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- Distinctions**
- *Basis of thought
 - *Basis of Communication
 - *Basis of Science: studies the natural realm, distinguishing, naming
 - *Basis of discernment
 - *Basis of God's Judgment
- Language -Biblical foundation** (for everything)
1. God Communicates - not silent
 2. Means of Creation - not trivial, He created with it = powerful
 3. Origin in God - not man
 4. God Names - not linguists
 5. Built into Man - not evolution
 6. Basis of Communication - not rationalism
 7. Basis of Science - not naturalism

1.5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

God had already set up a time frame—a 'day'. The sun and moon 'are lights for a sign' so *we* can calculate time. Here the 'one day' is unique, a cardinal with 'yom'. The others are with ordinals 2nd, 3rd, ..

1st Day structure

1. *Revelation - 'God said..' 1.3
2. *Articulation - 'let there be...'
3. *Accomplishment - 'and it was so'
4. Assessment - 'it was good' 1.4
5. Distinctions/Blessing
6. Naming Actions 1.5
7. *Chronology - 'was evening...'
Each of the other days is a *solar* day.

The secular world: Darwin, Lyell, etc = an attack on Genesis. The theologians didn't have an answer...it seemed that the earth was much older than what the Bible says. Accommodations and compromises were introduced.

It is not that God *needed* six days...did it to created a pattern of work and rest

Accommodating Views

- > Day Age Theory
Each Day of Creation is a 'Geologic Age'
 1. Misuse of term 'day'
 2. Does not solve Geological Issues
 3. Misinterprets 2 Peter 3.8
- > Gap Theory - Gen 1.1-2 gap
Large time gap between Gen 1.1 & 1.2
 1. Accepts evolution
 2. Ignores geological issues
 3. Not supported by Scripture
- > Progressive Creation - interjections.
Hugh Ross, popular, spreading it
God occasionally injects acts of creation over long time, in between millions or billions of years
 1. Accepts Evolution—not even science
 2. Makes God a bumbling god who has to keep revising the creation
 3. Not Supported by Scripture
- > Days of Revelation - visions
God is revealing his creation in 6 days
 1. Accepts Evolution,
 2. Ignores Geological Issues
 3. Not Supported by Scripture
- > Analogical Days - God's days
God's days are not same as our days (in time)
 1. Accepts Evolution time-frame We adjust science...
 2. No example elsewhere
 3. No supported by Scripture

Now there is a lot about age and science supports young earth.

Law of 1st Use

Gen 1.5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

God defines the light portion as day = yom, the night was the dark portion. Uses 12 hours: evening starts the day and then the morning = one day.

Day is used thousands of time. 95% are a solar day. Nothing in Genesis 1 goes against it, supports solar day.

Available terms for 'day'

olam - long duration of time

arad - something long, even long time

But here used *yom*. Which can be used in a solar, 24-hr day, or in an indefinite of time: days of our life contain 70 yrs...

2.4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

A general, indefinite time = *yom*.

Day 1

1. Beginning of cause & effect: God the ultimate cause
2. Means of Creation - God speaking
3. Origin of language, science, technology
4. Electromagnetic spectrum
5. Origin of optics
6. Immediacy of fulfillment
7. More on time-frame (origin in 1.1), weekly and daily
8. Young Earth

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Probably: *raqia* - spread out, thinness. made a gold sheet as thin as they wanted, the process of thinning it, spreading it = *raqia*. A description of space itself or of atmosphere.

Previous idea: God separated the waters from the earth and the atmosphere

1.7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.

WATERS SEPARATED

1. Atmospheric & Oceans → a canopy that protected & gave source for Flood. But in recent years, Russ Humphreys: edge of earth = water. God creates a space creating expanse 'above' and 'below'

Stretching: Ps 104.2 *natah* = *raqia*

Isa 44.24 *natah* = *raqa*

Isa 48.13 a third word for spread out

Jer 51.15 stretched out = *natah*

Isa 40.22, 42.5, Zech 12.1, Job 26.7

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2. Edge of universe & oceans
'Waters' = Earth

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heaven = expanse, day 4 = outer space (lights) & atmosphere (birds),
Paul 'third heaven'

Waters below = earth. Heavens = expanse stretched out. Waters above = edge of universe.

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The number is an ordinal here.

Day 2

1. Stretching out of space
2. Origin of Astrophysics
3. Material possibly spread in space (not necessarily)
4. Separation of water mass . We are made up of water, similar to the amount in earth
5. Origin of Oceanography. Also Day 1: made of water

God as Creator means we are accountable to Him. Praise Him for His Sovereignty!!!