

THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR

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Day 1: Light & Night (Genesis 1:1-5)

PURPOSE: To capture the *What*, the *How*, and the *Who* of everything around us -preparing us for stepping into God's world.

I. **The What** (What Are We Looking At?)

A. The Physics of the First Mysterious Light (Contrast Night)

1. In Genesis 1:3 it appears the first light (which was not the Sun, nor a star) was not ambient; it appears it was direct light; it lasted for 3 days.
2. It appears the first light was helpful for vegetation.
3. Darkness is the absence of light and is ordinarily caused by an object in the way [but could God have also created enormous black holes to vacuum out excess light? Origin of Cosmic Microwave Background -the CMB?].
4. The mostly even balance of 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night are helpful for life on the Earth (allows time for sleep and rest).

B. The Metaphysics of the First Mysterious Light (& Night)

1. In Genesis 1:4, God describes the first light as "good" but he is silent about the darkness.
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:5b says, We are not of the night or of the darkness.
3. In the new heaven and new earth, in the book of Revelation, the Lord God is the eternal source of light; *there is no longer any night* (Rev. 22:5).

II. **The How** (How Are We Processing All This?)

A. Reason (Grappling with the Theory of Evolution)

1. The problem of an *impersonal* infinite past.
2. The problem of *impersonal* spontaneous generation and the first movement.
3. Internal problems with the Big Bang Theory (e.g., everything came from something the size of an olive? Evolution of the *complex* periodic table? Contradictions to current universally observed patterns of entropy & de-evolution).
4. The problem of *the speed of light*: Even with the natural understanding of “light”, its actual speed is still unknown –web search: “The Conventionality Thesis.” In the supernatural understanding of the Genesis 1:3 “light” we simply do not know it’s components (i.e., intensity, photon particles, electro-magnetic effects/residue left on Universe).

B. Faith

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that **what is seen was not made out of things that are visible**.

- Hebrews 11:3

III. **The Who** (Who Does This All Point To? Who is Creation For?)

A. God – Pointing to His Radiance

1. In light of the book of *Genesis*.

God separated the light from the darkness.

Henceforward from the line of Adam, God appears, to a degree, to be separating spiritual light from spiritual darkness.

1 John 3:12, reflecting upon Cain vs. Abel:

We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? **Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.**

2. In light of the *Torah* (Gen. – Deut.).

God's glory leaves Moses' face *literally* aglow.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that **the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.**³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

- Exodus 34:29-30

Note also the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew 17:1-3 where Christ is *literally* radiant with light.

3. In light of the whole *Bible* (Gen. – Rev.)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

- 1 John 1:5

B. Man & the Light of Men

1. In light of the book of *Genesis*.

Light helps with man's sight and night works with man's need for rest.

"...And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, the first day."

- Genesis 1:5b

2. In light of the *Torah* (Gen. – Deut.)

God's covenant people are guided by his light.

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, **that they might travel by day and by night.**

- Exodus 13:21

See also, Psalm 119:105.

3. In light of the whole *Bible* (Gen. – Rev.)

God desires that Earth's inhabitants not be left groping in the darkness.

In him [Christ] was life, **and the life was the light of men.**

- 1 John 1:4

The Almighty Creator Course Outline:

- June 21 - Introduction
- June 28 - Day 1: Light & Night
- July 5 - Day 2: Ocean & Sky
- July 12 - Day 3: Land & Vegetation
- July 19 - Day 4: Sun, Moon, & Stars
- July 26 - Day 5: Birds & Fish
- August 2 - Day 6: Land Animals & Man
- August 9 - Conclusion

Extra Credit - see Dr. Jason Lisle Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afXQomQ7Gqo&t=739s>