

In the beginning God created the  
heaven and the earth Gen 1:1



# What I believe

## Patriarchs and Prophets

- Chapter 2 “The Creation”
- Chapter 9 “The Literal Week”



# Creation a recurring theme in the Bible

- "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." "For He spake, and it was;" "He commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:6, 9. He "laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever." Psalm 104:5. (Opening sentences in 'The Creation' PP 44)



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# Six *literal* days

- Gen 1:5 - ...And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 8 – second day
- 13 – third day
- 19- fourth day
- 23 – fifth day
- 31 – Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day





# The culmination of creation – The Sabbath

- Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. Gen 2: 2,3



# Creation in Genesis commemorates the Sabbath



God reminds us of creation in the Sabbath commandment Ex: 20:8-11

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- Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: **For in six days the LORD made** heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:



## *The literal week – PP 111*

- Like the Sabbath, the week originated at creation, and it has been preserved and brought down to us through Bible history. God Himself measured off the first week as a sample for successive weeks to the close of time. Like every other, it consisted of seven literal days. Six days were employed in the work of creation; upon the seventh, God rested, and He then blessed this day and set it apart as a day of rest for man. (Opening sentence in *The literal week* PP 111)

# Genesis commemorates salvation

(The first promise)

- And I will put enmity  
Between you and the  
woman, And between  
your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your  
head, And you shall  
bruise His heel.” Gen  
3:15



# The Genesis creation

- **culminates** in the Sabbath -a pillar in our faith
- It provides us with an **explanation** of our origin - “Let us make man in our image”
- Gen 3 introduces **salvation** – the first promise

Seventh-Day Adventists have *never* moved from this position of a *literal* 6 day creation

# Origin views

- **Atheistic Evolution** (Darwinian evolution)
- **Special Creation** (as described and interpreted literally in Genesis)
- **Theistic evolution** – a blend between the first two - there is quite a continuum from God just setting things in motion at one end to God performing miracles along the evolutionary pathway

# Be careful - know what you believe

- What I faced almost 30 years ago at an overseas SDA institution
- I was not prepared for what was presented
- Millions of years regularly taught, ridiculing a young earth, laughing at being invited to an international field trip/conference looking at evidence for creation
- What you believe can have a huge influence on others with eternal consequences



# Know before you go!

- You can reach young people with open hearts and open minds
- When someone becomes established as a scientist after undergraduate and postgraduate training and indoctrinated in evolutionary theory - it can be extremely difficult to reach their hearts, the bias is just so extreme

# A mom's sad testimony

- There are some scientists here at \_\_\_ who helped my oldest daughter lose her belief in God. They don't believe in the seven day creation and teach the kids the same. My daughter just graduated with a degree in physics. She's headed to grad school in Massachusetts now



# Theistic evolution

## Hit head-on by EG White

- But the assumption that the events of the first week required thousands upon thousands of years, strikes directly at the foundation of the fourth commandment. It represents the Creator as commanding men to observe the week of literal days in commemoration of vast, indefinite periods. This is unlike His method of dealing with His creatures. It makes indefinite and obscure that which He has made very plain. It is infidelity in its most insidious and hence most dangerous form; its real character is so disguised that it is held and taught by many who profess to believe the Bible. PP 111 – “The Literal Week”

Theistic evolution doesn't work. Trying to mix creation with evolution makes no sense. It requires death of organisms during and extended 'creation process' with God proclaiming 'It was good...' at each step.

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- The genealogy of our race, as given by inspiration, traces back its origin, not to a line of developing germs, mollusks, and quadrupeds, but to the great Creator. Though formed from the dust, Adam was "the son of God."



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- **Proclamation of 3 Angels messages** -- And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.** Rev 14: 6,7 (A quote from the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment)

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- **God is the foundation of everything. All true science is in harmony with His works;** all true education leads to obedience to His government. Science opens new wonders to our view; she soars high, and explores new depths; but she brings nothing from her research that conflicts with divine revelation. Ignorance may seek to support false views of God by appeals to science, but the book of nature and the written word shed light upon each other. PP 115 - "The Literal Week"

# True Bible study leads to reformation

- And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. Isa 58:12

