

Genesis One for Poets

In the beginning God created... “And God said...” *ex nihilo*

Creation Days 1, 2, 3: Days of Forming

Day 1 Gen. 1:3-5

The nature of light: Particles or waves? (1 John 1:5 “God is Light....”)

The speed of light

Electromagnetic radiation

Color and color vision

Day 2 Gen. 1:6-8

The sky (And why is the sky blue? Why are clouds white?)

Day 3 Gen. 1:9-13

Dry land (Only one continent to begin with?)

Vegetation (Give us this day our daily bread...)

Creation Days 4, 5, 6: Days of Filling

Day 4 Gen. 1:14-19

Our sun - an “average” star

Our moon - phases (Why?); Apollo 8 mission to the moon (Dec. 24, 1968)

(And just what was that Star of Bethlehem?)

Day 5 Gen. 1:20-23

Birds, Birds, Birds (fish, too!)

Day 6 Gen. 1:24-27

Man: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

Matt. 2:1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Psalm 63:4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

For our closing:

Responsive reading of Psalm 139: 13-18, 23-24

L: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

R: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

R: When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

R: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

L: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

R: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. AMEN.