

LESSON 3

Chapter 4. "Of Creation"

I. Paragraph 1: God creates the heavens and the earth

- A. The time of creation: "in the beginning."
- B. The Author of creation: "the Trinity"
- C. The purpose of creation: "God's glory"
- D. The extent of creation: "all things seen and not seen"
- E. The duration of creation: "six days"
- F. The state of creation: "all very good"

II. Paragraph 2: The creation and condition of mankind (pre-fall)

- A. Made after the "image" of God.
- B. Made in innocence with the "law" written in their hearts.
- C. Made upright, but with liberty to transgress.

III. Paragraph 3: Man's communion with God (pre-fall)

- A. Adam and Eve were in direct communion with God.
- B. Communion with God was based on obedience to God.
- C. Adam was given dominion over the earth and its creatures.

Creationist Views:

Young earth: literal six days

Old earth: long days, gap theory

Evolution is scientifically impossible and cannot be reconciled with Scripture.

Book suggestions:

Michael J. Behe, *Darwin's Black Box*
Phillip E. Johnson, *Defeating Darwinism*