

Freshman Religion “Old Testament”

Unit 1

Genesis 1-11

Lesson 01

“Creation: God Creates the World”

Name:

Hour:

Essential Question: “Can evolution fit into the biblical account of creation?”

(Go to the following poll and vote--[Evolution/Creation](#))

1. Studying God’s Word...Read [Genesis 1](#)

a. Video: “[Six Days](#)”

b. What type of literature is Genesis 1?

(Go to the following poll and vote--[Literature/Genesis1](#))

c. What period of time does this passage describe?

d. Who is doing the creating?

e. Verse one tells us that God created what?

f. How did the various parts of the creation come into existence?

g. What are the repeating “words or phrases”?

1)

2)

3)

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h. What is the main point of the passage?

i. What does the passage tell us about God?

1)

2)

3)

j. In Genesis 1:1 we have a [“merism”](#)

1) What does that mean?

2) Give me some other examples that you can think of?

aa.

bb.

cc.

3) Other examples of **“merism”** from scripture...

aa. How does Jeremiah 23:24 describe God’s presence?

bb. According to Jeremiah 33:25, where do God’s ordinances/laws apply?

cc. According to Nehemiah 9:6, what did God create?

k. According to the following passages, who is credited with creation?

1) Genesis 1:1

2) Genesis 1:2

3) John 1:3, Hebrews 1:2, Colossians 1:16-17

l. This leads to the next important point. In Genesis 1, what is “the beginning” referring to?

m. If the Triune God created the entire universe, what existed before the universe?

- b. As you read the text of Genesis 1, does it seem to indicate that the events of creation happened in a certain order?
- c. How consistent are the order of events when comparing the biblical and evolutionary explanations for the creation of the universe?
- d. What would we have to do to make the biblical view align with the evolutionary view?
- e. There have been and are Christians who tried and are trying to make the Bible agree with the theory of evolution. Below some of the theories that Christians have tried. Go ahead and research them on the Internet and summarize what they are.
- 1) “The day-age theory”:
 - 2) “The gap theory”:
 - 3) “The framework hypothesis”:
 - 4) “Theistic evolution theory”:
 - 5) “Progressive creation theory”:

3. Well, what do you think?

- a. Many people claim that the Bible doesn't tell us *how* God created; it just tell us the He *did* create. Is this an accurate statement based on the text of Genesis1--why or why not?
- b. If we suggest that the account of creation in Genesis 1 is a myth or an allegory, what other doctrines would become mythical or allegorical?
- c. Going back to our essential question: “Can evolution fit into the biblical account of creation?”

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