

AN OLD UNIVERSE

Followed by a Young Creation on the Earth

It was probably Moses who wrote this section of Genesis by inspiration and revelation.

The Hebrew language has a small vocabulary and relies heavily on word pictures, so the context of a word is very important in establishing its definition. A case is to compare heaven in verse 1 with the narrower definition in verse 8.

The Bible translation is the *New American Standard Version* and the numbers are to *Strong's Concordance*. The numbering allows words to be compared to see if they are identical in the Hebrew language.

SOMETIME BEFORE DAY 1:	
Gen 1:1 In the beginning ⁷²²⁵ God ⁴³⁰ created ^{1254a} the heavens ⁸⁰⁶⁴ and the earth ⁷⁷⁶ .	No TIME is specified for the creation (<i>bara</i>) of the stellar heavens or the earth. Our planet could be very old. No METHOD of creation is mentioned. We are not told if it was an event or a process. Years as a method of measuring time, weren't introduced until verses 14 - 18.
2 The earth ⁷⁷⁶ was formless ⁸⁴¹⁴ and void ⁹²² , and darkness ²⁸²² was over ⁵⁹²¹ the surface ⁶⁴⁴⁰ of the deep ⁸⁴¹⁵ , and the Spirit ⁷³⁰⁷ of God ⁴³⁰ was moving ^{7363b} over ⁵⁹²¹ the surface ⁶⁴⁴⁰ of the waters ⁴³²⁵ .	The earth was "uninhabited and empty and dark." No TIME is specified for the ocean remaining dark. All land was under water. This was a flood before the Flood of Noah's time.
Europa, one of the moons that orbit Jupiter, may have an ocean surface like the earth.	
Job 38:9 When I made ⁷⁷⁶⁰ a cloud ⁶⁰⁵¹ its garment ³⁸³⁰ And thick ⁶²⁰⁵ darkness ⁶²⁰⁵ its swaddling ²⁸⁵⁴ band ²⁸⁵⁴ ,	Darkness on earth had lasted for a month or maybe a million years. The fact of darkness on the earth implies light elsewhere in the universe.
DAY 1:	
3 Then God ⁴³⁰ said ⁵⁵⁹ , "Let there be light ²¹⁶ "; and there was light ²¹⁶ .	Action began on earth with the words <i>Then God said . . .</i> Light, available in the universe (verse 1), was to be allowed to earth. The mantle of darkness was thinned, allowing light to reach the surface of the water.
4 God ⁴³⁰ saw ⁷²⁰⁰ that the light ²¹⁶ was good ^{2896a} , and God ⁴³⁰ separated ⁹¹⁴ the light ²¹⁶ from the darkness ²⁸²² .	The earth was rotating. The writer is writing from earth's standpoint.
5 God ⁴³⁰ called ⁷¹²¹ the light ²¹⁶ day ³¹¹⁷ , and the darkness ²⁸²² He called ⁷¹²¹ night ³⁹¹⁵ . And there was evening ⁶¹⁵³ and there was morning ¹²⁴² , one ²⁵⁹ day ³¹¹⁷ .	A descriptive vocabulary was introduced and <i>days</i> were defined. It was now possible to tell day from night. Full light came on day 4. God could have done His work in seven seconds rather than seven days.

DAY 2:	
6 Then God ⁴³⁰ said ⁵⁵⁹ , "Let there be an expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ in the midst ⁸⁴³² of the waters ⁴³²⁵ , and let it separate ⁹¹⁴ the waters ⁴³²⁵ from the waters ⁴³²⁵ ."	A command.
7 God ⁴³⁰ made ^{6213a} the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ , and separated ⁹¹⁴ the waters ⁴³²⁵ which ⁸³⁴ were below ^{4480, 8478} the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ from the waters ⁴³²⁵ which ⁸³⁴ were above ^{4480, 5921} the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ ; and it was so ³⁶⁵¹ .	Atmospheric gases: nitrogen, oxygen, argon, carbon dioxide and more, covered the planet and clouds of water were formed. Now there was air at the surface of the earth.
8 God ⁴³⁰ called ⁷¹²¹ the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ heaven ⁸⁰⁶⁴ . And there was evening ⁶¹⁵³ and there was morning ¹²⁴² , a second ⁸¹⁴⁵ day ³¹¹⁷ .	Next, <i>heaven</i> is defined as above the ocean and under clouds. This is the same Hebrew word for <i>heaven</i> as in verse 1, but the definition is narrower.
DAY 3:	
9 Then God ⁴³⁰ said ⁵⁵⁹ , "Let the waters ⁴³²⁵ below ^{4480, 8478} the heavens ⁸⁰⁶⁴ be gathered ^{6960b} into one ²⁵⁹ place ⁴⁷²⁵ , and let the dry ³⁰⁰⁴ land ³⁰⁰⁴ appear ⁷²⁰⁰ "; and it was so ³⁶⁵¹ .	A command. The land was to move upward or the ocean level was to drop.
Job 38:10 And I placed ⁷⁶⁶⁵ boundaries ²⁷⁰⁶ on it And set ⁷⁷⁶⁰ a bolt ¹²⁸⁰ and doors ¹⁸¹⁷ , Job 38:11 And I said ⁵⁵⁹ , 'Thus ⁶³¹¹ far ⁵⁷⁰⁴ you shall come ⁹³⁵ , but no ³⁸⁰⁸ farther ³²⁵⁴ ; And here ⁶³¹¹ shall your proud ^{1347b} waves ¹⁵³⁰ stop ^{7896!} '	Similar to Genesis 1:9 - 10.
10 God ⁴³⁰ called ⁷¹²¹ the dry ³⁰⁰⁴ land ³⁰⁰⁴ earth ⁷⁷⁶ , and the gathering ^{4723b} of the waters ⁴³²⁵ He called ⁷¹²¹ seas ³²²⁰ ; and God ⁴³⁰ saw ⁷²⁰⁰ that it was good ^{2896a} .	Land (earth) appeared. The words <i>Earth</i> and <i>Seas</i> were narrowly defined on this day.
11 Then God ⁴³⁰ said ⁵⁵⁹ , "Let the earth ⁷⁷⁶ sprout ¹⁸⁷⁶ vegetation ¹⁸⁷⁷ , plants ^{6212a} yielding ²²³² seed ²²³³ , and fruit ⁶⁵²⁹ trees ⁶⁰⁸⁶ on the earth ⁷⁷⁶ bearing ^{6213a} fruit ⁶⁵²⁹ after their kind ⁴³²⁷ with seed ²²³³ in them"; and it was so ³⁶⁵¹ .	A command. Direct sunlight would not be needed for plants and trees to grow.
12 The earth ⁷⁷⁶ brought ³³¹⁸ forth ³³¹⁸ vegetation ¹⁸⁷⁷ , plants ^{6212a} yielding ²²³² seed ²²³³ after their kind ⁴³²⁷ , and trees ⁶⁰⁸⁶ bearing ^{6213a} fruit ⁶⁵²⁹ with seed ²²³³ in them, after their kind ⁴³²⁷ ; and God ⁴³⁰ saw ⁷²⁰⁰ that it was good ^{2896a} .	Vegetation, the first life, appeared.
13 There was evening ⁶¹⁵³ and there was morning ¹²⁴² , a third ⁷⁹⁹² day ³¹¹⁷ .	

