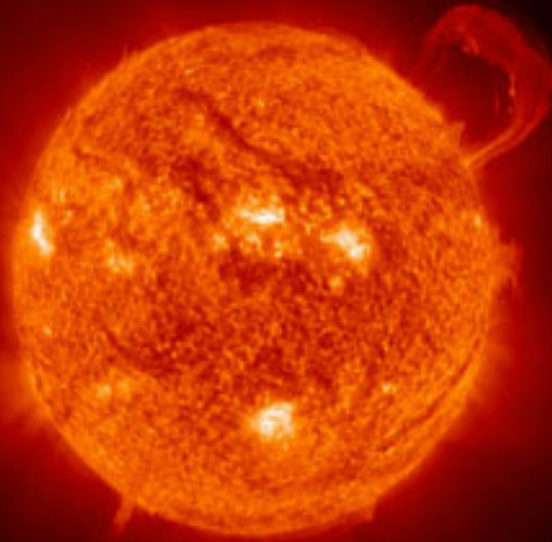


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### Review:

*Genesis 2: 1-3 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work, which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work, which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made (ASV).*

With creation completed the Hebrew text emphasizes finishing, blessing, and sanctifying (setting apart, making holy). That is, God completed and blessed His creation. With creation and making from His creation over all future development on earth would be pro-creation since creation had ceased. The text says that God rested. In Hebrew this is Shabbat and it is used as a verb as in ceasing activity. Later in Exodus it will be used as a noun when the Law was given at Sinai to include the Sabbath.

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This word means to cease, desist or rest. It also means to put and end to. It simply is used here to refer to the seventh day when God ceased His creative efforts. There is no command in the passage, which refers to “observe this day.” Some teach this but it is not in the text and the Hebrew does not command a rest or even imply that humankind should observe a rest. The first covenant, the Edenic Covenant also contains no commandment to keep the seventh day. This covenant was the instruction to Adam and Eve, launching mankind in direct relationship with God. The text simply says that God ceased His activity.

Verse three says that God hallowed or set apart the seventh day. Which means he exulted His creative (*bara*) efforts and His making (*asah*) efforts. Later in the history of the nation Israel they will be given the sabbath command on the basis of the seventh day of creation (Exodus 31:17) but not now. The subject of the Sabbath has been a source of much confusion in Christianity.

The word Sabbath as a noun first appears in Scripture in Exodus. It is first stated during the narrative of the story of the Jews who were traveling from Elim to Sinai. It would be at Sinai where they would receive the Law from God after leaving the four hundred year captivity in Egypt.

For those Jews who did not observe the Sabbath they were to be put to death (Exodus 31:15). And Scripture makes it quite clear that *only* the Jews were to be responsible for keeping the Sabbath (Exodus 31: 16). It did not apply to any other people

group. Some Bible expositors and pastors see the New Testament Church of Christ in these verses. Typically the pivotal terminology they employ to link the Church to the Nation Israel is the “Church of the Old Testament.” However, the word Church *never* appears in the original Hebrew language or the English translations of the Old Testament. Further the Jews belonged to the Nation of Israel. There is no Church in the Old Testament. The first time in the long chronology of the whole Bible text the word Church appears is Matthew 16: 18 where Jesus during His first advent was discussing with Peter the building of the institution known as “His Church.” Even then He refers to the Church as yet future to that time. It is simply outside biblical orthodoxy to try and merge the New Testament Church to the Old Testament Law, which was given to the Nation Israel.

