

CHAPTER 4
The Six Days of Creation
 Were they days or ages???

- 1) There are those who believe that the days in Genesis chapter 1 were normal 24 hour days (just as Sunday, Monday and Tuesday are normal 24 hour days).
- 2) There are others who believe that the days in Genesis chapter 1 were not 24 hour days, but that each day represented an age (a long period of time). They believe that each "day-age" lasted thousands or perhaps even millions of years. This is called the "day-age" theory.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

EXODUS 20:11—"For in _____ the LORD _____
 heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is."

Why do some people say that these 6 days were really ages?

Evolutionary scientists BELIEVE that life in its present form (including men, monkeys, giraffes, kangaroos, birds, fish, plants and all life as we know it today) is the product of an evolutionary process that has lasted about 4 BILLION YEARS (more or less, depending on the latest theories)! That is a very long time!

For the evolutionists it would be appropriate like to RE-WRITE Exodus 20:11 as follows:

"For in 4,000,000,000 years there **evolved** the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is."

How many DAYS is 4,000,000,000 years? How many days are there in one year?
 _____ DAYS

4,000,000,000 YEARS (the time needed for evolution)

X 365 DAYS (number of days in a year)

1,460,000,000,000 DAYS

or

1 TRILLION, 460 BILLION DAYS!!!

<p>God</p> <p>God says in Exodus 20:11 that it took _____ DAYS to create the world and all of its life forms.</p>	<p>EVOLUTIONISTS</p> <p>Evolutionists say in their science books that it took _____ DAYS for life to evolve to its present form.</p>
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WHAT A DIFFERENCE! It is amazing and wonderful what our GREAT GOD can do in just six days! It is sad and pitiful that the god of the evolutionists (the god of chance) needs so much time to get his work done! But the evolutionists **believe** that if you have enough TIME, **anything is possible!** They **believe** in this simple formula:

PLENTY OF TIME + PLENTY OF CHANCE (lots of luck!) = AMAZING RESULTS
(plants, fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, people, etc.)

Let's see if this is really true:

1) Suppose you had a monkey pounding away at a typewriter at a record speed of 12 keys each second. The monkey strikes the keys in a random fashion. How long would it take the monkey to type the entire book of Genesis (all 50 chapters)? Even if the monkey typed 24 hours each day without stopping and did this for hundreds of years, do you think the monkey would ever get "lucky" and actually type all those words? Could he do it if he had 50 million years of constant typing?

2) Suppose you were to line up a series of alphabetical blocks so that they spelled your name:

R	I	C	H	A	R	D
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W	I	L	L	I	A	M	S
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If you were to carefully drop the blocks out of an airplane, do you think they would fall on the ground in just the right way to spell your name? If you repeated this experiment 50 times each day, do you think the blocks would ever fall in the right way and in the right order? If we depend on luck and chance, do things normally fall into order or into disorder? _____

3) If you were to take apart a watch and put all of its parts into a box and then shake the box for 10 billion years, do you think the parts would ever "accidentally" shake back into their proper place so that the watch would work? Are animals and plants more complex and complicated than a watch? _____

The evolutionists admit that evolution seems impossible and that the chances against it ever happening are great, but they claim that if you have enough TIME, anything is possible:

"The odds against the right molecules being in the right place at the right time (to form the first living cell) are staggering. Yet, as science measures it, so is the TIME SCALE on which nature works. Indeed, what seems an *impossible* occurrence at any one moment would, given untold eons (ages), become a certainty." (National Geographic Magazine, September 1976, page 390)

With time all things are possible! And the evolutionists believe that 4,000,000,00 years is enough time for all life on this planet to reach its present form, and all by chance!

GOD SAYS:
"It took six days!"

EVOLUTIONISTS SAY:
"It took 1,460,000,000,000 days!"

?  **Who will you believe?**  ?


1. A few people listen to God and believe that creation took place in 6 literal 24 hour days.
2. Most people listen to the evolutionists and **believe** that 4 BILLION years were needed for all life to evolve into its present form.
3. Some people think that they can listen to God and also listen to the evolutionists. They believe both are true. They believe that the days of Genesis 1 were not really days but long ages ("day-ages"). They believe that God made all things in 6 ages (6 long periods of time).

