of righteousness.*

2 Peter 3 v13



Light

God said: “*Let there be light and there was light...*”

Genesis 1 v3

To see light we need eyes.
If chance made eyes how did
chance know there was light?

Which came first:
the eye or the socket?

Didn't waking up
have to be invented
before falling asleep?

*For the Lord Himself will
descend from heaven with a
shout, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the
trumpet of God. And the
dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive and
remain shall be caught up
together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in
the air.*

1 Thessalonians 4 v16-17



Sky

God said: “*Let there be a vault between the waters.*”

Genesis 1 v6

The atmosphere allows us to breathe.

Mammals use lungs. Fish use gills. Birds have air sacs in their hollow bones. Whales breathe through a blowhole on top of their head from lungs. Some creatures breathe through their skin.

Didn't each method have to work first time?

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21 v27



Plants

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.”*

Genesis 1 v11

Seeds were in the pod!
Roots were in the ground!
Without seeds no more plants.

Worms rejuvenate the soil.
Didn't the first plants need
worms already there?

A rainbow! God's idea
promising safety in Him:

*“While the earth remains,
seed time and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and
winter, day and night,
shall not cease.”*

Genesis 8 v22



Sun, Moon and Stars

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, the days and the years...”*

Genesis 1 v14

Who made time? God!
The earth circles the sun in a year. The moon circles the earth in a month. The earth’s spin is a night and a day.

Six-day creation is affirmed in the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath lasts 24 hours, so isn’t it logical to accept that each of the other six days are also 24 hours?

“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them”.

Exodus 20 v11



Sea Creatures

God said: *“Let the water teem with living creatures.”*

Genesis 1 v20

Fish have a lateral line on their body to detect movement outside. This means they never collide.

How were fossils made? Mostly at Noah’s flood. Raging currents, turbulent mud flows, and sea bed volcanoes buried creatures fast. Usually dead things decay.

The Lord spoke to Job;

“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?”

Job 38 v16

Birds

God said: *"Let birds fly."*

Genesis 1 v20

Which came first... the chicken or the egg?
The chicken! Without the warmth from Mum the chick in the egg would die.

Unless the first egg was complete how could any more birds hatch?

"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them singing; "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever."

Revelation 5 v13



Kinds

God said: *"Let the land produce creatures according to their kinds"*

Genesis 1 v24

Full blown creation first...
slow changes later on...
There is change within kinds,
but it could be argued that
one kind cannot change into
another kind. Finches' beaks
may alter, but they are still
finches.

Zona pellucida (The Genesis Barrier) is a protective membrane around every egg. Generally it stops cross breeding between different kinds. Now scientists are removing this membrane to make interspecies embryos.
* Is this ethical?

All flesh is not the same; men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another, and fish another.

1 Corinthians 15 v39



Male and Female

God said: "*Be fruitful and multiply.*"

Genesis 1 v28

God's master plan:
Two become one.
Like a jigsaw...
opposite parts had to fit.

Having babies.
Didn't Mum's womb,
placenta and umbilical cord
have to work together first
time? If not, no more life.

Jesus replied: "*But at the
beginning of Creation God
made them male and female.*"

Mark 10 v6



Birth

*For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised
imperishable, and we will be
changed.*

1 Corinthians 15 v52

Babies' lungs: only at birth
does blood go to the lungs
for the first time!
The waiting diaphragm
begins to work!
Previously unused valves
open and shut!

Unused arteries expand!
The lungs inflate!
The baby breathes!
Didn't this have to be
pre-programmed before
the first birth?

*"To Him who loves us and
has freed us from our sins
by His blood."*

Revelation 1 v5



Butterflies

The Creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Romans 8 v21

Butterflies have four stages – egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult butterfly.

In the chrysalis their body dissolves, reassembles... they break out, spread their wings and up, up they fly.

The whole sequence had to work first time or no young.

For in Adam all die ... so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15 v22



Beyond this world!

*When I consider Your heavens,
the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars...
what is man that thou
art mindful of him?*

Psalm 8 v3-4

Which came first?
Gravity or matter?
Didn't each need the other
before either could begin?

As new telescopes develop we
see millions of galaxies with
billions of stars. Aren't they
held together with God's
logic and maths?

*Then I saw a great white
throne and Him who was
seated on it.*

*The earth and the heaven fled
from His presence and there
was no place for them.*

Revelation 20 v11

Heaven: here we come!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 21 v1-2

Our final destination:
a new Jerusalem,
in a new Heaven,
on a new Earth.



*Come to me, all you who
labour and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11 v28

Away from the old -
come to the new.

Bowing the knee
is what we do.

Heaven is where
washed sinners go.

*He chose us
in Him
before
the creation
of the world...*

Ephesians 1 v4



Jesus said:

*"....repent.
Here I am!
I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice
and opens the door,
I will come in
and eat with him,
and he with Me".*

Revelation 3 v20

Jesus said:

*"In my Father's house are
many mansions: if it were
not so I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place
for you".*

John 14 v2

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