

Gn.1:9-13

**And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day.**

At the beginning of the creation week the world was TOHOO and BOHOO – uninhabitable and empty. The first three days of the creation week God was taking care of the first problem – the fact that the world was uninhabitable.

(Then the next three days He takes care of the emptiness by filling the heavens and seas and land).

The first step in making the world habitable was to create light and markers of time – days.

On day two He made the sky.

### **Separation of water & land**

We've come a long way toward the world being habitable, but still the earth itself hasn't been prepared yet. The waters on the earth have not been separated yet from the land.

There is well over 10 times as much water on the earth as land mass, so if the earth were smooth then all the land would be covered by over a mile of water. (I don't know why people have time with a world-wide flood at Noah's time – the world is still mostly flooded to this day.)

If you would have been there that morning when the darkness gave way to the morning light of day three, hopefully you would be in a boat, because all the earth was a giant, muddy, watery abyss.

By the end of that day you would find yourself standing in a beautiful, green, lush paradise of plants and fruit trees, and an infinite variety of vegetation – all the colors of the flowers and the deep blue of the sea.

He who would later cover Adam and Eve with skins now covers the earth with lush vegetation.

So on day three God provides a place for man to live and provides food.

**9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear. And it was so.**

We have no idea how God did this. It just says He did it. It may be that the land was there under the water, and God just lifted it up.

Or it may be that the land and the water were all mixed together and God separated them.

Or, for all we know, the land mass was already up at a high level but still covered with water, and God suddenly instituted gravity for the first time, and all the water then rushed down and settled at sea level.

There is no value in speculating about how He did it. All that matters is that He did it.

And the language precludes a long process here, because if God calls for dry ground to appear, and muddy ground appears instead, you have the inanimate creation disobeying the Creator.

You may be noticing that the work of creation was dominated by separations. A large part of God's work of creating was His work of separating and making distinctions.

One of the greatest struggles of the naturalists is to attempt to explain all the separations we observe in our world.

Our observation of the world around us is that things tend to run together, and it takes the work of cultivation to keep things separated and distinct.

So if the universe started with a giant explosion, and everything that exists used to be gasses expanding uniformly in space, how is it that we now have the separations – distinct molecules, atoms, stars, planets, solar systems, rocks, elements, comets...

We have separations and distinctions because God made them, and God made them because distinctions are important to God. Chaos is the opposite of TOV

In fact, God uses separations and distinctions as a picture of holiness.

Lv.19:19 " **Keep my decrees.**

" **Do not mate different kinds of animals.**

" **Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed.**

" **Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material.**

**Dt.22:9 Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled.**

**10 Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.**

**11 Do not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together.**

## **Naming**

**10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.**

Again, the naming shows authority. You can just picture an Israelite talking to some pagan friends:

"What god do you worship?"

"I worship the god of the sun."

"I worship the god of trees"

"I worship the moon god."

"What about you?"

"My God is the God of the heavens and the earth and the seas and the skies and the oceans and the land and the plants..." (and we are only on day 3)

Genesis one is a polemic against the pagan gods. An that's a good thing to keep in mind throughout the OT.

God is a jealous God and high on His priority list is the humiliation and destruction of any god that sets himself up to be worshipped.

If you look carefully at the plagues God brought on Egypt you will see that one by one God was attacking each of their highest gods.

They worshipped the god of the Nile, so He turned the Nile to blood. They worshipped the god of the sun, so He turned the sun dark.

They worshipped frogs, so He said, "You like frogs?..."

You see the same theme in the conquest of the Promised Land. The first city they faced seemed insurmountable. They were protected by huge walls, and the people themselves were giants.

It was the city named after Jerach – the moon god. The people of Jericho worshipped the moon god.

The Israelites didn't even have to fight – the walls just collapsed.

God did it that way to show that it wasn't a fight between the Israelites and the people of Jericho. It was a fight between Yahweh and the moon god, and Yahweh flattened him.

The next battle the Israelites lost, because they were being punished because of Achan. But that was a city that wasn't named after a pagan god.

