

God's Creation
Genesis 1 & 2

Journey Through the Bible (6)

Previously

- We have begun addressing the 1st period of 17
- **Genesis 1-5**
 - Creation - the world and man
 - Adam and Eve in the garden
 - Fall of man
 - Cain and Abel
 - Genealogies from Adam to Noah

Previously

- *We have noted:*
God is the creator
The “building blocks of the universe” (**Genesis 1:1**)
The 6 days of creation were literal days
God said, “*Let there be light*”
(**1:3-4**)

In this lesson

- The 6 days of creation
- What about “theistic evolution”
- The creation of man in God’s image
- Reconciling Genesis 1 & 2 (2 creation accounts?)

The 6 days of creation

- **Genesis 1:1-31**, These fit complimentary into 2 groups -
Days 1-3 - preparatory, Days 4-6 -
their use and habitation

Day 1 - Heavens and earth; Day & Night

Day 2 - Firmament, waters above and below (**greenhouse?**)

Day 3 - Sea and land separated; **vegetation**

Day 4 - Sun, moon and stars (Our “calendar”)

Day 5 - Fish and birds (in water and sky)

Day 6 - land creatures and man

The 6 days of creation

- Observations:
 - “Then God said...” **1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 28-29** – all 6 days
 - “And it was so” - **1:7, 9, 11, 15, 24, 30** (5 of 6 days)
 - God saw that “it was good” - **1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25** (5 of 6 days)
 - “Evening & morning (6 days)

Moses was very deliberate in describing these accounts

Theistic evolution?

- Some contend that God used the evolutionary process to create the world (an attempt to reconcile popular science with the Bible)
 - Some say He intervened at various points (possibly the 6 days of Genesis 1, each being eons of time)

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **After its kind** - found 10x in **Genesis 1**. The very idea of “kind” limits evolution. While not the word “species”, it addresses a “family” and sets boundaries that cannot be crossed!

This is in direct conflict with
general evolution

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **God created living things from non-living things** - Spoken into existence - **1:12, 1:21, 27** - “God created” (Note: same word as **1:1**). Formed out of the dust of the ground (**2:7**)
Naturalism CANNOT explain or replicate this

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Woman created after man - Genesis 2:18-22.**
Evolution requires simultaneous development (and it cannot explain how male/female developed)

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **God created man upright and mature - Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7** out of the dust He formed him and the breathed life into Him.

NOTE: **1:27** - same word as **1:1**.

(Man is unique)

Evolution teaches man evolved from lesser and simpler life forms

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Explain the origin of death!** – Evolution is about much death
- **Explain the origin of sin** – at what point did man become a sinner?

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Genesis 1:26-27 declares man created in the image of God.** What about “pre-Adamic” life forms? WHEN did this take place? NOTE: Many naturalists teach that morality evolved over time. The Bible teaches that man was created a moral being

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Concerning the various days of creation - incompatible with general evolution**

Earth before the sun

Plant life before the sun, and sea creatures, etc.

Fish and birds before “every creeping thing”

(1:21-22, 25)

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Theistic evolution is NOT compatible with naturalistic evolution**

Most naturalists declare this!

Naturalism by definition means all things developed naturally (without God)

Most naturalists see no ground for compromise

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Final thoughts:**

IF God could miraculously intervene throughout the process of evolution, then why could He not create the world in 6 natural days?

AND, if God WERE TO create the world in 6 literal days, how should it have been written?

Theistic evolution?

Some problems with this:

- **Final thoughts:**

With theistic evolution, you **CANNOT** view Genesis 1 as literal. What about appeals to creation in other passages that describe it as literal?

Genesis 1 is **NOT** formatted as figurative literature

Creation of man

- **Genesis 1:26-27** declares that man was created in the image of God. This declaration becomes the foundation for the REST of scripture!
The Bible is about man, his fall and redemption

Creation of man

- **Genesis 1:26-27**

- God created man -

- 1:26** - *make* means to cause something to become;

- 1:27** - *created* (see **1:1**);

- 2:7** - *formed* means to shape something.

- THEN God breathed life into him.

Creation of man

- **Genesis 1:26-27**

- NOTE that this creation was intentional.

It was God's plan and pattern.

Evolution teaches that life, and later man is the product of accident

Consider: **Job 4:17,**

Psalms 110:3, 139:14

Creation of man

- **Genesis 1:26-27**

HOW is man created in the image of God?

- He has a soul - **Ecclesiastes 12:7, Genesis 2:7**

- He can reason - **Isaiah 1:18, Acts 17:2**

Creation of man

- **Genesis 1:26-27**

HOW is man created in the image of God?

