



# GENESIS FOUNDATIONS

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## Genesis 1 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light... <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.”... <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” ... <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation:... according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ... And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.



<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years... And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.”... And God saw that it was good. <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: ... And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in His own image,  
in the image of God He created them;  
male and female He created them.

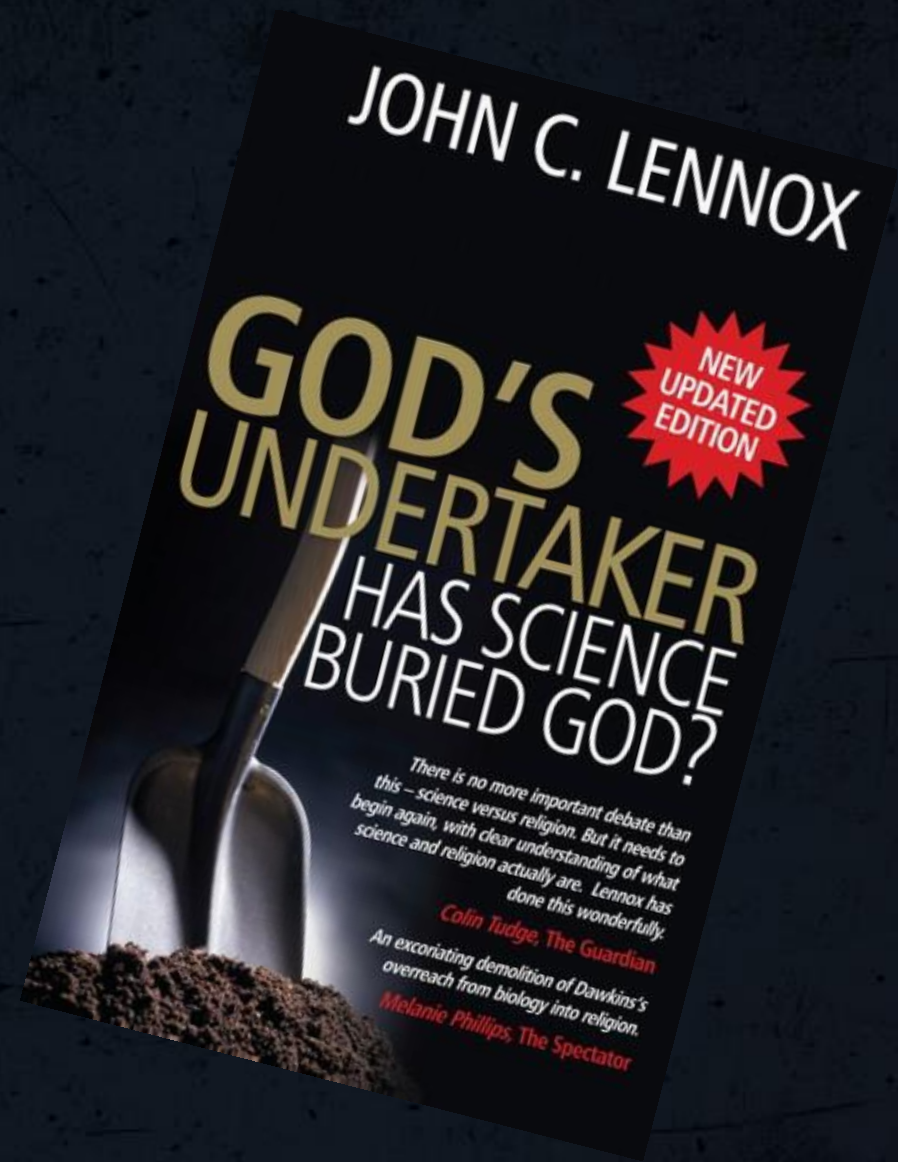
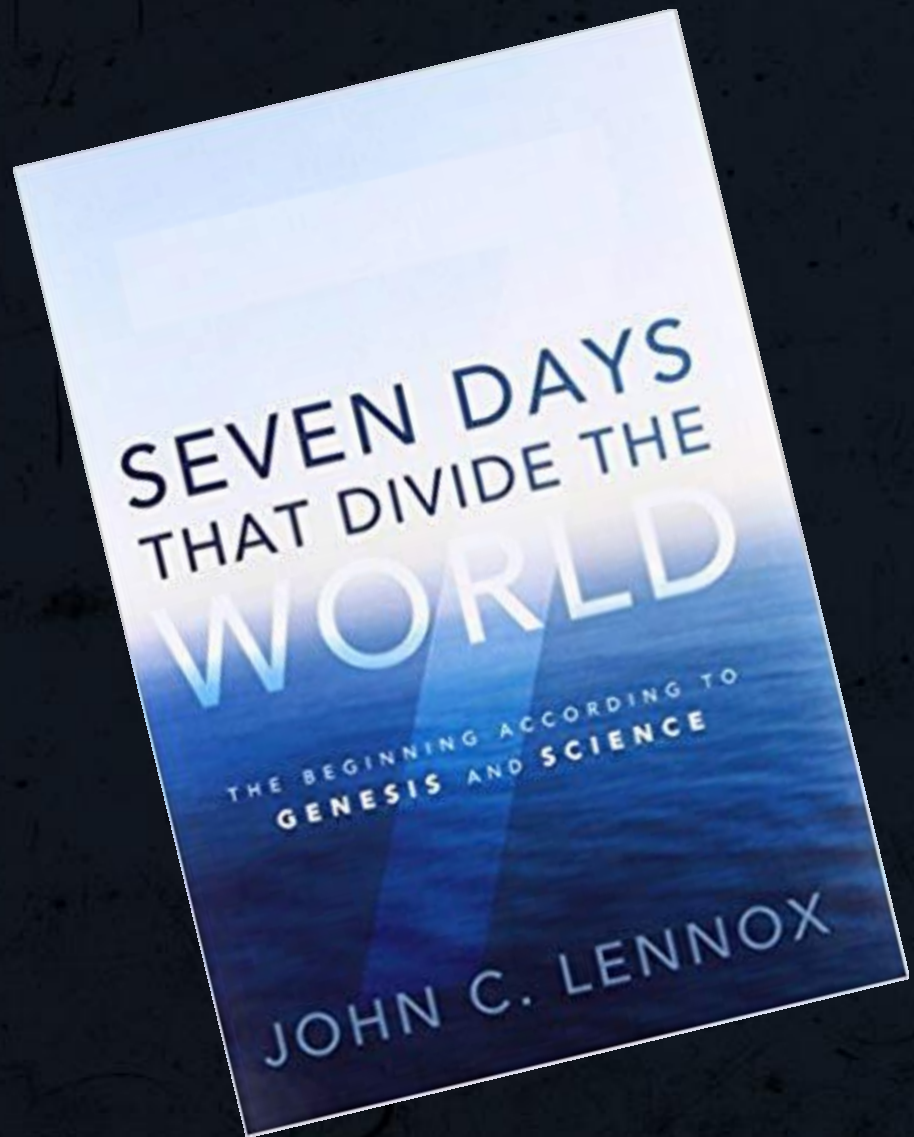
<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it... <sup>31</sup> God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