The next battle was against the 5 kings of the Amorites, and that's the battle in which the sun was forced to stand still until Israel could finish defeating all the Amorites.

So right off the bat God makes short work of the sun god and the moon god.

When Israel began the conquest of the Promised Land, God made it clear that it wasn't just some warring people groups. It was Yahweh verses the most powerful of the pagan gods, and Yahweh creamed them.

And that theme is never more blatant than when God is ordering the sea around.

Throughout the history of man, people have been terrified of the sea.

The gods of the pagans were very similar to the super heroes we invent today – they always have some Achilles heal – like Superman and cryptonite.

For the ancient gods their point of vulnerability was Rahab – the great, mythical force of the sea.

The sea was even too much for the gods to handle. And it comes as no surprise that the people thought that way, because when we get out on the sea, we are helpless. If a wave comes along that is bigger than your boat, you are finished.

The US Navy's 3rd fleet blundered into the center of a typhoon about 500 mi east of the Philippines. "Destroyers and cruisers, battleships and carriers were tossed about like corks. The fleet scattered wildly trying to escape. There was not a ship that escaped heavy damage, and 3 sank with few survivors."

In 1966 the liner Michelangelo was steaming through the Atlantic in a strong wind, and was suddenly hit by a 60 ft. wave. It flattened the 3" steel bow plates, tore a 30' X 60' hole in the bridge, and crumpled steel cabin walls in the ship's interior, killing 3 people.

In a Dec. storm on the Oregon coast, waves picked up a 135 pound rock and heaved it through the air, knocking a 20-ft hole in the roof of the Lighthouse keeper's house 100 ft. above sea level.

I read in one encyclopedia that tidal waves have killed more people in the US than any other natural disaster.

In 1970 a 25 ft wave hit Bangladesh and killed 300,000 - 500,000 people, and most of the ones who did survive were left homeless.

So it is understandable that man has traditionally thought of the sea as being total chaos, and untamable even by the gods.

Now, understanding that context, can you imagine the effect when Moses wrote: "The God of Israel decided He wanted land so He just said, 'Ocean – from now on here are your boundaries. You're not allowed to cross these lines anymore.'

He created the sea. He named it. He set its boundaries. That's why Job says, "**He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea.**"

Ps.89:8

**O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. 9 You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.**

Just like Jesus, who gave orders to the sea.

**Jer.5:22 Should you not fear me?" declares the LORD. "Should you not tremble in my presence? I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar, but they cannot cross it.**

In fact, God has to stir it up. The Ocean doesn't have any power at all. All it can do is sit there in absolute stillness. The ocean is disabled - paralyzed. In order for anything to happen God has to shake it up.

**Job.41:31 He makes the depths churn like a boiling caldron and stirs up the sea like a pot of ointment.**

**Isa.51:15 For I am the LORD your God, who churns up the sea so that its waves roar--**

And as for Rahab,

Job 9:13

**even the cohorts of Rahab cowered at his feet.**

Job 26:12

**By his power he churned up the sea; by his wisdom he cut Rahab to pieces.**

He can move 322 million cubic miles of water in the hollow of his hand. He speaks a word, and 1.35 billion, billion tons of water flees in fear.

**and God saw that it was good**

The earth was beautiful and excellent and complex. God gave the earth texture - everywhere - the bottom of the ocean is a complex of mountains, plains, canyons, plateaus, basins, trenches, etc.

In fact, the earth we see is bland compared to under there. The mountains are bigger, canyons are deeper.

There is a vast mountain chain about halfway between the continents that is virtually continuous around the world. 40,000 mi. long with peaks 12k high.

Mauna Loa, from the base to the top, is twice as high as Everest (32K ft, Everest is about 15K). If you through Everest (from base) into the Mariana Trench, its peak would be 4 mi under water.

So it's complex and beautiful, and it's also beneficial. It provides all the rest of what man needed to be able to live.

Jesus said, **“If this is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow it is burned, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?”** and **“Look to the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or store away in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”**

If His eye is on the sparrow, what does that say about how he watches you and me?

