



Creation Command Six: Giving creation a place to be sustainable

*Genesis 1:15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.”*

*And it was so.”*

Let “who” be lights? I love it that the writer of this book gets it. He is writing about things that he knows or understood to be true. This writer mentions the dome for the third time. I suspect it’s like a weather man mentioning the atmosphere or a hockey commentator talking about the ice. They mention it several times because that’s where the playing surface is. Where the action is. On top of this is the listener or reader. We need context to understand what is going on. It’s hard for 21 century readers to understand. The beauty of this book is in the repeating. God tells us that the dome is between the waters above and below. That earthly creation happens in the dome. What is the dome? It’s plainly more than one dome. We know that our atmosphere contains and sustains us. We also know that our planet is protected by an ozone layer. What goes beyond that?

We think that the dome is just our air space. We could go further and say that an energy field protects this earth. Yet, what if the sun, moon, and planets are part of life on earth. We have all read that scientist know that Jupiter and the sun play a role on our orbit. The moon plays a roll on the tides. Don’t we believe that people are crazier during a full moon? This earth is affected by things far more distant than clouds in the sky. Believe it or not but our first look at astronomy and the heavens begins in command 6 of creation. Is God creating the celestial beings here in this

command? I will say not yet. But God said (right here) let them be lights in the dome? The key word is “them”

There are words like therefore, however, and meanwhile. These conjunctions tie one thought to another. Command 5 is tied to command 6. I would even go further to say that verses 16-18 describe command 6. We pour a glass of water. Sometimes we add flavor to it. We put gas in the car and then it can move. What if God said “let there be gas,” then we take that gas and put a little in a car and some more to heat our homes. God is taking (them) the things that light measures like time and giving it a place to stand. He is setting up a place for our heavenly time pieces. We think of the sun and moon as just being there. What if gravity, galaxies, and the symbiotic nature of the planets, stars, needed a place to be? What if they were made to make creation possible? How often have you heard that if this planet was a thousand miles off of its orbit, we could not exist? What if the sun moved away by 100,000 miles? What if Jupiter exploded? If the moon drifted away? What would happen to creation?

I am theorizing that there are three domes or expanses. The first is our atmosphere. The second is our ozone layer. The third is called the heavenlies. Here in the 6<sup>th</sup> command of creation, God is placing these bodies in their proper place. But God created the heavens and the earth. We tend to assume that included everything in it. When I bought a house to build, we picked a plot of land. The house was built later on it. God (in Genesis 1) made the plot of land. He then worked on the earth, creating everything we need to sustain life within the first dome. Now he is setting it all in motion through the heavens. What is really happening? Time begins!

Genesis 1:16-17 *“God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,*

Ok, in verse 16-17 we see God setting up the heavens. He created light and now gives the sun and moon its position in creation. To provide the light that God created. He gave them purpose by giving them dominion over time. Time and space are counted by the moon and stars. Notice that God says that these celestial beings will give light to the dome called sky. I am just amazed at the knowledge of astronomy given to us in this massively ancient writing. They knew more than we give them credit.

Genesis 1:18 *“to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.”*

I just want to give credit where credit is due. God came down and separated the darkness. I believe that he created light because he is light. His being separated the darkness of space. The laws of space. They are a symbiotic relationship between protons, neutrons, and gravity. Within all this is kinetic energy that is made by movement. God is now taking his creation and making it self-sustainable. You will see that throughout this study on creation that God creates and separates. I am suggesting that is what we are seeing here. A separation between God and his creation. Creation now has the ability to function apart of God. Why?

Gods' whole existence has been based off of his good will. Throughout creation God sees that it is good. We see relationships built between the water and land. Relationships between the heavens and the land. I would even say the celestial beings and the earth. Everything is working together. Yet, another side to God is seeing. God loves to let his creation make its own way. To be self-sufficient? I feel the second attribute of Gods existence is creation looking like God. God is self-sufficient. His creation can function apart from God. I equally feel there is a third attribute of Gods existence. It's called relationship. From command 1 of creation to 6 we have seen God separate and then make relationships between. Space, our atmosphere, the water and land all

share in a relationship. A relationship that God created to point towards him. The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment of creation is the finishing touch by setting the heavens in motion to make time start ticking.