



# THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR

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## Day 3: Land & Vegetation (Genesis 1:9-13)

**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 Land and Vegetation

1. In Genesis 1:9 it appears God pushed a colossal mass of land up from the bottom of the sea floor so that the waters were 'held back' by this rising terrestrial mound ("Pangaea"?).
2. *Secret underwater caves?* It's not farfetched to surmise that God, in the process of making these ripples of land arch upwards, may have also created voids underneath...possibly holding hidden reserves of water (compare with Genesis 2:6 and 7:11).
3. *Day Three* marks the beginning of complex forms:  
  
*Land* includes the *other* 100+ elements of the Periodic Table (beyond the H<sub>2</sub>O of water). Land can store heat, gas, nutrients, and water.  
  
*Vegetation* introduces *cellular lifeforms* hardwired with their own DNA coding, similar to computers.

#### B. The Metaphysics of Land and Vegetation

1. Something we already know: Land is the foundation for higher life forms; land supports plants which support animals and people. *But this isn't a self-guided thing.* God is the One erecting the physical building blocks for sustainable life.

2. *Day Three* of creation is the first time when God delivers on two (2) “good” things back-to-back.
3. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, **and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**” - Isaiah 55:12

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

### A. Reason (Still...Grappling with the Theory of Evolution)

1. *Science*. A branch of knowledge conducted on objective principles involving the systematized observation of and experiment with phenomena, esp. concerned with the material and functions of the physical universe. – *Oxford Concise Dictionary* (1990)
2. *Land and Carbon-14 Dating*. It involves the accelerating decay of carbon into nitrogen, from thousands(?) of years ago. It requires a ‘clean’ material with the least exposure to variant outside influences. It should not contradict other methods or observations, if it is the king of dating methods.
3. *Going from Red Algae to the First Leafy Plants*. You would think that the simpler single-cell-line-assembly of the former seamlessly gives way the latter using C-14 dating methods, but not so.
4. In fact, when using C-14 dating, fossils of the simpler algae structure are found to be separated from fossils of the more complex leafy plant by almost a billion years! Chronologically their fossil remains are separated by, not some intermediary plant forms, but by the underwater crawling *animals* of the Cambrian Explosion. Wonky.
5. Variables for detecting a ‘self-guided’ system: Complexity vs. adaptation of a given lifeform and record-ability/survey-ability of its first environment.

B. Faith

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,<sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?<sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal, **and its features stand out like a garment...**”

- Job 38:12-14

(See Job's *response of faith* in Job 42:1-6)

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

A. God Displays His Beauty with Land and Plants

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

God placed Adam in paradise.

And the LORD God planted **a garden in Eden**, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

- Genesis 2:8

(note: “Eden” = “pleasure” in Hebrew)

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

God reserved a glowing covenant land for Israel.

But I have said to you, ‘You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, **a land flowing with milk and honey.**’ I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

- Leviticus 20:24

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

The New Jerusalem is an even *better* paradise.

..And through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with

its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

- Revelation 22:2

B. Man is Drawn to Rolling Plains and Steep Mountains

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

Sin can cast a dark shadow on a lush paradise.

And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere **like the garden of the LORD**, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (**This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.**)<sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.

- Genesis 13:10-11

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

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.....

- Psalms 65:12

**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