

FACT, HISTORICAL AND GOOD!
GENESIS CH1:9-13

ILLUSTRATION

Avocado	Apricot	Nettles	Nance
Beetroot	Banana	Onion	Orange
Courgette	Cherry	Parsnip	Pear
Dill	Date	Quinoa	Quince
Endive	Elderberry	Radish	Rhubarb
Fennel	Fig	Salsify	Strawberry
Garlic	Grape	Turnip	Tomato
Habanero	Huckleberry	Ube	Ugli
Iceberg Lettice	Illama	Verdolaga	Vanella
Jicama	Jujube	Wasabi	WaxApple
Kale	Kiwi	Xacuti	Xinomavro
Leek	Lemon	Yuca	Yuzu
Mushroom	Melon	Zizania Latifolia	Zhe

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament ascribes Moses as the writer of the first five Books of the Bible (the Pentateuch – Exodus Ch17:14; Deuteronomy Ch31:24; Joshua Ch8:31; 2 Kings Ch14:6; John Ch1:17, Ch5:46, Ch7:19, 23; Romans Ch10:5; 2 Corinthians Ch3:15). The account opens with a clear statement about the Creator and Creation. The opening ten words in Genesis Ch1:1 are the **foundation** of all that is to follow in the Bible. The purpose of the statement is threefold:

1. to identify the creator
2. to explain the origin of the world
3. to tie the work of God in the past to the work of God in the future.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT - “AND GOD SAID”!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V3
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V6
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9 + V11
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V20
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V24, 26 + 29

THE COMMAND - “LET THERE BE/LET THE/LET US”!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V3
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V6
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9 + 11
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V20
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V24, 26

THE SEPARATION - “AND GOD SEPARATED”!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V4
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V6 +7
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14 + 18
V20-23	DAY 5	-	
V24-31	DAY 6	-	

THE REPORT - "GOD CALLED/GOD MADE/GOD SET/GOD CREATED/AND IT WAS SO"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V5
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V7-8
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9-11
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14-17
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V21-23
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V24-30

THE EVALUATION - "IT WAS GOOD"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V4
V6-8	DAY 2	-	
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V10 + 12
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V18
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V21
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V25 + 31

God's moral pronouncement on what He has created "is good and very good" because creation obeys God! Whenever we obey the Word of God, we experience the power of God and things are good!

DAY 3 - TUESDAY!

GOD COMPLETES THE FORMING! V9-10

On the 3rd Day and for the first time, there is a visual distinction between water and dry land! Two further regions are organised by God:

1. the dry land forming - earth
2. the waters forming - Seas

These are the last objects to be named by God (v5, 8, 10) and the forming of the earth is now complete!

God brought the dry land into existence through the separation of waters! Sound familiar Israelites? In Exodus Ch14:21-22 God establishes a nation for Himself by separating the waters, so that the Israelites could go forth to the dry land, escaping slavery! **Little did the Israelites know at this time, that God would do the same for them to take them into the promised land! In Joshua Ch3:7-17, God causes once again the waters, which were overflowing their banks, to gather to one place, enabling the Israelites to cross over to the promised land!**

GOD COMPLETES THE FOOD SUPPLY! V11-12

The filling now starts! God commands the earth to "sprout vegetation plants and fruit bearing trees", so God grants all vegetation and fruit the power to exist and to reproduce! **But their reproduction power, granted by God, is deliberately limited by God, to "according to its kind" (v11 + v12 x2). Vegetation and fruit are the result of God's spoken Word!**

God did not intend for His creation to stand still, as in a picture to be viewed. No! God intended for His Creation to exist and re-produce, but only according to their kind!

1. How many different kinds of vegetables do we think there are worldwide? It is estimated that there are over 20, 000 species of edible plants!
2. How many different kinds of fruits do we think there are worldwide? It is believed that there are over 2000 different types of fruit worldwide!

Here the false gods that the Egyptians were all worshipping, the gods of the earth, or the vegetables, or the fruit of the harvest, have **all** been powerfully slain by the One true “Elohim” supreme God! ***This God, forms and blesses!***

GOD COMPLETES THE 3rd DAY! V13

In finishing off His forming work, God starts the first of His filling work, through bringing into existence, what we now understand to be, over 20, 000 species of plant food (vegetables) and over 2000 different types of fruit! ***This plant based food supply was for all of God's living creatures and human beings (Ch1:28-30)!***

Before the fall (Ch3), both Adam and Eve and all living creatures were veggies!

Charles Darwin is commonly cited as the person who “discovered” evolution, in his book “The origin of Species” he writes in relation to creation “There is grandeur in this view of life, with its secret power, having been originally breathed by the creator” (Cited in The Message of Genesis, David Atkinson, pg29). Even the so called “father of evolution” had to admit that behind creation, the power of life and reproduction, came from being breathed by the Creator!

And for the Christian?

- The Christian understands:
- Who the “Creator” is! God, that is “Elohim”, the “supreme one” or “mighty one”
- Why creation has the form it has! The verses in Genesis reveal that!
- Their responsibility to both God and Creation!
- Revelation Ch4:11 says ***“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”***
- Sadly, most false religions have characteristics, where “creation” is worshipped, rather than the creator!
- God is to be praised and because God created all things, our praise should be directed to him!