## Genesis 2

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.





**The 24 – hour view**

**The days are seven 24 hour days, of one earth week, about six thousand years ago.**

**The day-age view**

**The days are chronological in order, each representing a period of time of unspecified length.**

**The framework view**

**The days exhibit a logical order, rather than a chronological, order.**

***The Bible is the inspired 'Word of God' and as such is infallible and the final authority for all beliefs and practices'***

*God hasn't told us everything about everything, but by it we may view everything!*

*Alistair Begg*



*“The main things are the plain things, and the plain things are the main things”.*

*Alistair begg*

*“ It takes a whole Bible to make a whole Christian”.*

# What Can We Learn About God From Genesis?





## Romans 1:20(NIV)

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

- *He is omnipotent*
- *He is omniscient*
- *He is omnipresent*
- *He is sovereign*
- *He is self-sufficient*
- *He is immutable*
- *He is eternal*
- *He is infinite*
- *He is good*
- *He is holy*
- *He is Jehovah Jireh*



*“Genesis 1:26*

*“Let Us make man in Our likeness”*



## *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?**

**A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

**Why do we believe in God?**

## **Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV)**

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**
- <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.**
- <sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.**
- <sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.**



***Hebrews 1:2 (NIV)***

***...in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe.***

*'But suppose I found a watch upon the ground, and should it be inquired how the watch happened to be in that place... The watch must have a maker: there must have existed an... artificer... who formed it for the purpose which we find it actually to answer; who comprehended its construction and designed its use... Every indication of contrivance, every manifestation of design, which existed in the watch, exists in the works of nature; with the difference, on the side of nature, of being greater or more, and that in a degree which exceeds all computation'*

*William Paley*

*'just as a watch proves there is a watch maker, so the complexity we observe in nature, proves there is a Creator.'*



*“Little science takes you away from God but more of it takes you to Him”*

*Louis Pasteur*

***Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)***

***...without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.***

***Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)***

***You will seek me and find me  
when you seek me with all your heart.***



## ***Acts 17:26-27 (NIV)***

***26 From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us.***

*Isaiah 40:28 (NIV)*

*Do you not know?*

*Have you not heard?*

*The LORD is the everlasting God  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He will not grow tired or weary,  
and His understanding no one can fathom*