Let's think about this. If each of these "AGES" were of equal length, then how long would each "day-age" be?

4,000,000,000 years
divided by 6 days
= 666,666,666 years (in each "day-age")

Each "DAY-AGE" would be more than 666 MILLION YEARS! That is a very long day!
Were the days of creation really **long periods of time**? Were these days really AGES?

Before we answer this, we must first realize that the word "DAY" is sometimes used to describe a long period of time. Here are some examples:

1. We are now living in the **day of grace** (the day of God's longsuffering; see 2 Peter 3:8-9). Certainly the day of God's grace and longsuffering lasts much more than 24 hours!
2. The "day of the LORD" refers to an extended time when God will directly intervene in the affairs of men (2 Peter 3:10).
3. The day of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7) is a period of time when the nation Israel will go through a time of severe difficulty and trouble. This same period of time is described in Revelation chapter 12. How many days will this "day" be (verse 6)?
_____ How many years (see verse 14)? 

(TIME = 1 YEAR) + (TIMES = 2 YEARS) + (1/2TIME = 1/2YEAR)

which makes a total of _____ years

- 4. We might use the word "day" in this way: "We are living in a **day** when men love themselves, love money and love pleasures, rather than loving God" (compare 2 Timothy 3:1-4). Has this kind of day lasted for more than 24 hours?
- 5. "George Washington lived in a **day** when there were no cars and no telephones and no airplanes!" Did Abraham and Moses and Paul also live in this same day?

From these examples we see that it is possible to use the word "day" to describe a long period of time. The word "day" can also be used to describe a 12 hour period of time: "The sky was clear and the sun was shining **all day!**" Most of the time, however, we use the word "day" to describe a 24 hour period (scientifically defined as the time that the earth spins once on its axis). We might say, "There are seven **days** in every week." Here we are obviously referring to normal 24 hour days. The important question for us to ask is this: *How is the word "day" used in Genesis Chapter 1?*

10 Reasons Why the Six Days of Creation Were Literal 24 Hour Days

1. "EVENING AND MORNING"

God has carefully defined the word "day" by the expression "evening and morning." "And the _____ and the _____ were the first _____" (Genesis 1:5 and see verses 8,13,19,23,31).

There is something that every day contains: **AN EVENING AND A MORNING!!** How many days are represented below?

E-M-E-M-E-M-E-M-E-M-E-M

_____ DAYS

Daniel 8:14 (according to the Hebrew text) says "Unto 2,300 **evenings and mornings**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." How many days is this? _____ DAYS. See also Daniel 8:26.

Every 24 hour day has an evening and a morning. Does an AGE have an evening and a morning? _____ (a long period of time would have many, many evenings and mornings!) An age may have a beginning and an ending, but it does not have just one evening and morning!!

2. Numerical Adjustive

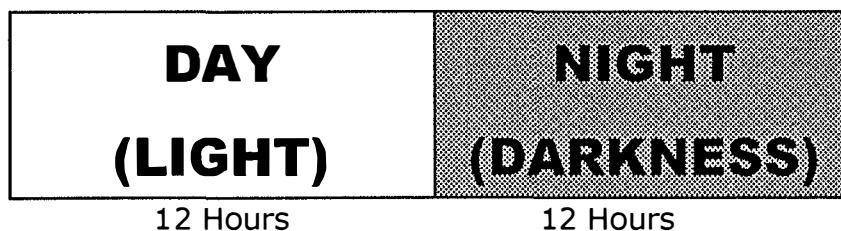
God also defines the word "day" by putting a NUMBER before it: "And the evening and the morning were the _____ day" (Genesis 1:5). God tells us exactly what day it was. It was the **FIRST DAY**. See also Genesis 1:8,13,19,23,31 and Exodus 20:11 ("SIX days").

