

CREATION

The Biblical account of creation is found in **Genesis chapters 1 and 2**. This account, from a Biblical perspective, makes it clear that **God** is the Creator (the Engineer, the Master Mind and Builder) of *everything* in the universe. At the outset of this event, there was *nothing*. Then, God set creation in motion, with everything we now perceive and understand coming into existence through the power He possesses.

“In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth” (**Genesis 1:1**, *emphases added*), a clear indication that there was no earth nor heavens (what we presume to be the universe we now see) before God created them. Beyond the opening verse, we find these narrations of what God created over time:

First Day: Light (**Genesis 1:3**)

Second Day: Firmament (Universe) (**Genesis 1:6-8**)

Third Day: Land and all vegetation (**Genesis 1:9-13**)

Fourth Day: Sun, moon, and stars (**Genesis 1:14-19**)

Fifth Day: Water animals and fowls (**Genesis 1:20-23**)

Sixth Day: Land animals, man, and woman (**Genesis 1:24-31**)

On the Seventh Day, God ceased His creative activity, then blessed and called the day *holy* (**Genesis 2:1-3**). This day is known to Jews and Christians as the Sabbath (rest), though Jews observe their Sabbath from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday, while some Christians observe Sunday as a day of rest and many more Christians see Sabbath (rest) as ceasing from our own labors to please God as we rest our lives in Jesus Christ, the true Sabbath, or Lord of the Sabbath (**Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 2:27-28**).

The remainder of **Genesis 2** is not a second or another creation. It is a deeper look at God’s creation of man (**Genesis 2:7**) and woman (**Genesis 2:18-23**).

God In Creation

Genesis says **GOD** created everything. God is known to us in 3 ways, a concept called the Trinity – Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit. The *Spirit* was present at creation as follows, “the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters” (**Genesis 1:2**). Jesus, the *Son*, was present because He is one with God and is God (**John 10:29-30**) and holds all the creation together (**Colossians 1:15-17**). God, the *Father* of Jesus, was present as well. For more on the Trinity of God, go to [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit](#) in **Resources**.

Timing

Literal attempts to determine the age of the earth through historical records and genealogies arrive at an approximate calculation of 6,000 years. Scientific carbon dating places the number at 4 to 5 billion years and the universe much older. But neither the age of the earth or the universe is mentioned in the Bible.

Those who are not people of faith level criticism at this disparity with the faith community and assert that the Bible is not trustworthy. But the Bible is extremely reliable. The length of creation is stated in *days* in Genesis. Since God is the Originator of time and space, and the Bible holds the record of creation, only God knows the true age of the earth and the universe in which it exists. Someday we will know when God reveals it to us. Until then, we trust the biblical account.

Creation Versus Evolution

Another aspect of biblical creation, challenged by some, is whether life (animals as well as humans) came to be at the hand of a supreme intelligent being (God, as recorded in Scripture) or whether life evolved from elements of the earth. We believe the creation story of the Bible that God created everything. Again, we leave the details and timing in the hands of God. Though some scientists today believe in God and the Bible, many others lack faith altogether and continue to search for the answer of the origins of life and who or what made the matter possible in the first place.

Closing Thoughts

Standing on the trustworthiness and reliability of the Bible, we believe the Creation story to be true, even if we do not understand it completely. We also pray that those lacking faith or complete knowledge will discover the [Source](#) of **true life**, our Creator God! Creation and evolution are complex topics. This website contains an article entitled [Evolution](#) and can be read in **Resources**. Both this article on [Creation](#) and the one on [Evolution](#) contain many other detailed resources that we commend to you.

This is an introduction on the subject of **Creation**. Here are other resources you may wish to explore:

[What is the biblical Creation story? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[The Creation Story - Bible Scripture Verses & Meaning \(biblestudytools.com\)](#)

[Genesis 1 GNT - The Story of Creation - In the - Bible Gateway](#)

[58 Bible verses about Creation \(knowing-jesus.com\)](#)