

# Creation

## Critical questions and statements

### On the Bible text: Genesis 1:1-31

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## 1 Chapter (Genesis 1:1-31)

### Genesis:

(Greek) "In the beginning" or "origin"

### In the beginning God created:

"bara" means to create. It is used for the creating of God. This word means "to miraculously bring into existence something that did not exist."

### day:

The word "tag" is used in Scripture in four meanings:

- The part of the day of twenty-four hours which is light
- A portion of time of twenty-four hours
- A time designated for a specific purpose, as "Day of Atonement"
- A longer period of time during which certain purposes of God are to be accomplished. Cf. Genesis 2:4, where the word "day" includes the whole work of creation

The "six-day work" of God includes eight works of creation, each of which is introduced by the words "and God said":

- FIRST DAY:(1) Light and darkness, day and night
  - Second day:(2) atmosphere (firmament)
  - DIRT DAY:(3) Land and sea separated: plants, trees
  - FOURTH DAY:(4) Sun, moon, stars: seasons
  - FIFTH DAY:(5) aquatic animals and (6)birds
  - SIXTH DAY:(6) land animals, (8)humans
  - SIXTH DAY:(7) God rests after creation is complete
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- The origin of the world and of life is no accident. There is a Creator: God.
  - God created all that is
  - Everything God created was good
  - The culmination of divine creation was the creation of man
  - Man is twofold different from all other creatures: he alone is made in God's image. And: to him is given the care of all else

## Critical Questions and Statements:

**Do you really believe in a creation in 6 days? Surely that took millions of years!**

Literature:

- "Theological considerations that argue for a 6-day creation"
- [www.intelligente-schoepfung.ch/Inhalte/theologie.html](http://www.intelligente-schoepfung.ch/Inhalte/theologie.html)
- The Biblical Age of the Earth, Richard Wiskin.
- In the beginning was the big bang? Werner Gitt

Scientifically, no one knows how many years have passed since the earth was formed. There is no physical clock that has been ticking along since creation.

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## Topic documents

## Source reference

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