When a number comes before the word "day," it almost always refers to a literal 24 hour day. Compare Numbers 7:12,18,24,30,36,42,48, etc. Let us consider these examples:

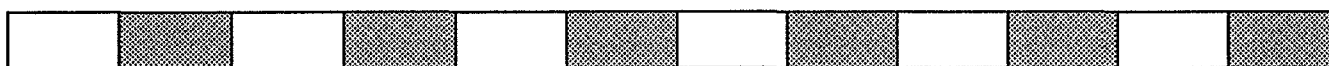
1. a) We are living in the **day** of manned space flight.
(Is this a 24 hour day?)
 - b) Have you learned in history class about the **first day** of manned space flight in 1961 when a Russian cosmonaut became the first man to leave our earth's atmosphere?
(Was this a 24 hour day?)
2. a) "I can remember the **day** when I was in the first grade."
(Was this a 24 hour day?)
 - b) "I can still remember the **third day** of first grade when the teacher told me to stand in the corner of my classroom because I was not behaving."
(Was this a 24 hour day?)
3. a) GENESIS 2:4—"in the **day** the LORD God made the earth and the heavens"
(How long was this "day"? —See Exodus 20:11)
 - b) GENESIS 1:31—"And the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**"
(Was this a 24 hour day?)

3. Day and Night

In Genesis 1:5 God has told us what happened on "the _____ ."
What kind of a day was this first day? Was it an age? In verse 5 God has said that this first day was made up of a period of light called _____ and a period of darkness called _____. So we know that this first day was a **day-night period**. DAY 1 of the CREATION WEEK was a period of 12 HOURS OF LIGHT and 12 HOURS OF DARKNESS.



24 TOTAL HOURS = THE FIRST DAY!



How many days are represented above? _____

Every 24 hour day has a DAY (period of light) and a NIGHT (period of darkness). Does an **AGE** have a DAY and a NIGHT? _____ (An age has many, many days and nights!)

4. The Fourth Day

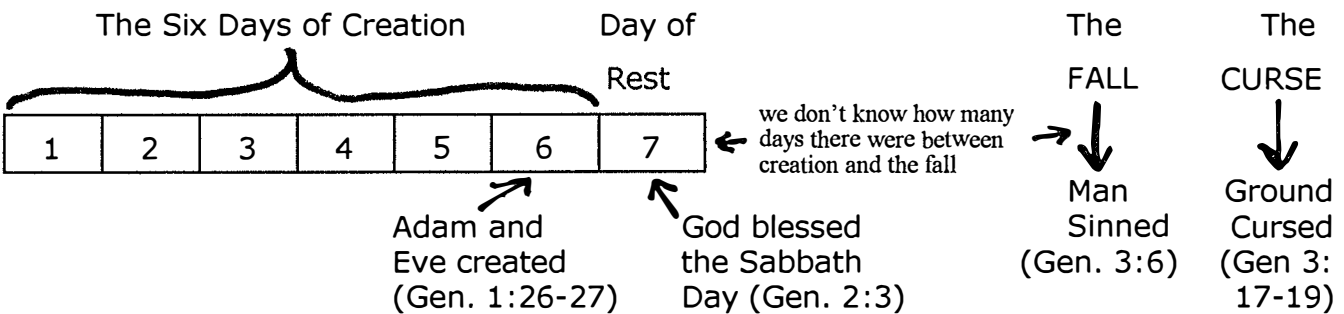
Genesis 1:15-19 describes the fourth day of creation. In these verses the word "day" or "days" is used 5 times. Please **match** the following:

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| 1. _____ | Verse 14—"to divide the day from the night" | A. | A literal 12 hour day |
| 2. _____ | Verse 14—"for days , and years" | B. | A literal 24 hour day |
| 3. _____ | Verse 16—"to rule the day " | | |
| 4. _____ | Verse 18—"rule over the day " | C. | An AGE (a long period of time) |
| 5. _____ | Verse 19—"the fourth day " | | |

5. The Seventh Day

The seventh day was a 24 hour day also (Genesis 2:1-3). On what day were Adam and Eve created (Genesis 1:26-31)? _____ Did God curse the earth on the seventh day, the day which He blessed (see Genesis 3:17-19 and Genesis 2:3)? _____ Did Adam and Eve live beyond the seventh day? _____ How old was Adam when he died (Genesis 5:4-5)? _____ The seventh day was not a long age lasting thousands or millions of years. It was a 24 hour day just like the first six days.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS



6. The Fourth Commandment

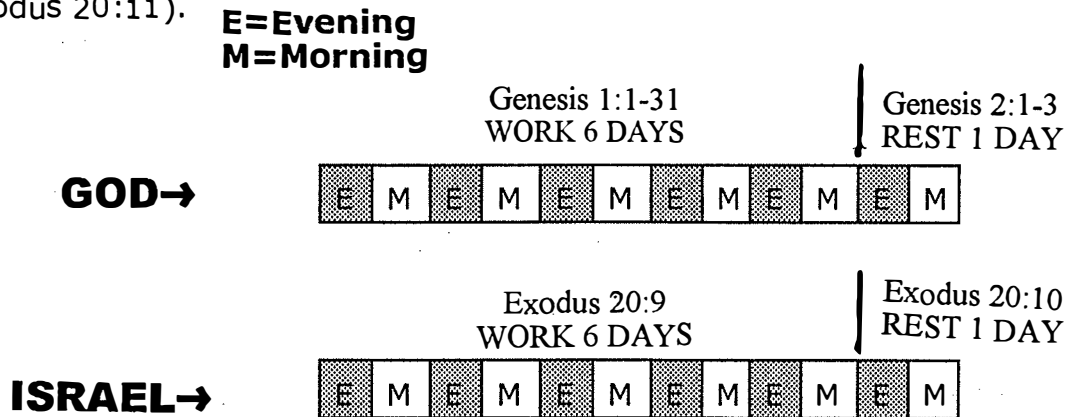
The fourth commandment is found in Exodus 20:8-11 and in these verses the word "day" or "days" is used 6 times. To see how the word "day(s)" is used in these verses, please do the **matching** problem found at the top of page 35:

EXODUS 20

1. _____ Verse 8—"sabbath **day**"
 2. _____ Verse 9—"six **days**"
 3. _____ Verse 10—"seventh **day**"
 4. _____ Verse 11—"six **days**"
 5. _____ Verse 11—"seventh **day**"
 6. _____ Verse 11—"sabbath **day**"
- A. Literal 12 hour day(s)
B. Literal 24 hour day(s)
C. An age (a long period of time)

Notice in Exodus 20:11 that the number _____ is placed before the word "days" (see pages 32-33). Your friend might say to you, "I worked on a paper for school and it took me six days to finish!" Do you think your friend meant days or ages? _____ (When you are doing schoolwork, it may seem like ages but it is really only days!) How long did it take God to finish His work of creation (Exodus 20:11)? _____ Do you think these were 24 hour days? _____

In these verses we learn that God's WORKING AND RESTING was to serve as a **pattern** for Israel's WORKING AND RESTING. God told the children of Israel that He wanted them to **work** six days (Sunday through Friday) and **rest** on the seventh day (Saturday) because this was exactly what God did when He created the heavens and earth (Exodus 20:11).



If the days of creation were ages, then the WORK DAYS for the children of Israel must also be ages (if we are to be consistent). Can you imagine a hard working Israeli man coming home after a day's work and collapsing in his wife's arms, saying, "My dear wife, what a long and hard day of work I had! Today I worked 500 million years and I am really tired!! I can't wait for the Sabbath to come so that I can rest!"

Of course, this would be ridiculous! This is what happens when a person tries to make DAYS mean AGES. It becomes silly. On the following page we will learn that DAYS (PLURAL) can never be ages.

7. Days (plural)

In Exodus 20:11 we are told that the LORD made everything in **six days**. The word "DAYS" is plural. When the word "day" is used in the plural (DAYS), it almost always refers to literal 24 hour days. The word "day" (singular) can be used of a period of time that is longer than 24 hours: "the day of the LORD" "The day of grace" "the day of trouble" "the day of modern science" etc. (see pages 31-32), but the moment a person speaks about DAYS (plural), he is talking about 24 hour days. Consider these examples:

1. How many **days** are there until your birthday?
2. It took the children of Israel 7 **days** to capture the city of Jericho (read Joshua chapter 6).
3. Mark 14:1—"two days."
4. Revelation 12:6 (the last half or the final 3½ years of the tribulation period).
5. Exodus 20:11—**SIX DAYS**.

8. The Basic Meaning of the Word "DAY"

We have already seen that the word "day" can be used to describe a 12 hour period of light (Genesis 1:5,14,16,18). The word "day" can also be used of a longer period of time (2 Peter 3:8-10; Jeremiah 30:7). But most of the time when we use the word "day" we are speaking of a 24 hour day. This is the normal and basic meaning of the word "day."

