

Entropy



Genesis 1:1-2:1 is probably the most controversial part of the whole Bible and yet it is the cornerstone of the rest of the Bible and if you don't accept or understand it, then the rest of the Bible is just stories and philosophy.

We don't hear much about Satan and only twice is conflict with him specifically mentioned. In Daniel 10:12-14, an angel speaking to Daniel mentions that he was held up by the "Prince of Persia", presumably of the satanic army. Then in Matthew 4:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13 the story of Jesus' encounter with Satan and how He overcame him with scripture. Paul mentions the personal conflict that we will have, in Ephesians 6:10-20 and offers the suggestion to wear armor.

When did this all happen? Isaiah 13:10-20, draws a picture of Satan but nowhere is there a definitive time line and even though we know that Satan had his way with Adam & Eve and in a restricted way with Job, that doesn't give us a starting point. However, we do know that the angels were fabricated as part of the creation week and that taken in consideration let's take a look at Genesis 1:1-5.

In the beginning!! The beginning of what? The beginning of time, God's Kingdom is without time, consequently He needed to create an environment where time was a dimension and we live in that environment. At this point even though space has been allocated for this environment the only thing present is a formless cloud of building material and darkness. The Spirit of God is hovering (perhaps as a hen broods over her chicks) but in conflict with some enemy (after all Jesus pointed out that evil resides in darkness and loves it). Victory comes when God announces "Let There Be Light", He hasn't vanquished the darkness only isolated it from the light that He deemed to be "Good" and as John 3:19-20 points out those who gravitate towards darkness reject "The Light" (Jesus) lest their evil deeds be revealed. Could this be when the conflict between God and Satan started.

Isn't this a picture of our life? Formless, empty, void and dark but then the Holy Spirit comes "Over and Upon" us and creates, arranges and protects us to form a new "World of Life" in the light of God and out of the darkness of chaos and the influence of Satan.

Evening and morning was the first day. The Jews measure the passage of days differently than we do but first we need to look at "entropy". Entropy is defined as "disorder", just as your closet fall into disorder just a short time after you straitened it out, so the night makes it difficult to perceive order but with the onslaught of daylight order is more easily seen and achieved. The passage of time has always been a problem and since the only witness to this event was God Himself we must take Him on His word but even science suggests that time didn't pass in the same way or at the same speed as it does today.

Even though it may be confusing, the text seems to indicate that God's work was only completed during the "Daylight Hours" and that would be indicative of the previous statement that order is more easily accomplished in a lighted environment. What's equally confusing is that it seems God couldn't complete the "Day 2" project in one complete day, as acknowledged by the lack of "Good" at the end of "Day 2" and the presence of two "Goods" in "Day 3". You need to understand that each time God says it's "Good" it really means "Perfect" and without any entropy and apparently without any Satanic influence. It would also suggest that this project was much bigger than the three sentences of "Day 2" and the two sentences of "Day 3" would imply and even though He is God it was "A Lot of Work".

Science testifies to that fact by emphasizing the precision necessary for the universe to function the way it does and provide an environment that is hospitable to living creatures.

Isn't this true about you!! Your transformation from the "Darkness of Sin" to the "Light of Salvation" is a "Lot of Work" and requires a great deal of effort on your part as well as God's and much patience and precision to produce the best you.

Science doesn't like the order of things!! So far God has only created a big rock floating in space and light that is presumably emanating from Him. Now He is about to populate the rock with vegetation and support their growth with His light.

Isn't that true about you!! God implants you with a crop and cultivates it in "His Light" to make you a useful citizen of "His Kingdom".

Finally, on day four He creates "The Universe" and gives "The Rock" that He had spent the previous three days fabricating, a place and a perspective. The immenseness of the universe might give us an inferiority complex but it should really only remind us of the dimensions of God and what He is willing to do for each of us if we are willing to let Him. Malachi 3:10 speaks of those "FloodGates of Heaven", intimates His ability and "The 40 Year Trip" of Moses testifies to God's fulfillment of that promise.

Is that true about you?? Is God wanting to build something of "Universe Proportions" in your life or are you like the Israelites, just grumbling because things aren't going the way you want them or withholding the blessings of God from the benefit of all?

Day six and here come the animals, swarms in the water, flocks in the air and herds on the land. Do you see a challenge here? All of these animals require food and what feeds them is the vegetation planted on "Day Three" no "Crop Failures Tolerated".

Is that true about you?? When God planted His crops in you for the nourishment of others, was it a "Crop Failure" or have you flourished in "His Light" and found the ability to feed both "Spiritually" and "Physically" swarms, flocks and herds?

Next is the advent of "Humanity", not just "Any Human" but one who manifests "God's Image" without His powers but with "Authority on Earth". God uses words like "Dominion" and "Subdue", which are powerful terms. Dominion implies a level of management, responsibility and stewardship. When He said subdue the world, I don't think He meant contaminate or lay waste to it but rather use the resources that He provided for the benefit and betterment of all life forms on the planet.

Humanity has certainly made life easier for the species but how have those advancements impacted other life forms on this planet and for that matter, have the advancements all produced positive results even for Humanity. End of day six and God pronounces all of His work as "Good".

He rests!! We know that God never rests, He can't. Who will hold this universe together if He takes a day off? No Mark 2:27 says, *"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."* Jesus only reinforces what Genesis already said, "You need rest from your labors". Not necessarily individual rest but "Corporate Rest", Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me and I will give you Rest". Where's Jesus? He said "He will be where two or three are gathered in His name", where does humanity gather in His name? What do you think? Rest isn't just about kicking back and doing nothing, it's about worshiping and expressing gratitude to the God who created you and blesses you every day with probably more than you really deserve and all He asks for is that you put Him into the center of your life and encourage others to do the same. No big deal huh?