

“Cosmic Soup”
Genesis 1:2-5

Review Session Three: Genesis 1:2

Now...

{Conjunction plus noun plus verb

Was...

Tohu and Bohu...

(Eng.) Adjectives = Formless and Void -

(Heb.) Nouns = _____ and _____

(Primary meaning difficult to seize)

Victor Hamilton, TNICOT. 108

“Both terms signify _____ or amazement at its emptiness.” (Rashi, Gen. 1:2 commentary)

Greek LXX adjectives for:

Tohu = _____

Bohu = _____

John Calvin translated it _____,
_____.

Initial State

“Now the earth was...

1. formless and void and...”

2. “Darkness...

Historic/modern interpretation: Darkness is the

_____ of light, but we now know that cosmic darkness is

actually _____ (68%) and _____

_____ (27%).



"I form the _____ and create _____, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things." (Isaiah 45:7)

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

¹⁹ "What is the way to the abode of _____? And where does _____ reside?"

²⁰ Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? (Job 38:18-20 NIV)

It appears that darkness is at times interpreted as a _____ or a _____ but we can see that there was design even in the darkness.

We also need to see this as a Hebraic parallelism.

Form light -----bring prosperity
Create darkness-----create disaster

There is a spiritual/analogical understanding of light and darkness.

3. [was] over the surface of the deep..."

"Surface" = _____

"the deep" = _____

LXX = *abussu* = _____; _____

This works if the earth was not a _____.

Note 2 Peter 3:5, "But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of _____ and by _____."

"Of the 92 natural elements, 25 are essential for life. Of these, there are six main elements that are the fundamental building blocks of life. They are, in order of least to most common: sulfur, phosphorous, _____, nitrogen, carbon, and _____."

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/AP_Biology/The_Chemical_Building_Blocks_of_Life. Cited 3-13-23

Note: “The Spirit of God was hovering on the face of the waters,” and Scripture had not yet disclosed when the creation of the waters took place — consequently you must learn from this that the creation of the waters preceded that of the earth. And a further proof that the heavens and earth were not the first thing created is that the heavens were created from fire (אש) and water (מים), from which it follows that fire and water were in existence before the heavens. Therefore, you must admit that the text teaches nothing about the earlier or later sequence of the acts of Creation.”

https://www.sefaria.org/Rashi_on_Genesis.1.1.2?lang=bi&with=all&lang2=en

4. “...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

To “hover” means “to be _____” or “to _____ around a certain object.” It can mean, “to flutter over,” or “to remain suspended over.” Cp. Deut. 32:11.

It is significant that the transmission of energy comes in the form of _____, e.g. _____ waves, _____ waves, _____ waves, _____-waves, etc.

Summation: In *Conflict of Truth*, F. H. Capron sees the five main forms of which the Unknowable are re-divisible.

1. _____ = in the beginning
2. _____ = the heavens
3. _____ = the earth
4. _____ = the Spirit of God
5. _____ = moved

Overview of God's creative steps

They appear to move from the _____ to the _____ or from the form to the fullness:

Form
 Day 1 – Night and day
 Day 2 – Sea and sky
 Day 3 – Fertile earth

Fullness
 Day 4 – Lights of day and night
 Day 5 – Creatures of water and air
 Day 6 – Creatures of the land

His creative steps

1. (v. 3) "And God _____...."

Speaking is the revelation of _____.

Q. What does this tell us about God?

A. He is _____. He has the power to bring into existence something from nothing.

He can _____ and the elements obey.

He is a God of infinite _____, e.g. a plant is not just a plant; ground is not just ground.

Note Psalm 33:6-9.

2. (v. 3) "Let there be _____. Literally, an _____.

The word "aura" is a English transliteration of the Hebrew word. It can also mean, "_____." Cp. Isa. 31:9 NIV

The word can also be translated "_____." Cp. Isa. 44:16 NIV

(v. 4) "God saw the light..." and made a judgment. It was _____ or _____. Cp. 2 Cor. 4:6

This is not a _____ statement of conduct, but descriptive summation of a particular action (qualitative).

Q. What did God do next?

A. God _____ the light from the darkness.

Q. What did this mean?

A. P_____ - a _____ from light to dark.

P _____ - at _____ times and places.

Q. What was this light? It was not the sun or the stars because they would not be created for another three days.

A.

Q. What can we know about the light?

A.

1. It was _____.
2. It was a light that _____ with darkness.
3. It was a light in a _____ position in relation to the darkness.

3. (v. 5) "God _____ the light _____ and he _____ the darkness _____.

Q. What is involved in the action of "calling"? What does this mean?

A. Cf. 2:23

4. "And there was _____ [darkness] and there was _____ [light] - the first _____.

"Day Age" theory = a day is to be interpreted as an age of _____ geology involving _____ of years not a literal day. [Theistic Evolution]

The word "day" in Hebrew is _____, as in Yom Kippur. It is _____ a literal 24-hour lunar day when it is accompanied by a

_____ number or an _____ number. It is the word that God chose to use in describing the first day.

Notice the order again in verse 5b.

Q. What celestial object do we use to measure the days/time?

A.

Q. What celestial object do the *Jews* use to measure days/time?

A.

Q. What is personally significant about the order of time as God designed it?

A. God starts our day with _____.