



# THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR

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## Day 4: Sun, Moon, & Stars (Genesis 1:14-19)

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 Cosmos (Is Astronomy)

1. *All in Functional Order.* The Sun's energy is converted into food (photosynthesis) for plants, which were created on the previous day. The Moon plays a role with our tides. The stars act as a convenient nightlight and they act as guides in long distance travel.
2. *A Stability Not to be Taken for Granted.* If the Earth were any closer to the Sun life on Earth could not exist; the converse applies if we had too much cold distance from the Sun. Like *clockwork*, our Earth cycles through four even seasons (two major axis tilts) in the course the Earth's full rotation around the Sun. Helpful.

#### B. The Metaphysics of the Cosmos (..Is *Not* Astrology)

1. *Putting the Sun and Stars in their Pecking Order.* It could be that God, knowing that people would eventually worship this amazing Sun (e.g., Aztecs Egyptians), intentionally did not make them on Day One, instead ushering them to Day Four. See also Deut. 4:19 warning against worship of stars.
2. *Nameless Luminaries:* Even though later in Psalm 147:4, God "numbers the stars" and "gives them their names," in Genesis 1 not one luminary is

named. It is as if they needed to be upstaged by that first glorious “Light” of Day One –which was given a name. Interesting...the first Light is given a seat of prominence even though it only appeared for three days (72 hours -see Class 1).

3. *Stars*  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  *Angels*? There may be a connection. In Scripture the glory of luminaries parallels the glory of angelic armies (Rev. 1:20, 8:12, 12:4).

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

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

1. *Our Solar System: an Odd Mix of Space Balls.* According to evolution our planets originated from particles from the Sun. Sounds simple enough, but looking closer there are these incongruities. Venus and Neptune spin clockwise about their north poles whereas the other (6) planets spin counterclockwise. Each planet is has its own distinct size, color, and texture. Nothing appears in a linear line of development. Halley’s Comet, for its relatively small size, should have burned out eons ago...the same goes for “blue stars;” secularist cannot explain their so-far-back ancient origin.
2. *The Moon.* According to evolution the Moon originated with a collision with Earth...and things smoothed out over billions of years. How the Moon’s impact did not disrupt our orbit around the Sun, but instead perfectly aligned itself coplanar with our solar orbit (thus allowing for a *perfect* lunar eclipse) cannot be explained by mere chance.
3. *Dark Matter.* Secular scientists cannot explain why the outer rim of galaxies are moving so fast, so they give it a respectful name (said to be 25% of the known universe).

4. *Dark Energy*. Secular scientists cannot explain why almost all outside, distant galaxies (in the billions!) appear to be speeding away faster and faster from ours, so they give it a respectful name also (said to be 70% of the known universe).

B. Faith

Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion? <sup>33</sup> **Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?**

Can you establish their rule on the earth?

- Job 38:31 & 33

(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 Greatness in the Constellations

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

God's promise to Abraham.

And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, **and number the stars, if you are able to number them.**" Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

- Genesis 15:5

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

God shrouded Pharaoh's Sun in darkness.

So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and **there was pitch darkness in all the land** of Egypt three days. <sup>23</sup> They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, **but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.**

- Exodus 10:22-23

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

Jesus –the Light of the world.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, **the bright morning star.**”

- Revelation 22:16

#### B. Man’s Eyes Were Made to Look Up, in Awe

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

Jacob’s Dream in Genesis 28:10-17 and Joseph’s Dream in Genesis 37:9-11 keep the spectator looking upwards to the heavens from where divine promises come (compare also to John 3:12-13).

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

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> **what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

- Psalm 8:3-4

#### **The Almighty Creator Course Outline:**

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