In addition to being exclusively directed to the Nation Israel the Sabbath mandated a series of activities, which were restricted for the Jews. Some of those are:

1. The whole family was prohibited from doing any work on the Sabbath; that is, sons, daughters, manservants, maidservants, even livestock and visitors as well converts to Judaism (Exodus 20:10).
2. No fires could be kindled (Exodus 35:3).
3. The priest would wave a sheaf on the next day after the Sabbath to the Lord (Leviticus 23: 11).
4. In the seventh month in the first day of the month a Sabbath memorial was to take place, which included a blowing of trumpets and a holy convocation (Leviticus 23:24).
5. The First Fruits Feast on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Seventh month was followed by a Sabbath observance (Leviticus 23:39).
6. Each Sabbath twelve fresh baked cakes each containing two tenths of an ephah (2/10 of a bushel) would be set in two rows of six each on a pure table before the Lord. Putting pure frankincense on each of the cakes followed this. This is a Sabbath memorial offering by fire to the Lord (Leviticus 24: 5-7).
7. A land Sabbath was commanded. This was for an entire year each seven years for allowing the land to lie fallow so as to give it a rest (Leviticus 24: 2-6).
8. An offering each Sabbath was to consist of two lambs one year old or less that were spotless and two tenths of an ephah of flour mingled with oil and the drink offering (Numbers 28: 9-10).
9. If any of these observations of the Sabbath were not followed death was the penalty, typically by stoning (Numbers 15: 32-36).
10. Each fiftieth year, the Jubilee was sabbatical as well (Lev. 25:8-13). The land was to lie uncultivated during these times, indentured servants were released, and debts were to be cancelled (Dt. 15:2)

In a fifty-year span upon reaching the Jubilee, the faithful Hebrew, to one degree or another – depending upon the specific requirement of the law, would observe 5,830 Sabbaths. These Characteristics embody the bulk of Sabbath observance commanded to the Jews under the Mosaic Law. This is the biblical concept referred to as “Keeping the Sabbath.” Any other activity, memorial or single day observance is contrived and not of the Bible. These activities never were meant for the Christian Church. Anybody in New

Testament Christianity that believes they are following the Sabbath is unaware of the biblical requirements of the Sabbath. Typically what one finds is the New Testament Christian that does not understand the Bible will pick and choose which parts of the Scripture they will follow, somehow thinking this is appropriate.

Shabbat (Jewish word for Sabbath) is still a most important ritual observance in Judaism. It is the *only ritual observance* instituted in the Ten Commandments. It is also the most important special day, even more important than Yom Kippur. Shabbat is primarily a day of rest and spiritual enrichment. The word "Shabbat" comes from the root Shin-Bet-Tav, meaning to cease, to end, or to rest.

FINALLY, WE MUST MAKE THIS COMMENT. IT IS INCORRECT TO REFER TO SUNDAY AS "THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

### **Today's Message-Creation Day Seven Cont.:**

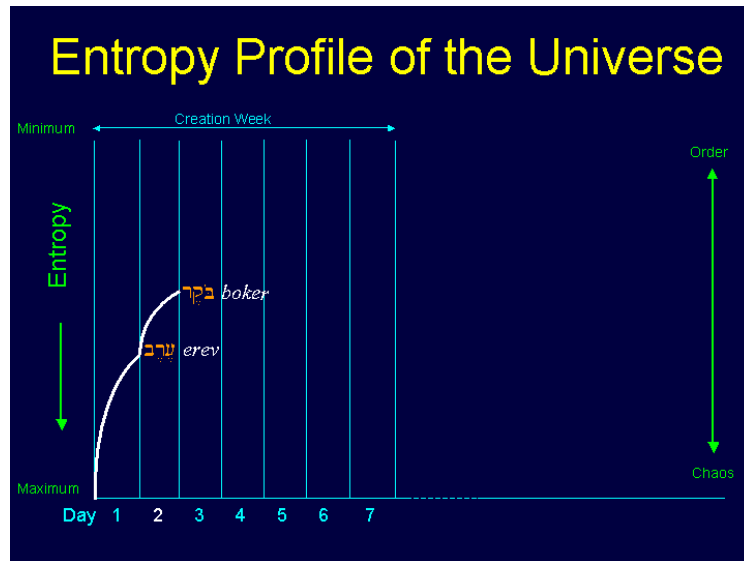
When God rested from His creation on the seventh day, He blessed the day, which He ended creating the cosmos, the earth and all that is within them. For those of us who know God and believe in His Word we assume that the Bible is completely true and accurate in all that it speaks about. The unsaved that don't know God do not have our insight and therefore Satan has blinded them to God's truth. We saw from the teleological argument that as complex a design as the earth and particularly human beings that there must be an intelligent designer. Let's look at additional evidence for that within the creation itself. One topic that is relevant to this discussion is Thermodynamics and its subset entropy.