## **Food**

If you have ever planned an event for a large number of people you know that one of the biggest questions is how to feed them all – especially if it's going to be for a long period of time.

Napoleon ruled France in the early 1800s and is considered the greatest military genius of his time. He created an empire that covered most of western and central Europe.

His ultimate downfall ended up coming not from a battle, but from a lack of a battle.

He marched into Russia, and the Russian army just retreated, leaving Napoleon and his 600,000 men sitting at the end of a supply line stretching all the way from France. Napoleon was finally forced to return to France, and the trip back, the Russian winter, and attacks from the Russian army on the way destroyed Napoleon's army.

The lesson from Napoleon is if you are going to have a big group of people, you'd better make plans for what you are going to do about food.

God had an event He was planning that involved putting billions of people on an isolated location, a planet in the middle of a vast universe, for thousands and thousands of years.

**11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it**

God makes two kinds of plants – the kind with just seeds, and the kind that have the seeds inside fruit.

This is where God’s creativity explodes into complexity and beauty beyond our ability to understand. He begins to make living things.

It’s impossible to do any kind of justice to the wonders of a living organism in a sermon – even a single cell.

You have probably heard the cell be compared to a supercomputer. That is a very misleading comparison.

A cell is much more like a thriving metropolis full of industries, buildings, a fire department, hospitals and factories – each containing many super-computers – all functioning together to make the city function.

Within the DNA of the cell there is information and equipment for the cell to repair itself when damaged, to carry out its purpose in relationship to the larger organism, and to reproduce other cells with all that ability and information.

By the way, this is yet another point where you have to make a decision whether you are going to believe the Bible or the evolutionists, because they claim a much different order.

All three of my encyclopedias said invertebrate animals appeared first, and only over 200 million years later did plants arrive.

Then came vertebrate animals which developed into mammals and dinosaurs. And not until 100 million years after the dinosaurs arrived did flowering plants and fruit trees come along.

But according to Genesis all the plants – including fruit trees, were in place before any animals existed.

The two cannot be harmonized. Theistic evolution is not a compromise between the two. If you believe in theistic evolution, you are just an evolutionist who has added God to your theory. That is not the same as accepting the Genesis account.

But the primary significance of the plants is not the astonishing complexity of their biological makeup, but in their function. They provided food.

When we give thanks at a meal, we do that in recognition that God provides for our sustenance.

1Ti 4:4-5

**For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.**

The food we eat is different from the food of unbelievers, because when we give thanks we

recognize it as a gracious gift from a loving Father and Provider. All they see is a blob of calories.

The provision of food illustrates the provision of spiritual energy and sustenance.

2Co 9:8-11

**And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.**

If you have any question about when God will provide what you need spiritually, just look around at the bounty of physical nutrition He has provided.

Do we think God would provide all that for our physical sustenance, and ignore our spiritual needs?

If we doubt that God has provided in that way, we become painfully aware of it when it is removed.

Am 8:11-9:1

**"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it. 13" In that day "the lovely young women and strong young men will faint because of thirst. 14They who swear by the shame of Samaria, or say, `As surely as your god lives, O Dan,' or, `As surely as the god of Beersheba lives'- they will fall, never to rise again."**

according to their kinds.

### **The Wonder of Reproduction**

First, we need to realize that creation came first, then reproduction. We are so used to everything being a product of reproduction, that we sometimes want to press that into creation.

We think God must have had to create seeds instead of plants.

But at the beginning of day 3 there was no such thing as reproduction yet. God created whole plants – not seeds.

But He did create seeds inside the plants, which is an amazing thing.

The wonder of reproduction has always amazed me. God can put a cherry tree in the Garden of Eden, and it has the ability to make a whole other cherry tree. All the information – the entire blueprint for constructing a whole, functional cherry-producing cherry tree – it's all contained in that little seed!

With all our advanced technology, there is no way man could build a functioning cherry tree.

And yet a seed can do it, and the only materials it needs are sunlight, water and soil!

And not only that – but it can make a cherry tree that can make other cherry trees.

