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Genesis 1 – 2:16  
Lesson Notes #3

***Genesis 1 - 2:16: Fact, Fiction or Fulcrum***  
“Views on Actual Days of Genesis”

I. Introduction

A. Science and the Bible

B. Representative of various views.

1. Vern Poythress, *Christian Interpretations of Genesis 1*, Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia.

II. Alternatives.

A. Dismissive approach – 24 hour days.

1. Theologically liberal.

B. Young Earth Creationism with adjustments to science – 24 hour days.

1. The Institute for Creation Research
2. Assertion –
3. Challenge current scientific dating methods.

C. Mature-Creation Theory – 24 hour days.

1. Universe may have been created mature.
  - a. It appears old because it was made to appear this way.

D. The Revelation-Day theory – 24 hour days.

1. Key -- The days are days organizing the timing of revelation rather than the timing of the acts of creation.
2. Tim Keller.

E. The Gap Theory – 24 hour days

1. There is a gap between 1:1 and 1:2
2. C.I. Scofield.
3. Satan?

F. The Local Creation Theory – 24 hour days.

1. Similar to the Gap Theory.
2. The re-creation of the Ancient Near East.

G. The Intermittent Day Theory – 24 hour days.

1. 24 hour long days but with long periods between each.

H. The Day/Age Theory – not 24 hour days.

1. Each day is a long period of time.

I. The Analogical Theory – not 24 hour day.

1. God's work days may not be exactly the same length as human days.

J. The Framework View – not 24 hour days.

1. Meredith Kline.
2. Genesis 1 is a literary framework.

<b>Creation Kingdoms</b>	<b>Creature Kings</b>
<i>Day 1: Light</i>	<i>Day 4: Luminaries</i>
<i>Day 2: Sky/Water</i>	<i>Day 5: Birds/Fish</i>
<i>Day 3: Land/Vegetation</i>	<i>Day 6: Land animals/Man</i>
<b>The Creator King</b>	
<i>Day 7: Sabbath</i>	

K. Religion Only Theory – not 24 hour days.

1. Religious teaching with no correspondence to science.

III. Evangelical views when confronted with a conflict is apparent between science and the early chapters of Genesis.

A. Three major views.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Pastor Don's View

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2. Particulars.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_.