Thermodynamics is the study within physics that seeks to understand the relationship between heat and mechanical energy. Physicists have observed several laws, which aid the engineering field. Knowledge of these laws enables one to design an engineering system or machinery that will work as intended.

The first law of thermodynamics is an expression of the principle of *conservation of energy*. It says that energy can be transformed, i.e. changed from one form to another, but cannot be created or destroyed. Therefore all energy was created in the past.

Second Law of Thermodynamics says *that heat cannot be transferred from a colder to a hotter body*. The available *energy to do work continually decreases*. Entropy is the measure of the disorder or randomness of energy and matter in a system. This law also states that the *entropy of an isolated system always increases with time*. Because of the second law of thermodynamics both energy and matter in the Universe are becoming less useful as time goes on. Perfect order in the Universe occurred the instant after the creation when energy and matter and all of the forces of the Universe were unified. Order began to decline with the Fall. Or to put it another way entropy increased. The Universe appears to run "downhill" to an eventual heat death when no temperature differences will exist because no energy is available and this will result in uniform disorder or chaos.

The Third Law of Thermodynamics says that every substance has a finite positive entropy, which may become zero at a temperature of absolute zero (-459.67 F).



### CONSERVATION OF MATTER/ENERGY IN SCRIPTURE:

*Genesis 2: 2-3 And on the seventh day God ended His work.*

*Hebrews 4: 3-4 The works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*Nehemiah 9: 6 All the things that are therein.... you preserve them*

### ENTROPY IN SCRIPTURE

*Psalms 102: 25-26 They shall perish... grow old as a garment*

*Isaiah 51: 6 The earth will grow old like a garment.*

*Matthew 24: 35 Heaven and earth will pass away...*

### SOMEDAY THE DECAY (ENTROPY) WILL END.

*Romans 8: 21 Because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

### THERMAL DECAY

Heat always flows from hot bodies to cold bodies. If the universe were infinitely old, the temperature throughout the universe would be uniform. It isn't therefore it isn't infinitely old. The universe had a beginning and it has a prophesied ending.

If evolution were true it would violate the Law of Entropy. Evolution teaches that the earth and its inhabitants are growing stronger and more developed as time progresses. Entropy teaches exactly the opposite.

#### TRANSITIONAL LIFE FORMS

There is a complete lack of transitional life-forms (i.e., "missing links") between the various kinds of life in the fossil record. This would not be the case if the theory of evolution were valid. Sometimes evolutionists have tried to make a case that this or that newly discovered fossil was a "missing link," but all such attempts have ended in failure. No missing links have ever been discovered among the voluminous number of fossils found so far. The "scientific community" has promulgated some fakes.

1. Heidelberg Man 1907 was built from a jawbone
2. Nebraska Man 1922 was described by Henry Osborne on the basis of a tooth found in Nebraska. It was an ape.
3. Piltdown Man 1912 was from Charles Dawson who found a jawbone of a modern ape and said it was a missing link.
4. Peking Man of 1921 All Evidence disappeared and it was found to be outright fraud
5. Neanderthal Man. Found in the cave of the Neander Valley near Dusseldorf. In 1958 it was found to be an old man who suffered from arthritis.
6. Java Man 1922 1891 skullcap a femur and a few teeth eventually found to be a large ape.

In 120 years no transitional life forms have ever been found.

