**Genesis 1 & the Hebrew Language** – Notes

**The Day-Age Theory** Dec. 18, 2022

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**Intro.**

Who cares?

Why do they care?

What is Theistic Evolution?

In what two ways ***must*** people *necessarily* ***change*** **Genesis 1** in order to make it “fit” with Evolution – either Atheistic or Theistic Evolution?

1. They must find places to **Add** Eons of ***Time*** into Genesis 1

2. They must ***Change*** the ***Order*** of Creation found in Genesis 1

(Day 2 / 4, Day 1, Day 3, ½ of Day 5, ½ of Day 6, ½ of Day 5, ½ of Day 6)

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**The Day-Age Theory**

1. ? Figurative / Allegorical “Days” (the Sun on Day 4 / Gen. 2:4) – see excerpts from Calvin’s Commentary

2. Non-Literal use of *“Yom”* / Day (Hebrew & English)

Gen. 40:4

Deut. 32:7

Gen. 4:2

***Contextual Adjectives*** with *“Yom”* in **Gen. 1**

When a *number* is used with *“Yom”* – “one day,” “2nd day,” … “6th day” – ***always*** = a 24 hr. Day

( > 2,300 x )

The words “Evening” &/or “morning” – either alone, or with *“Yom,”* (334 x) – ***always*** = a 24 hr. Day

Dr. James Barr, PhD – Prof. of O.T. Hebrew at the U. of Oxford from 1976 – 1989

Dr. Steven Boyd, PhD – Hebrew Language Specialist (Quotations from *“Is Genesis History?”*)

“The text is telling us that this account is history.” “This is not poetry.” “The world’s greatest Hebraists all affirm that the Genesis account is history, not poetry.” “This is historical data.” “In Genesis 1, *‘yom’* means what we mean by ‘day’ – a 24 hr. day.” “The Biblical text is not compatible with the conventional [evolutionary] paradigm.”