

## 1:2-5

**2 The earth was <sup>c</sup>without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”;**<sup>1</sup> Some have said that this is Jesus (since there are no sources for light until day 4), but this seems unnecessary. **and there was light. 4 And God saw the light,** Perhaps it should be pointed out that this is a creation of that which scientists say is “light years old light” between the earth and the light’s source. In other words, the light was created on day one and it is, then, merely appearing as “aged” to the observer today. Adam is another great argument that God creates things with a mere appearance of age. Adam looked like an adult when he was a mere second old.

Having said all of this, Paul did say that this was a picture of Jesus (see my commentary on 2 Corinthians, chapter 4).

**that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.** While I cannot prove that the days were 24 hours long, I can tell you that it was one rotation of the earth long: **evening and morning.**

**6 Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters,** Job 26:8 and following seem to say that there is a sea and cloud around the throne of God (and Revelation 4 says so too).<sup>2</sup> It is possible, then, that “water above the **firmament**” is at the edge of the universe. It could be that this is not much water if the universe is cone-shaped. Psalm 148 does speak of this very same water “above the heavens.” This water was still there at the time of this writing so it doesn’t seem feasible that this is simply “ante-deluvian” storehouse. **and let it divide the waters from the waters.” 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.** Some have said this was a temporary barrier and source of ante-deluvian water—a sort of canopy around the earth that “then was” (2 Peter 3:6). So a sort of convex object arises out of the water with water trapped above?

There are other explanations. “Heavens” of verse 1 don’t even show up in the chronology of the six days’ creation until now. So this is the “creation of ‘heavens’”. It seems, from a spherical earth perspective, this would be an ever expanding “outer space” which are even big enough to contain the products of “day 4” and low enough to contain the birds (day 5).

Then, others could say that the Scripture contains a flat-earth perspective and that the firmament is an obvious, existing canopy that now is.

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<sup>c</sup>Jer. 4:23

<sup>1</sup>See more from my commentary on 2 Corinthians (4:6).

<sup>2</sup>It makes me a little nervous to clarify poetry (like Job) with symbolism (like Revelation).