Even if we could build something that could do that on a much simpler scale – like a robot that could build another robot out of dirt, eventually there would be enough glitches that would arise to where after one or two or three generations of robots, it probably would stop working.

But that one cherry tree from the garden has produced millions of cherry tree for thousands of years, and the process still works wonderfully well!

Only recently have scientists begun to discover the role information plays in reproduction, and those recent discoveries have been devastating to evolutionary theory.

Here's why: at a real simplistic level, evolution sounds tenable. Natural selection is logical enough – all the strongest ones survive, and mate with each other, and pass on their strong genes.

As creationists, we don't have any problem with natural selection – it's obvious enough that in the animal and plant worlds, the weak don't survive as well as the strong.

However, what Darwin didn't know was that natural selection *reduces* genetic information rather than increasing it. Natural selection only works by subtraction, never addition.

It can't make anyone more fit. It only kills off the less fit and leaves the others as they are.

Dr. Lee Spentner is a former fellow of Johns Hopkins University and a biophysicist who is a specialist in communications and information theory.

Since evolution is completely dependent upon information being added to the gene pool by means of mutations, he studies the classic textbook cases of mutations cited in favor of evolution and showed conclusively that, without exception, they are all *losses* of information. There is no such thing as a mutation that adds information (In 6 Days p.307)

Every once in a great while there comes a mutation that actually ends up being beneficial to an organism in some way. But even in those cases, it still involves a loss in information, never a gain.

Evolutionists love to point to adaptation and say that is evidence of evolution. But adaptation is also a loss of information.

A species of dogs will start out with the genetic information to have both heavy fur and light fur. But if you isolate those dogs in the arctic for several generations over time they will lose the genetic information for light fur, and they will only be able to develop heavy fur.

They didn't gain anything new. They just lost part of what they had.

And once the genetic information is lost, it's gone. Take those dogs to Hawaii and all they'll do is get hot – they won't be able to adapt back.

Noah and his wife had genetic information for a wide variety of skin colors. But when people groups divided up and were isolated, some of those groups lost the genetic information required



to produce dark skin.

Others lost the ability to produce light skin.

Genetic changes are always downward, never upward, which makes evolution impossible.

Next time you talk to someone who thinks we are here as a result of survival of the fittest, ask him to write up a list of species that have gone extinct over the past 200 years.

If he does his homework, the next time you see him he will have a long list of more than 50 species of birds, more than 75 species of mammals, and hundreds of other species that have gone extinct in the last 200 years.

Take that list, and pin it up on the wall. Then ask them to make up a list of all the new species that have come into existence over the last 200 years.

Then make a careful analysis of the two lists. One difference that should stand out right away is that the one paper has a huge long list, and the other is completely blank.

When we do genetic studies of DNA we find that there is a massive, incalculable amount of information encoded in the DNA, and that pool of information is on the decline. And it's been on the decline for as far back in history as we can see.

Only an evolutionist can trace a graph like that back in time and arrive at zero at the beginning.

The creation started out with genetic information encoded in the DNA. That information originated in the mind of God, and was encoded by God in a way that could be decoded and used by the organisms He created.

As a result of the fall and the curse and the law of entropy, that information is suffering corruption and loss.

And yet, even to this day, the information in one pinhead sized amount of DNA would fill so many books you could stack them in 500 piles and each pile would reach the moon – and every sentence would have specific information that is not repeated in any of the other books.

All that information is proof of an intelligent source. Even Carl Sagan understood that principle.

Carl Sagan petitioned the government for money to be able to set up a huge apparatus to listen for signs of intelligent life on other planets. What was he listening for? Radio signals that are not random. That would be proof of intelligence somewhere.

He figured if there is a radio signal that contained meaningful information, it could only come from an intelligent source.

He was right. But if he really wanted to find an encoded message from an extraterrestrial intelligent source, all he had to do was look at a plant in a microscope and examine the DNA.

The only reason Darwin believed in his own theory is because he thought life was chemically based rather than information based, and that a cell was a real simplistic blob of chemicals. It's easy to imagine certain chemicals bumping into each other in some primordial soup.

