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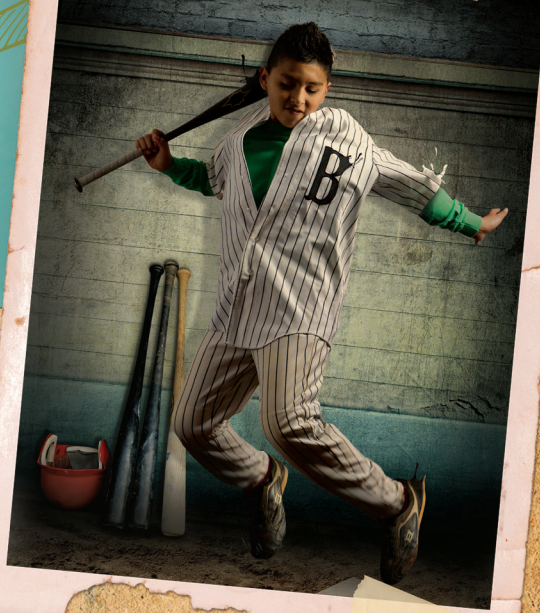
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MEMORY PASSAGE

For it was You who
created my inward parts;
You knit me together in my
mother's womb.
I will praise You
because I have been remarkably and
wonderfully made.

Your works are wonderful,
and I know this very well.
My bones were not hidden from You
when I was made in the depths of the earth.
when I was formed in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw me when I was formless;
before a single one of them began.

Psalms 139:13-16

PERSPECTIVE

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW? PERSPECTIVE

1. What do you believe about your world?
2. Is there absolute truth?
3. How did you get here?
4. How do you value people who believe differently?

NOTES:

Stars: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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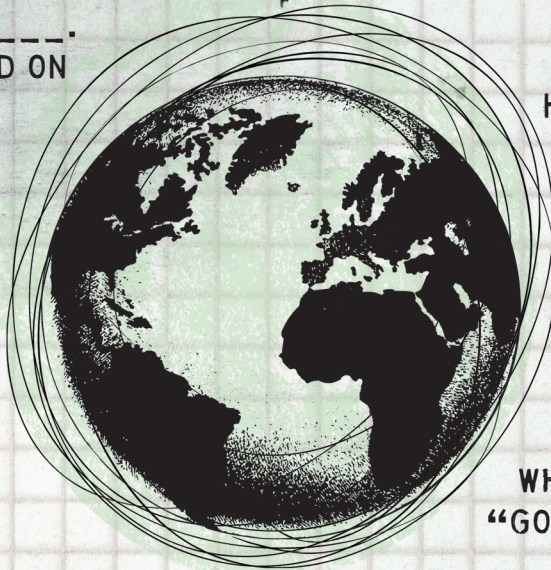
CREATION

OUR FIRST DAY IS DAY _____.
IT IS DESCRIBED IN
GENESIS 1: _____.
WHAT WAS CREATED ON
THIS DAY?

WHAT WAS CREATED ON THIS
DAY?

WHAT DID GOD
CALL "GOOD"?

HOW DOES WHAT
WAS CREATED ON
THIS DAY RELATE
TO WHAT WAS
CREATED ON OUR
FIRST DAY?



WHAT SURPRISED
YOU ABOUT THIS
DAY?

WHAT DID GOD CALL
"GOOD"?

OUR SECOND DAY IS DAY _____.
IT IS DESCRIBED IN
GENESIS 1: _____.
WHAT WAS CREATED ON
THIS DAY?

WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT
THIS DAY?



Radical

READINGS

PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO EXPLAIN GENESIS 1 IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. CONSIDER SOME OF THE WAYS DESCRIBED HERE. WHAT PROBLEMS DO YOU SEE WITH THEM?

THEORY

WHAT THE THEORY SAYS

PROBLEMS?

DAY AGE THEORY

THE "DAYS" OF GENESIS 1 WERE REALLY LONG PERIODS OF TIME, PERHAPS MILLIONS OF YEARS.

GAP THEORY

THERE'S A GAP OF TIME BETWEEN GENESIS 1:1 AND THE REST OF THE CHAPTER. MAYBE MILLIONS OF YEARS WENT BY DURING THIS GAP, LEAVING TIME FOR EVOLUTION AND OTHER LENGTHY PROCESSES.

ALLEGORY THEORY

DON'T TAKE GENESIS 1 AS FACT. IT REPRESENTS THINGS. ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF CREATION ARE SYMBOLIC OF OTHER THINGS, KIND OF LIKE JESUS' PARABLES WERE OFTEN SYMBOLIC STORIES TO HELP HIS LISTENERS UNDERSTAND THE POINT HE WAS MAKING.

LITERATURE THEORY

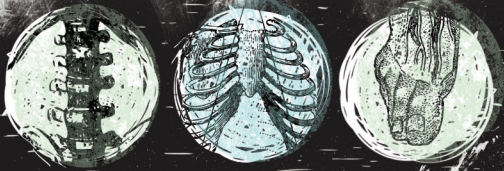
GENESIS IS JUST A PIECE OF LITERATURE, LIKE A NOVEL OR A POEM. WE SHOULDN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE SERIOUSLY THAN WE TAKE THE WRITINGS OF SHAKESPEARE OR DICKENS.

RECYCLED MYTH THEORY

GENESIS 1 TAKES SOME BABYLONIAN MYTHS AND RESHAPES THEM. WE DON'T TAKE THOSE OTHER MYTHS SERIOUSLY, SO WHY SHOULD WE TAKE THIS ONE SERIOUSLY?

SPINE or RIBS?

Spine Ribs Toenail



CONSIDER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS RELATED TO GENESIS 1. DECIDE WHETHER THE STATEMENT IS A **SPINE** (SOMETHING THAT CHRISTIANS MUST AGREE ON) OR A **RIB** (SOMETHING IMPORTANT BUT DISAGREEMENT IS OK). YOU MIGHT EVEN DECIDE THAT SOMETHING IS A **TOENAIL** (SOMETHING THAT ISN'T REALLY IMPORTANT AT ALL).

ON DAY 5, GOD CREATED EVERY SPECIES OF ANIMAL THAT HAS EVER EXISTED.

PLANTS WERE CREATED ON DAY 3, BUT THE SUN WASN'T CREATED UNTIL DAY 4. SINCE PLANTS NEED THE SUN TO LIVE, THIS MUST BE A MISTAKE.

GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE, SO WE MUST NOT HAVE EVOLVED BY RANDOM CHANCE.

GOD CREATED PEOPLE LAST, SO WE MUST BE EXTRA SPECIAL.

GOD CREATED LIGHT ON DAY 1, BUT THE SUN ON DAY 4. THE LIGHT ON DAY 1 MUST HAVE BEEN JESUS.

SINCE THE BIBLE SAYS THERE WAS EVENING AND MORNING, THE DAYS MUST HAVE BEEN 24 HOURS LONG.

GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND HE STARTED WITH NOTHING.

SINCE GOD GAVE MAN PLANTS FOR FOOD, THEY MUST HAVE BEEN VEGETARIANS.

ON DAY 4, THE MOON WAS SAID TO RULE THE NIGHT, BUT TODAY THE MOON IS OFTEN SEEN IN THE DAYTIME. THE MOON MUST HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN.

Over
and
out

- GOD CREATED EVERYTHING THAT WE SEE.
- THE BIBLE CAN BE TRUSTED TO DESCRIBE CREATION ACCURATELY.
- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW CREATION BEGAN IF YOU TRUST THAT GOD DID IT.