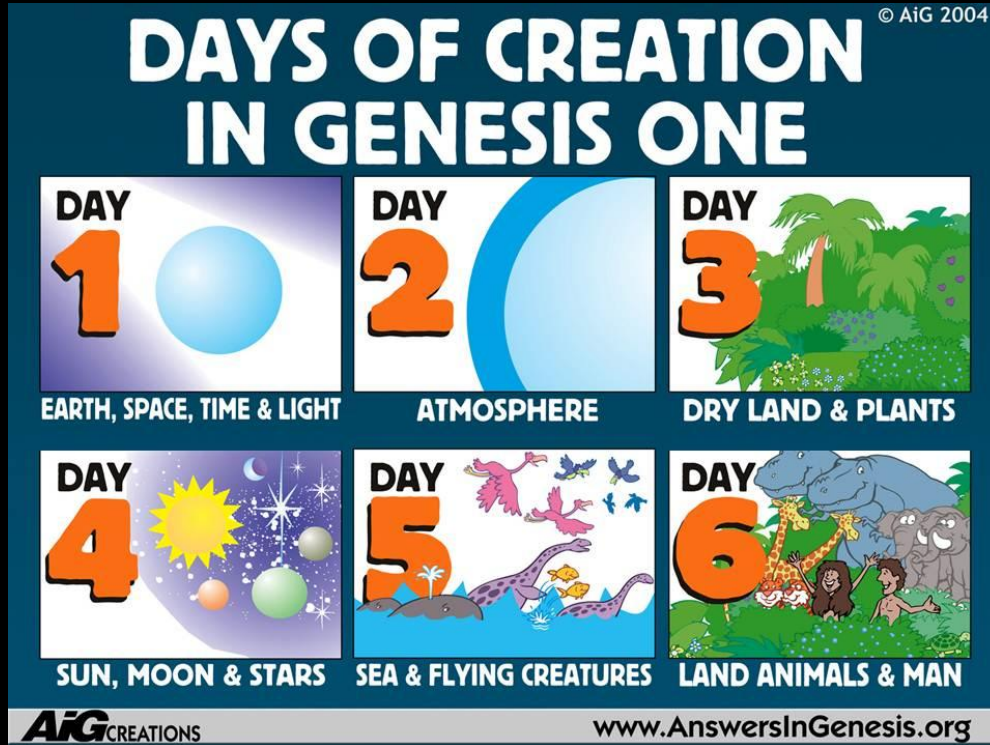


The Days of Creation



1. Light, time, day/night

2. Atmosphere, weather

3. Dry land, plants

4. Sun, moon, stars

5. Fish & birds

6. Animals & humans

We rule over 3,5,6

We submit to 1,2,4

Eternity in our Hearts



He has made everything
beautiful in its time.

He has also set eternity in the
hearts of men;

yet they cannot fathom what
God has done from
beginning to end.

Eccl. 3:11

We are Uncomfortable with Time



Spending Time Only to Increase My Possessions Means... (Ecc.5:10-6:2)



I will never have enough. 10

I will have to leave it all to
someone else. 15

I may not be able to sleep
at night. 12

Someone else may enjoy
them more than me.
6:1,2

I could lose them all. 13,14

Better Uses of Time...

Real-Time



Find satisfaction in my
work. 2:24, 3:13,3:22, 5:18-20

Fear God and keep his
commandments. 11:13,14

Seek first his kingdom and
his righteousness.

Matt 6:33,34

The greatest gift you can give someone is your time.

Because when you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life you can never get back.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.

We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom.

We make idols out of achievements at work and school, the perfect family, the cleanliness of our house, or the latest technology.

We are so busy with our lives that we forget our every breath depends on you.

While we waste time on meaningless activities, we fail to recognize moments of grace throughout our day.

In an effort to look better, we compare ourselves to others while ignoring your Word and commands.

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves before others and before you.

Free us from a self-focused perspective that ignores your eternal priorities

so that we may glorify you in all we think, say, and do throughout our moments and days. Amen.