When we study the Bible we always should understand a word in its literal, normal, natural and basic meaning **unless** this meaning does not make sense. Here is our rule—**If the basic sense makes good sense, then seek no other sense, lest it result in nonsense.**

Here are some examples:

1. The basic meaning of "LAMB"—a four footed animal, a young sheep.
 - a. Does Isaiah 11:6 use the word according to its basic meaning? _____
 - b. Does John 1:29 use the word according to its basic meaning? _____
2. The basic meaning of "DOG"—a four-legged animal often used as a pet.
 - a. Does Luke 16:21 use the word according to its basic meaning? _____
 - b. In Philippians 3:2 and Revelation 22:15 is this word used according to its basic meaning? _____

3. The basic meaning of "BLOOD"—the red liquid in the veins and the arteries.
 - a. Does John 19:34 use the word according to its basic meaning? _____
 - b. Does Matthew 26:28 use the word according to its basic meaning?

Note: Roman Catholics have misunderstood this verse because they wrongly understand "blood" according to its basic meaning, and thus when they take the MASS they believe that the juice of the grape becomes the actual blood of Christ. Compare John 6:54 with John 6:40 where we see that eating His flesh and drinking His blood is equivalent to believing on Him.

Should we understand the days of creation to be literal 24 hour days (this is the basic meaning of the word)? Does this make good sense or does this make nonsense? Consider these questions:

1. Can an Almighty God complete His work of creation in 6 literal days? Is anything too hard for the Lord (Genesis 18:14)?
2. Could God have done this in one literal day? In one second?
3. Why did God do it in 6 days (Exodus 20:11)?
4. Did God need millions of years to make our world the way it is?
5. Does it make good sense to say that the days of creation were ages?

The **only reason** some people think they need to make the six days of creation long periods of time (ages) is because they feel they need to give the "god" of the evolutionists enough time to do his work. The god of chance needs plenty of time (see page 30)! He could never have done it in six days! In fact it is doubtful that he could have done it even if he had 6 quadrillion days (6,000,000,000,000,000)!

9. What did Moses Think?

Moses was the man God used to write the book of Genesis (Luke 24:27,44). Whenever you study the Bible you must ask yourself this important question: How did the **original writer** (in this case Moses) and the **original listeners** (the children of Israel) understand what was written?

Do you think Moses understood the days of creation to be long ages of time? Would the people who lived in the time of Moses have thought of these days as normal 24 hour days? Did they have any reason to think of these days as ages?

Moses and the people of his day believed that God began His work of creation on Sunday, created man on Friday and rested on Saturday. Do you believe what Moses believed?

10. Make Your Choice: Genesis or Evolution?

Some people believe that if you make the days of creation ages (long periods of time), then Genesis chapter 1 teaches the same as evolution. They believe that the **order of events** in Genesis 1 is the same order of events as given by the evolutionists. Let us see if this is really true:

- 1) Evolutionists say that the SUN came before the EARTH.

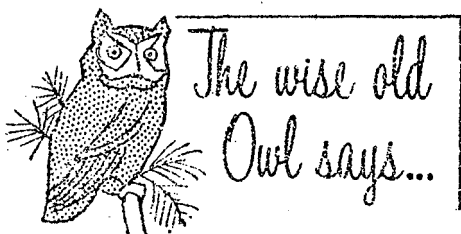
But God says the sun was made on DAY _____ and the earth was made on DAY _____. Therefore the earth is _____ days older than the sun! Was there LIGHT even before the sun was made? _____ On what day was this LIGHT created? DAY _____

- 2) Evolutionists say that life must first begin in the sea (in the ocean). They teach that after millions of years some life forms eventually moved onto the land.

But God says life in the ocean appeared on DAY _____ and life on land first appeared on DAY _____ (plant life). Thus, life on land appeared _____ DAYS before life appeared in the oceans (marine life).

- 3) Evolutionists say that reptiles came before birds (because they believe that birds evolved from reptiles).