But it's impossible to imagine chemicals randomly coming together and suddenly having all that encoded information.

The truth is, a dead body has the same chemicals as a living body.

Could life spontaneously arise from ideal conditions in a primordial soup?

We found a few weeks ago that it couldn't because of the symbiotic nature of life – so many things are dependent upon so many other things – everything would have to be in place all at once.

For example, which came first, DNA or the proteins needed by DNA--which can only be produced by DNA?

And not only is symbiosis a problem, but so is entropy. Everything decays.

If you want to illustrate this for yourself, you can try an experiment. You can create your own primordial soup that has all the necessary ingredients for life.

Just take a frog, and sterilize it. And sterilize a blender. Put the frog in and you've got yourself the ideal primordial soup. It's perfect – all the DNA is already there and everything.

Seal it in a sterile container and wait as long as you want. Then just watch it and see if it starts hopping.

Repeat the experiment a million times in water, in air, in the sun, in the dark, with oxygen, without oxygen, the cold in the heat – you can even cheat and put it on extra high so you really get a high probability that the right chemicals will bump into each other.

But you and I know all that would happen would be a whole lot of entropy – even though you started with the best mixture for the precursors of life, all that's going to happen is the mixture will decompose to simpler and simpler, lower energy, less information-containing molecules.

Evolution never happens. We should delete the word from our vocabulary.

I once heard Robert Bork talking about how his views on a political issue changed over the years and he said, "You have to understand the evolution of my thinking on this topic."

Does our thinking on political issues evolve? Suppose someone is against religious freedom. Then, 5 years later they are for it. Is that the result of evolution - an improvement by means of random changes? Did they just have random thoughts (tree, carpet, mathematics, anger, chocolate chips, gasoline, haircut, Aristotle, the moon, the number 4...) and finally end up realizing that religious freedom is better than repression?

Random changes do not add information, which means there can never be such a thing as evolution.

Believing in evolution is like jamming a screwdriver into the back of your TV and hoping to get a new and better picture.

Mutations are bad, not good. That's why when someone is about to have a baby we don't say,

“I hope your baby has lots of great mutations!”

Even evolutionists want 10 fingers and 10 toes, and they don't go around shutting all the windows in the delivery room for fear that the newborn will fly away.

### **No changes of kinds**

There is a reason God made the plants and later the animals to reproduce only after their kind.

There is great variety within a kind, and yet great stability of the kind itself.

Just look around – we are all different. We have a pretty good variety here. Yet unmistakably we are all people. It's the same with all the kinds of plants and animals.

When you see the words **after their kind**, one thing we can say for sure is God is not an evolutionist.

This is another point where you have to choose between the Bible and evolution. The entire theory of evolution is dependent upon reproduction from one kind to another.

There is no way to mix the two. You cannot say God created by means of reproduction from one kind to another, and then say God accurately described that by saying everything reproduced after its kind only.

Some Christians get so worried about being laughed at by the world if we don't buy in to evolution. They say, “But evolution is universally accepted world wide. The vast majority of credentialed scientists believe it.”

All that is true. But there are some proponents of creationism who have some impressive credentials too.

Let me give you one example. This person is without question the leading expert in the world today in the field of cosmogony. He is also the leading expert in the world in geology and chemistry.

He has mastered the entire science curriculum at every major university, and has taught some of the most brilliant men who have ever lived.

His name is God. And I will put His credentials against any evolutionary scientist you want.

You see, the question isn't whether the creation scientists are more reliable or the evolutionary scientists are more reliable. The question is are we going to set human wisdom as the highest authority or God's Word?

“But how could that many scientists be wrong?”

If you question whether large-scale deception is possible, you need to know that in a recent survey of all the scientists in the National Academy of Science 21% were agnostic and another 72% were atheists. That leaves 7% who even believed in God.

We praise that Lord for that wonderful 7%, but the rest of the NAS is anti-God to the core.

So don't be fooled when they claim to be religiously neutral. They are driven by their religious beliefs every bit as much as we are.