DAY 4:	
14 Then God ⁴³⁰ said ⁵⁵⁹ , "Let there be lights ³⁹⁷⁴ in the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ of the heavens ⁸⁰⁶⁴ to separate ⁹¹⁴ the day ³¹¹⁷ from the night ³⁹¹⁵ , and let them be for signs ²²⁶ and for seasons ⁴¹⁵⁰ and for days ³¹¹⁷ and years ⁸¹⁴¹ ;	Command. The tools to calculate the passage of time are to be placed in the sky.
Gen 1:15 and let them be for lights ³⁹⁷⁴ in the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ of the heavens ⁸⁰⁶⁴ to give ²¹⁵ light ²¹⁵ on the earth ⁷⁷⁶ "; and it was so ³⁶⁵¹ .	Existing light from the universe was totally unveiled on earth.
Gen 1:16 God ⁴³⁰ made ^{6213a} the two ⁸¹⁴⁷ great ¹⁴¹⁹ lights ³⁹⁷⁴ , the greater ¹⁴¹⁹ light ³⁹⁷⁴ to govern ⁴⁴⁷⁵ the day ³¹¹⁷ , and the lesser ^{6996b} light ³⁹⁷⁴ to govern ⁴⁴⁷⁵ the night ³⁹¹⁵ ; <i>He made</i> the stars ³⁵⁵⁶ also.	Made= <i>asah</i> , to do. (Made as in "made the bed.") Here God worked on the lighting. The sun, moon and stars had been created before the earth in verse 1. Now they appear to earth.
Gen 1:17 God ⁴³⁰ placed ⁵⁴¹⁴ them in the expanse ⁷⁵⁴⁹ of the heavens ⁸⁰⁶⁴ to give ²¹⁵ light ²¹⁵ on the earth ⁷⁷⁶ ,	Written from the standpoint of earth.
Gen 1:18 and to govern ⁴⁹¹⁰ the day ³¹¹⁷ and the night ³⁹¹⁵ , and to separate ⁹¹⁴ the light ²¹⁶ from the darkness ²⁸²² ; and God ⁴³⁰ saw ⁷²⁰⁰ that it was good ^{2896a}	The seasons could not be marked nor years identified without seeing the planets. Now birds will be able to migrate and bears can hibernate.
Gen 1:19 There was evening ⁶¹⁵³ and there was morning ¹²⁴² , a fourth ⁷²⁴³ day ³¹¹⁷ .	
Young universe scholars cite Exodus 20:11 to prove that the universe was created during the six days of Genesis 1. Instead, Moses specifies that during the six days, the "heavens, earth and sea" were made, <i>asah</i> . Heavens, in this context, means the air, not the universe. Creation (<i>bara</i>) is a different word than made.	
Exodus 20:11 "For in six ^{8337a} days ³¹¹⁷ the LORD ³⁰⁶⁸ made ^{6213a} the heavens ⁸⁰⁶⁴ and the earth ⁷⁷⁶ , the sea ³²²⁰ and all ³⁶⁰⁵ that is in them, and rested ⁵¹¹⁷ on the seventh ⁷⁶³⁷ day ³¹¹⁷ ; therefore ^{5921, 3651} the LORD ³⁰⁶⁸ blessed ¹²⁸⁸ the sabbath ⁷⁶⁷⁶ day ³¹¹⁷ and made ⁶⁹⁴² it holy ⁶⁹⁴² .	Made, <i>asah</i> . The <i>heavens</i> that God <i>made</i> refers to day 2, verse 8. Verse 1 is not within the six days. <i>Heavens</i> is always plural in Hebrew. "For six days God worked on the air, the land and the sea and all that is in them . . ." The Exodus passage illustrates resting after work , not resting after creation.
Moses is specifying that the seven days were literal.	

A 196-page book that defends this point of view is:

The Age of the Universe by Gorman Gray. Morning Star Publications. 2000.

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