- He has freewill - **Acts 10:34-35, Joshua 24:15**

- He is a moral being - **Romans 2:14-15, Titus 1:15**

- A sense of eternity -

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Creation of man

- **Genesis 1:26-27**

NOTE: With other living creatures they reproduced “after its kind” That is NEVER said of man after he was created

The point: There is only 1 “kind” of human! **Cf. Galatians 3:28, Acts 17:26**

- Instead, he was given dominion - **Genesis 1:28-30**

Reconciling 1 & 2

- **Concerning Genesis 1 & 2**

Some contend you have 2 creation accounts with varying theories as to why:

- Supposed gaps
- God started over

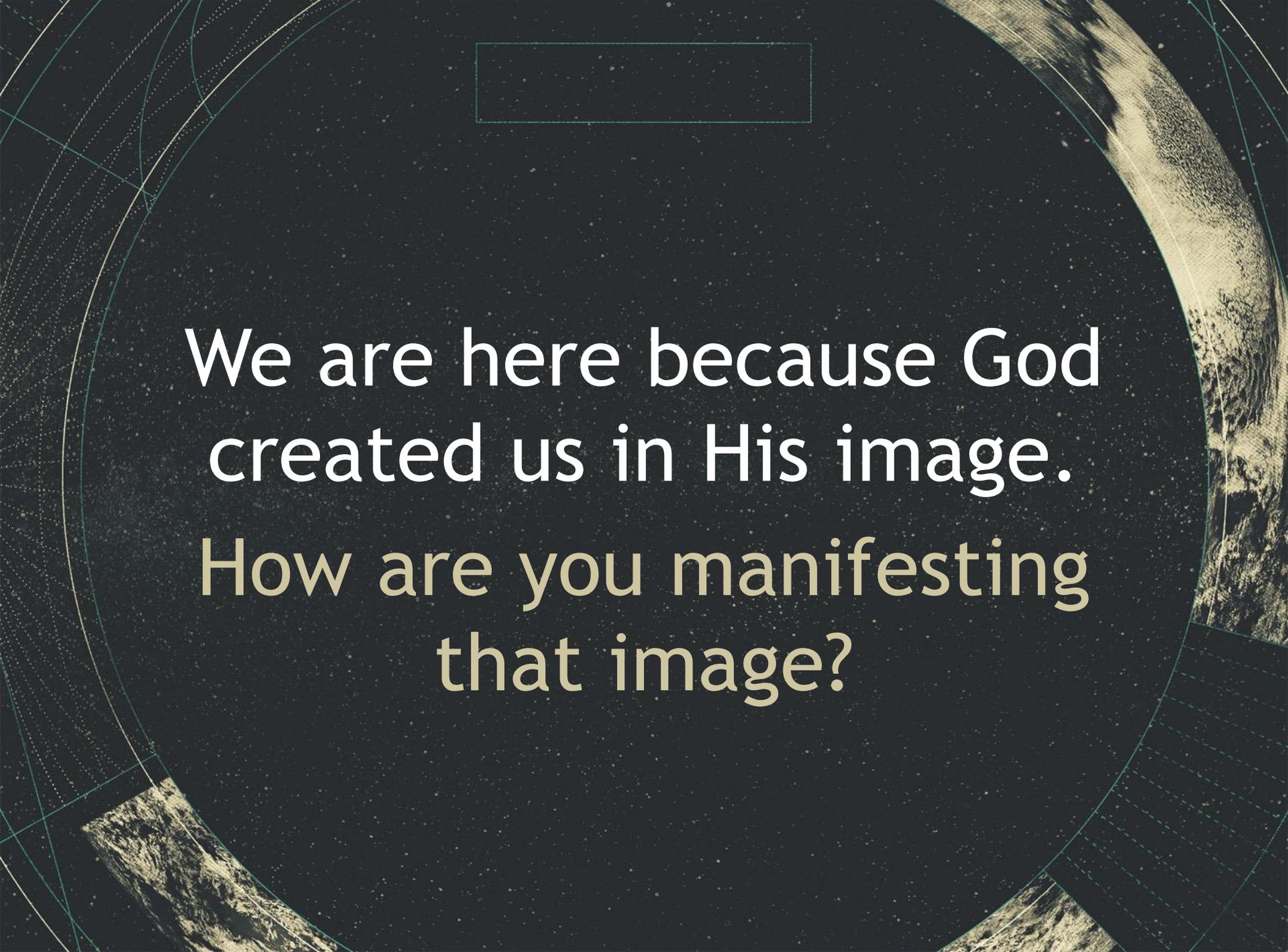
Reconciling 1 & 2

- **Concerning Genesis 1 & 2**

Why 2 “accounts”?

Genesis 1 is a general account of the 6 days of creation.

Genesis 2 is specific about the creation of man. As noted, this is the foundation of the rest of scripture.



We are here because God
created us in His image.
How are you manifesting
that image?



Let us pray!