

Genesis - The Key to Reclaiming the Culture - Genesis 1

*1In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 3And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the **first day**. The Bible says God created the world. Who do you believe created the world?*

*6God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And it was so. 8 God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, **the second day**. What are the waters above the heavens? Where does rain come from?*

*9And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. And God saw that it was good. 11And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 13And there was evening and there was morning, **the third day**. God says each plant will produce according to its own kind. Is this still true?*

*16And God made the two great lights ... 17And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, **the fourth day**. The earth rotates once each day so the sun can mark evening and morning each day.*

*20And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 23And there was evening and there was morning, **the fifth day**. Do you think the great sea creatures could be a type of dinosaurs?*

*24And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28And God blessed them. 31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, **the sixth day**.*

God created each animal according to its own kind. Although we see variation within the different species (different kinds of dogs or cats), they do not mix between the different species. The Bible says that God created man in His own image. One of the ways that men and women are different than animal is because we reason and plan things. Animal live by the instincts that God created in them. What do people think about that animals don't?

*So God blessed the **seventh day** and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation. Genesis 2:3 God rested on the seventh day. Do you observe a day of rest?*

Dear Lord, we thank You for the book of Genesis. In it You've told us how You created the world. Although some people choose to think that it came about by itself, it is because they do not believe what You have said; they don't want to believe in You. Open our eyes to the truth of Your word and the beauty of Your creation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.