

## ***The Battle for the Beginning, Part 8***

### **Day One, Part 2 – Genesis 1:1-5 [An Exposition]**

#### 1. The Word ‘Day’

##### A. The First Day of Creation

1. The first day of Creation defines [describe exactly the nature of] and \_\_\_\_\_ [specify the quality and boundary of] what the Bible means by the word ‘Day.’

a. The old Earth naturalists and evolutionists as well as the old Earth ‘so-called’ creationists believe the Earth is billions of years old and took millions of years to sort of evolve into place.

2. They base their contention in two primary speculations.

a. The word ‘day,’ they say, refers to eons and ages of times.

1a. They say that since the sun was not created until the fourth day, the days could not have been solar, 24-hour days.

2a. They say the word ‘day’ itself is used in the Bible to mark long ages of time.

aa. The phrase ‘the day of the Lord’ (**1Thessalonians 5:2**) used throughout Scripture to mark a seven year period of time which refers to the Tribulation period, indicates that the word ‘day’ means long periods of time.

1aa. Well, in this context, it does.

bb. They point to Peter’s words where he describes the timelessness of God and they claim, “See, a day is like a thousand years (**2Peter 3:8**).

3a. Old Earth proponents argue that the days of creation might well have been long eras of time and so they come up with false premises like the ...

aa. Paleozoic Age –

- Cambrian Period – 540 to 490 million years ago – sponges, segmented worms, trilobites, brachiopods were the life forms.
- Ordovician Period – 490-443 million years ago – plants, jawless fishes, trilobites, bivalves, mollusks, and gastropods were the life forms.
- Silurian Period – 443-417 million years ago – fish with jaws, freshwater fish, and coral reefs came on the scene.
- Devonian Period – 417-354 million years – starfish and sharks came on the scene.
- Mississippian Period 354-323 million years – snails came on the scene, but trilobites become rare, amphibians are seen,, but armored fish become extinct.
- The Pennsylvanian Period – 323-290 million years ago – spiders, early reptiles, flying insects, and the dreaded cockroach came on the scene.
- After many other eras, we arrive at the quaternary period – 2 million years ago to the present – giant beavers, mastodons, and human beings arrived on the scene.

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3. Three reasons that the word ‘day’ means one 24 hour day or one solar day.

a. To exist, geological eras require the fossil record and if a day was a thousand years or millions of years, and if a fossil record was available during that time frame, suffering and death would have been in existence from the beginning.

1a. This would mean that God is an ogre rather than a loving, gracious God.

1a. Death before sin is a direct contradiction to the Bible teaching that death is the result of divine judgment on sin (**Romans 5:12**).

b. Second, the word day in Hebrew [yome] means one 24-hour day and God Himself defines the length as morning and evening, one day, not one era of time.

1b. Night and day, evening and morning are demarcated [separate and set the boundaries] by rhythmic phases of light and darkness from the very beginning.

aa. The same expression is used for each of the six days of Creation (**Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31**), indicating that the days were the same and that they had clearly defined boundaries.

bb. The only cadence of light and darkness defined anywhere in the context is the day-night cycle that [after day four] is governed by the sun and moon (**v.18**).

**•The duration of the evening and morning of day one of Creation is the same as the evening and morning of any solar day.**

c. Third, throughout Scripture where the word 'day' is modified by a number [He rose again on the third day (**1Corinthians 15:4**)], the clear reference is to a normal solar day.

**•Nothing in Scripture allows one to interpret the word 'day' here as anything other than a 24 hour solar day. This can only be purported by extrabiblical influences – theories of modern science, higher criticism, and other attacks on the historicity of the Bible – are the only way someone can conjure up that the word 'day' refers to long epochs of time.**

## 2. The Illuminating Light

### A. The Miracle Properties of Light

1. Light is comprised of \_\_\_\_\_ - particles like tiny specks of dust except they have no volume – and waves of variable frequency.

a. The particles are concentrated in a finite space, exist in any given moment in an exact location, and move at a measurable speed – the speed of light.

b. A wave is not confined to a finite space, but exists in variable frequency and involve the transfer of energy from point to point without the transfer of matter.

2. Light is a form of \_\_\_\_\_.

a. It is electromagnetic radiation that includes every frequency from long-wave radiation, radio waves, microwaves, and infrared waves at the high end and ultraviolet, x-rays, and gamma radiation at the low end.

b. In the middle is visible light, including the rainbow of colors.

1b. Different colors are varying wavelengths of light in the spectrum

**• White light is not a pure color, but a combination of all the colors in the visible spectrum.**

c. The appearance of everything we see is the result of how light waves reflect off objects.

1c. The range of those waves, though, are infinite and encompass far more than is visible to our human eye.

d. When you listen to the radio, you are hearing a signal that is broadcast using technology that takes advantage of the properties of light.

1d. Multiple frequencies enable us to tune our radios to multiple stations, ranging from shortwave frequencies that travel great distances, to long-wave frequencies that are more localized [FM].

e. Some spectra of light are invisible to the human eye but have properties that make other types of vision possible.

1e. Infrared rays provide enough illumination to enable detailed photographs to be taken in the dark.

- **Night vision instruments use light that is normally invisible to the human eye.**

3. Prisms separate the colors of light because as the light passes through the prism, its direction is \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Different color waves moving at different speeds, come out of the prism separated into a visible spectrum.

b. Eyeglass lenses refract light in a precise fashion to correct the deficiencies of failing eyesight.

- **Concave lenses spread light rays apart, while convex lenses bring light rays closer together; the ability to manipulate with lenses enables optometrists to prescribe eyeglasses that correct our vision with accuracy.**

4. Fine strands of fiberoptic material use the reflective properties of light to carry tiny pulses of light across vast distances at literally the \_\_\_\_\_ of light.

- **Undersea cables carry digitized phone calls, video images, and other data from continent to continent at the speed of light.**

5. You can see the stars at night because light waves travel through a \_\_\_\_\_.

a. But, sound waves do not.

6. Light cannot be seen by the human eye unless it \_\_\_\_\_ with matter.

a. A beam of light shining in the air at night would not be visible unless it interacts with particles in the air.

7. Nothing known to us moves faster than the speed of light – \_\_\_\_\_ miles per second.

a. Light from the sun left 8.5 minutes ago.

8. Without the energy of light, life on Earth would \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Everything depends on the transfer of energy that comes ultimately from light and without it, the wind, the water cycle, everything would cease.

b. Photosynthesis is the process where plants use energy from the sun to convert carbon dioxide into food.

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