

Learn Your Bible

Lesson #1

In this lesson, we will study Moses' account of how the world began, and man's loss of a paradise- through sin.

Many sophisticated attacks are leveled against the Bible. Today a focal point of these attacks is Genesis 1. For this reason, in this first lesson we will notice a little of the evidence available. (For a fuller review of biblical evidences in

general, the author has a course available.) In all honesty, we will find that the Bible either stands or falls as a result of this chapter.

Without a great deal of scientific jargon, the issue is whether or not life came from non-life without the help of God. It is also important to note that the state religion today is not Christianity, but Naturalism. Our public schools teach that all things came about "naturally". For example...

'First there was a big boom. The result of this was the sun, moon, stars, etc. Eventually one celled life came from "muck." Progression continued, one celled life became multi-celled... trilobites appeared, fish appeared, the first land plants, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals (whales), and then man.' So reads the state religion...

This directly contradicts Moses' account in several areas, some of which you will have the opportunity to compare later. This also contradicts the known laws of science. "Entropy" is the law that says: "left to themselves, things naturally decay, order becomes disorder." This is in full agreement with Moses. Man "fell" from paradise and things have been in a state of decay since that time. Science however, claims the reverse. They have progression from mindless matter *toward* paradise.

In the first three chapters of Genesis we find the answers to the questions "Who am I?", "Where did I come from?", and at the end of the Bible we find the answer to "Where am I going?".

This will become the foundation on which we will build our faith as we go through the Bible. We see the question of authority forever settled... When God says something, He means it!



We will get our first view of grace and the reason man is not worthy to stand in the presence of God... He has the death penalty standing against him!

We also learn it is on **God's terms** that God is able to forgive this penalty, not on man's terms.

*Read the first three chapters of Genesis, then answer these questions:

1. Make a list of what happened on each of the 7 days of creation;

day 1: _____ vs ? _____

day 2: _____ vs ? _____

day 3: _____ vs ? _____

day 4: _____ vs ? _____

day 5: _____ vs ? _____

day 6: _____ vs ? _____

day 7: _____ vs ? _____

2. Scientists today teach that man came into being by evolution, from dead matter. This obviously contradicts Moses' account, but using the information and order in the introductory material, give two major contradictions between the scientists' view and the Bible.



Evolution: **Sun** before the **light**

Genesis: _____ day _____, before _____, day _____

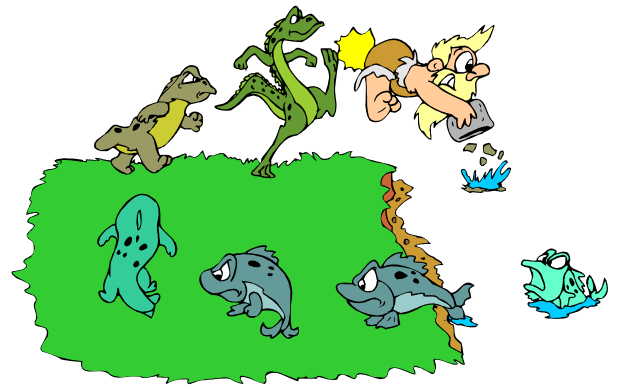
Evolution: **Creeping things** before Sea Monsters or **whales**

Genesis: _____, day _____, before _____, day _____

Evolution: **Sea life** before **land plants**

Genesis: _____, day _____, before _____, day _____

3. There are several other contradictions, but this is sufficient to show us what? _____



4. If we claim to be Christians, which must we believe? _____



5. Moses' account of creation has no proven contradictions between the way it happened, and the scientists' account does. Keep in mind that Moses lived before all of this "knowledge" of fossils, etc., and in worldly eyes Moses was just "a renegade Jew running around in the desert." Now, what would the most logical conclusion be, as to the source of

Moses' information?

6. Compare Genesis 3:6 to Matthew 4:1-11. How did Jesus resist temptation?

7. See Hebrews 2:16-18. What point do you think is being made here? ____



APPLICATION:

8. Read Genesis 3:12. Adam lays the blame on two sources, who are they?

9. James 1:13-16. Notice the similarity; where is the blame to be leveled?

10. Did Adam have a choice? _____

11. What separates us from God? (See also Romans 3:23)_____

12. Compare Genesis 3:7 and 3:21. Who tried to cover Adam?



Who did cover Adam? _____

What lesson does this teach us about coming to God? _____

13. What was the result of their sin? _____

14 Revelation 20:12-15 What will be the result of our sin? _____

15. Where do we want our name to be written? _____

16. **Who** decides the terms on how it gets there?_____

17. Compare Genesis 3:23, 24 and Revelation 22:1,2,14. Since God records the loss of the tree of life in Genesis, and in Revelation He records man's restoration to it, what do you think the story of the Bible is about? _____