



THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR

GBC EQUIPPING HOUR | JULY 5, 2020

Day 2: Ocean & Sky (Genesis 1:6-8)

PURPOSE: To capture the *What*, the *How*, and the *Who* of everything around us -preparing us for stepping into God's world.

I. The What (What Are We Looking At?)

A. The Physics of the First Mysterious Sky (Opp., Ocean)

1. Based on Genesis 1:2, water dominated the Earth from day one of Creation. See also Psalms 146:6.
2. It appears God tamed the frighteningly deep, chaotic waters by lifting off its top thick layer and miraculously elevating it into the air.
3. What was this canopy hovering above like? Solid ice? Or some combination of water and ice? Was it transparent enough to allow people to see the Sun and stars above it? See also Job 37:18.
4. Compare with Ezekiel's vision: Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of **an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal**, spread out above their heads. - Ezekiel 1:22.

B. The Metaphysics of the First Mysterious Sky (& Ocean)

1. Even if the sky-canopy was glimmering and beautiful, it still carried a sense of something foreboding...See Flood account in Gen. 7:11-12.
2. Similar to the foreboding "Night" of Genesis 1:5, neither the sky-canopy hovering up above, nor the ocean below it is called "good," per se. (But, it is good that God preserves us through nights, etc.).

3. In the new heaven and new earth in the book of Revelation, “there is no longer any sea” (21:1), since the Beast rising up out of the “seas” (13:1) has already been conquered. The Almighty is above the “canopy” (4:6) with a “rainbow” (4:3) all around. And there is no longer any night (22:5).

II. The How (How Are We Processing All This?)

A. Reason (Still...Grappling with the Theory of Evolution)

1. The problem: where did all this water come from?
2. The secularist’s solution (so far): molten rock of primordial Earth let off lots of steam, condensing into water, and/or frozen comets converged on just the right planet encircling the Sun.
3. The actual reaction to make water is: $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 = 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Energy}^*$. It involves the 8-electron oxygen atom sharing 2 of them, 1 to the first hydrogen atom and 1 to the second. The angle from H_2 to O_2 to H_2 is 104.5 degrees; this angle is maintained as the two-pronged H_2O molecule clusters with others similar to it to form water.
4. The energy (*) of the above hydrogen + oxygen combination arrives by *combustion*. With a large enough quantity of hydrogen, something like the Hindenburg Blimp disaster (1937) will result.
5. There are *more* H_2O molecules in a single drop of water *than droplets of water in the Great Lakes of the U.S.* Overall, the amount of water on the Earth can fill 6 percent of the volume of the Moon.

B. Faith

Have you **comprehended the expanse of the earth?**

Declare, if you know all this.

- Job 38:18

(See Job’s *response of faith* in Job 42:1-6)

III. **The Who** (Who Does This All Point To? Who is Creation For?)

A. God Displays His Power with Water

1. In light of the book of *Genesis*.

God separated two enormous envelopes of water.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”⁷ And God made the expanse **and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse**. And it was so.

- Genesis 1:6-7

2. In light of the *Torah* (Gen. – Deut.).

God separated the Red Sea.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and **the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night** and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

- Exodus 14:21
(cf. Josh. 3:14-17)

3. In light of the whole *Bible* (Gen. – Rev.)

The Son of God calmed the Sea of Galilee.

..And he [Jesus, in the boat] awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.²⁵ He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, **that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?**”

- Luke 8:24b-25

B. Man is Refreshed by Waters

1. In light of the book of *Genesis*.

The garden of paradise supplied with water.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers

- Genesis 2:10

2. In light of the *Torah* (Gen. – Deut.)

God's covenant people supplied with water.

“..and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.”

- Exodus 17:6
(cf. 1 Corinthians 10:4)

3. In light of the whole *Bible* (Gen. – Rev.)

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ **but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.** The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

- John 4:13-14

The Almighty Creator Course Outline:

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