

BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

Conclusions

1. **Yahweh created the universe**

- The heavens and earth and all their hosts exist by His will, power, wisdom and for His pleasure
- Emphasis on His command

2. **Polemic—unlike other “gods”**

- *Nature of God*: self-existent, separate from the creation, sovereign over all
- *Nature of creation*: inanimate material under the control of God
- *Nature of man*: pinnacle of creation, made in the image of God

3. **Genesis 2:4ff is historical narrative**

- the characters are historical (i.e. Adam & Eve)
- the events are historical—God created Adam from the dust and created Eve from Adam

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Legitimate Differences

1. Interpretation of the highly stylized form of Genesis 1:3-2:3

A. Historical narrative—seven, 24 hour, chronological days

OR

B. Purposeful elevated prose—use of seven days is a literary device for theological purposes

2. Age of the Universe—related to number one

3. Chronology of Events (sequence)

- Relationship between chapters one and two

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Unacceptable Positions

1. Gap (Restitution) Theory
2. Day-Age Theory
3. Viewing chapter Genesis 2 as an allegory
4. Explaining the origin of man through *theistic evolution*