But God says that birds were made on DAY _____ and land animals (which would include land reptiles) were not made until DAY _____. Birds are _____ DAY older than reptiles! Could birds have evolved from reptiles? _____ Certainly reptiles did not evolve from birds! (Not even the evolutionists would say this!). The Bible says God made the birds and God made the reptiles. Reptiles did not precede birds by hundreds of thousands of years.



"Every thinking person knows that birds were created before reptiles, because that is what God has told us in His Word."

- 4) Evolutionists say that land mammals came before whales (because they believe that whales evolved from land mammals).

But God says that whales and other great monsters of the sea were created on DAY _____ and land mammals were not made until DAY _____. Which came first, the whale or the pig? _____ Do you think the whale has evolved from pig-like animals? _____ Therefore whales are _____ DAY older than land mammals! For a land mammal to become a whale he would need to return to the water, lose his hair and grow about 50 times as big! Do you think this really happened? _____ A large elephant (the largest land mammal) weighs about 7 tons! A blue whale (the largest kind of whale) weighs about 150 tons! The whale did not evolve by chance; it was created by God!

- 5) Evolutionists say that plant life is impossible without insects because the pollination process (the way plants reproduce) requires insects such as bees.

But God says that insects (creeping things) were not created until DAY _____ and plant life appeared on DAY _____. This means that plant life appeared _____ DAYS before insects. Do you think plants and flowers could survive for 3 ages without insects? _____ Do you think plants and flowers could survive for 3 days without insects? _____



"I was on time! The all-wise Creator created me at just the right time—on the sixth day of the creation week! That's when I started making honey!!"

- 6) Evolutionists say that ape-like creatures came along thousands of years before man (because they believe that man evolved from ape-like creatures).

But God says that men and apes were both created on DAY _____.

- 7) Evolutionists say that the sun must have been here before life could begin (because they believe life began as the sun's rays beat down upon the primitive oceans).

But God says that life (vegetation) appeared on DAY _____ and the sun was not made until DAY _____. It is possible for life to begin without the sun but can life begin without the CREATOR? _____ Who is the source of life, the sun or the CREATOR (see Acts 17:28)? _____ Life owes its existence not to the **SUN** but to the **SON OF GOD** (see John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16).

Please indicate on which DAY of creation the following were made:

- 1. _____ Whales
- 2. _____ God rested on this day
- 3. _____ Fish
- 4. _____ The earth
- 5. _____ The stars
- 6. _____ Insects (bees)
- 7. _____ Land Reptiles
- 8. _____ Trees
- 9. _____ Flowers
- 10. _____ Monkeys
- 11. _____ The Sun
- 12. _____ Birds
- 13. _____ Elephants

Day 1
Day 2
Day 3
Day 4
Day 5
Day 6
Day 7

- 14. _____ Man
- 15. _____ Sharks
- 16. _____ Light
- 17. _____ Dry Land
- 18. _____ Turtles
- 19. _____ Firmament
(an expanse of space)
- 20. _____ Eagles

You cannot listen to both God and the evolutionists! They do not teach the same thing! If Genesis chapter 1 is true (and it is!), then evolution is false. If evolution is true, then Genesis chapter 1 is false, and the Bible is filled with errors. But the Lord Jesus said that the Word of God is _____ (John 17:17) and we know that God’s Word is _____ from the _____ (Psalm 119:160). Who should you believe—the CREATOR or the evolutionists? Will you put your faith in the false god of the evolutionists who needs billions of years to do his work, or will you put your faith in an Almighty Creator who can create all things in 6 DAYS?

As you observe and study the world around you, you will discover that all the **true facts** of science and all the **true laws** of science agree perfectly with the Bible and with the book of Genesis! Do you think it is possible for BOOK 1 (God’s revelation in nature) to contradict BOOK 2 (God’s revelation in His Word)? _____ (see pages 14-21). Who wrote Book 1? _____ Who wrote Book 2? _____ God is the Author of both! This is why both books say the same thing. And both books point to the greatness of the C_____, who is blessed forever, Amen (see Romans 1:25). Sad to say, the books that the evolutionists write often do not agree with the true facts of science and they certainly do not agree with God’s Word the Bible! **CHOOSE you this day! (See Joshua 24:15.) Choose the true God of creation or the false God of the evolutionists (the God of chance)!**