

# IN THE BEGINNING

## Heaven and Nature Sing

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Genesis 1:1-25

### Genesis 1:1 Teaches:

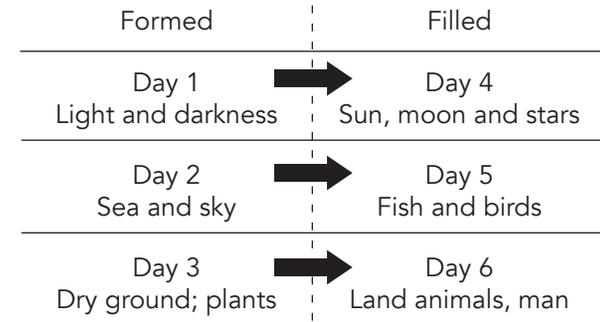
- The Bible doesn't attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ God's existence; it \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- God wasn't created. He is \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps 90:2; Job 36:26; Jude 25)
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens and the earth. (Jer 32:17; Acts 14:15)
- God created it from \_\_\_\_\_.

### Genesis 1:1 - False Beliefs Rejected:

- Atheism: there is no God
- Agnosticism: impossible to know if there is a God
- Dualism: good and evil are eternally co-existent
- Evolution: nothing created; all evolved
- Naturalism: natural laws describe everything
- Pantheism: all is god
- Polytheism: there are multiple gods

### Patterns in Genesis 1

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
God speaks						
Creation happens						
It is good						
God separates it						
God names it						
"Evening & morning"						
God numbers it						



No one goes to the Grand Canyon to increase their \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

To appreciate and enjoy creation is an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, if we recognize the Creator. (Ps 19:1; Job 38:4-7; Ps 148)

Submit to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Join the \_\_\_\_\_ of Creation.

### Discussion Starters:

- Once you move beyond the debates of Genesis 1 and enjoy the story, it can be an enlightening and enjoyable text. What stood out most to you from Genesis 1:1-25?
- No one goes to the Grand Canyon to increase their self-esteem. What are the common feelings beautiful scenes of nature bring out of people? Before you were Christ-centered in your thinking, how did your mind process what you saw?
- When you see the beauty of Creation what thoughts now come to mind? How can we, as Christians, intentionally make those moments more worshipful?