#### Other Evidence

1. The Mississippi Delta deposits about 300 Million cubic yards of sediment each year into the Gulf of Mexico. Analysis of the deposits suggests the age of the Delta to be about 4,000 years old.
2. Testing the salinity of the Oceans yields the following: The uranium, Sodium, nickel, magnesium, silicon, potassium, copper, gold, molybdenum and bicarbonate concentrations in the oceans are much less than they would be expected if these elements and compounds were being added to the oceans at the present for thousands or millions of years. Nitrates and uranium do not break down or recycle like salt. This implies that the oceans are only a few thousand years old.
3. Thermal Decay shows us that heat flows away from hot sources to cold, as in a heat sink. If the universe were infinitely old then it would be at an equal temperature, as it would have had "time" to equalize.
4. The fossil record also shows a sudden, inexplicable appearance of a wide variety of both simple and complex life-forms. However, if evolution were true, there would only be a very gradual increase in both the numbers and complexity of

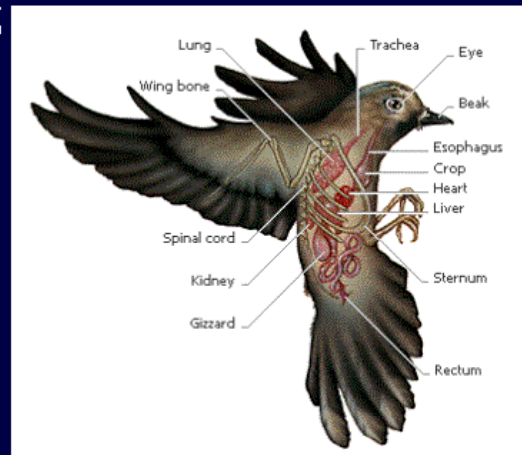
such organisms. Fossils are not being made anymore they came about from the flood.

5. Sometimes it is taught that evolution is true because the development of the fetus within the womb of the human mother allegedly goes through all the stages of evolution, from single cell to multi-cell to fish-like to ape-like to human. However, such a theory is based upon sketches proven to be fraudulent by the Jena University Court, and is unequivocally and absolutely rejected by modern embryologists. Thus, the infamous Recapitulation Theory is a complete fraud.

## BIRDS GOD'S DESIGN FOR FLIGHT

### Designed for Flight

- Lightweight skeletons; hollow bones
- Fused furculum: absorbs shock, facilitates breathing
- Egg laying enables young to develop outside of the body
- Reproductive organs atrophy outside of breeding season



Birds have lightweight skeletons with hollow bones. The fulcrum is like our collarbone. It is also called the wishbone. In birds the left and right portions are fused together. It absorbs the shock of wing motion and acts as a spring to help birds breathe while they fly. In order to fly they have been designed to be “lightweight.” They do not have teeth and food is grinded from a muscular gizzard, a part of their stomach. Since they lay eggs they young develop out side the bird’s body and lighten its load for flight. Their reproductive organs shrink outside of mating season, which further lightens its load. They have a fast metabolism with body temperature reaching 108 F. Their lungs open at each end to accommodate about 450 breaths per minute (human is about 30 per minute). Their hearts are large and beat between 400 to 1000 beats per minute (human is about 160 beats per minute).

## Woodpecker

- Strong beak
- Special Cartilage
- Resilient tail feathers
- 2+2 toes (vs. 3+1)
- Unusually long tongue with barbs and special glue



The Woodpecker's resilient tail feathers form a tripod with his feet to cling to trees. His tongue exits the beak through one of the nostrils and he closes his eyes to prevent his eyeballs from popping out. The European Green Woodpecker has his tongue down his throat and out the back of his neck. It then goes around the back of the skull beneath the skin and over the top between the eyes and terminates just below the eye socket. Somehow birds know when to migrate. This is a mystery.

Art Diagrams and charts my Chuck Missler.

Next week: The Tablet of Adam. AKA the Toldot of Adam

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