### **Important**

This is not a minor point. The phrase **according to their kind** is repeated 10 times in ch.1. That means it is emphasized even more than the phrase "**It is good**" (7 times).

What Genesis 1 is saying is that what you see today is essentially what God made at the creation.

Evolution is not a harmless error. Evolution paved the way to the bloodiest century in human history.

Before Darwin, atheism could never really gain wide acceptance, because of the obvious problem of explaining where the creation came from. But as soon as society became convinced that the world made itself, and that that was a valid scientific idea, the way was paved for widespread atheism.

Then came Nietzsche, the social darwinist who said, "God is dead." He especially hated Christianity. He said, "I loathe Christianity with a deadly loathing" (Will to Power §684)

Nietzsche admitted that the downside of his view is that if there is no God our basis for morals is stripped away. He theorized that eventually man would figure out how to make his own morals without a divine standard.

But in the mean time, there would be bloodshed. In fact, Nietzsche predicted that the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, if they believed Nietzsche (and they would), would end up being the bloodiest century of human history.

"There will be wars, such as have never been waged on earth. I foresee something terrible. Chaos everywhere. Nothing left which is of any value, nothing which commands: 'Thou shalt!'" (Frederick Copleston, A History of Philosophy, vol. VII (New York: Doubleday, 1963), 405-406).

That was one thing Nietzsche was right about, and he played a major role in the fulfillment of his own prophecy.

From Nietzsche came two lines of philosophies. One line lead to the fascism of Hitler and Mussolini, while the other lead to the communism of Lenin and Stalin. Nietzsche's social Darwinism had a profound impact on all those leaders.

The result: In the twentieth century alone, just under 120 million people have been killed by their own governments during times of peace. And that figure does not include the millions of unborn babies who were aborted. (R. J. Rummel, Lethal Politics (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 1990), xi.)

Hitler: "If nature does not wish that weaker individuals should mate with stronger, she wishes even less that a superior race (like the German race) should inter-mingle with an inferior (like the Jewish race). Why? Because in such a case her efforts, throughout hundreds and thousands of years, to establish an evolutionary higher stage of being, may thus be rendered futile."

Humanity pays a high price for ideas that depart from what the Bible says.

**And God saw that it was good.**

The closer God gets to creating man, the more wonderful everything is. God could have just given us protein shakes and multi-vitamins. But instead he made 260,000 known species of plants.

The plant world is so vast, profuse, and so infinitely complex I can't even begin to summarize the wonder of it.

Each cell of the simplest bacteria is a machine that can synthesize 3000 to 6000 compounds at a rate of 1,000,000 reactions per second.

That is more complex than anything man can make or even conceive of, and it is the simplest of plants. All the rest of the 260,000 species are much, much more complex.

I counted 97 different kinds of plants mentioned in the Bible. One is the wildflower. Jesus called our attention to how it grows.

The Lord wants us to notice the wildflower - it's the key to overcoming worry. The short-lived wildflowers of that area were the epitome of insignificance - they are always used in Scripture as the illustration of something that is temporary.

Yet God clothes it with beauty that man in all his riches and all his attention to clothes can not even begin to duplicate.

You take the most exquisite fabric man can make, and put it under a microscope, and it looks like burlap. Take the ugliest flower petal and put it under a microscope and you see a kaleidoscope of color arranged with such intricate precision and orderly, structured beauty reflecting such wisdom that it defies description.

**13And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day.**

So as the light of day three gives way to the darkness, the earth is now completely habitable. We are half way through the creation week, and the creation is no longer TOHOO and BOHOO. It's just BOHOO.

It's not longer uninhabitable and empty – it's just empty.

Next we get to watch God fill it.

**Benediction: 1Th.5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.**

Review Questions:

1. What is the difference between what God did the first three days and the second three days?

The first three He made the world habitable (solving the TOHOO problem) and the second three He filled it (solving the BOHOO problem).

2. What was the significance in the ancient world of Yahweh's total mastery over the sea?

They thought the sea was beyond the control of the gods. It's part of the general polemic in Gn.1 against the pagan gods.