

SUN, MOON, STARS, AND EARTH

GENESIS 1

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Excerpt from Apples of Gold

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In Genesis chapter one, we read of the creation of the heaven and the Earth on the first day. The Sun, Moon, and stars were said to have been created on day four. *Thus we have four distinct classes of primary cosmological objects - one terrestrial and three celestial* – and each one occupies a distinct class of its own as well as being unmistakably different from the others.

From this, we first observe that the Sun is not a star – for after indicating God made the sun (Gen. 1:16) we continue the verse and read: “he made the stars **also**”!

The self-luminous Sun of course "rules" the day, and the reflective Moon, visible by day or night, dominates and "rules" the night. The Sun and Moon both appear as a disk of considerable size with the Moon appearing in phases. On the other hand, the stars, including bright Venus, appear only as small fixed points of light in the night sky. None of them ever appear as a disk. The conspicuous differences in these celestial bodies in their appearances are too great to be ignored. The New Testament confirms the differing "glory" of the Sun, Moon, *and* stars (I Cor. 15:41).

Furthermore, by definition Earth is not a planet: to be a planet the object must be large and orbit the sun. Now the Earth was created on the first day. The Sun, moon, and stars were not created until the fourth day, and their purpose was to benefit the Earth and mankind. Obviously, the world was not created going around the sun, so why should we expect it to suddenly move toward and begin to orbit the sun on day four? Indeed, although all encyclopedias and science textbooks proclaim that earth orbits the sun once a year, many experiments have been conducted by men who believed earth so moved yet all *failed* to so prove. The result of all such experiments is that the earth is not moving around the sun!¹

In point of fact, though the cosmological *theories* have earth moving through space, all astral *data* actually indicates that earth is stationary at or extremely near the center of the universe.² Hence, contrary to modern secular cosmology and astronomy, the Earth is primary and the other celestial objects are secondary to the Earth.

The created stars must therefore include the so-called "wandering" stars which we know as planets. Most noteworthy is the fact that the Earth is never seen in the night sky "wandering" among the stars as do the planets. Hence, our world should neither be classified nor spoken of as a "planet."

Again, even though it is a popular convention canonized into our cultural traditions, it is not correct Biblically, technically, or scientifically to reckon the Sun as a star.

¹ Newton's "two body problem" is not relevant, as it ignores the gravitation pull of the entire universe (per Mach).

² Although not an astronomer, the author is not altogether unfamiliar with this discipline. He is well read on the subject, took two courses in astronomy while in college, and had access to the observatory's telescope.

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The Creator's celestial classification system and man's are obviously opposed to one another. Surely, the God who made the heavenly bodies should know better than mere man – even better than so-called "science". After all, the Creator gave His cosmological classification system thousands of years before astronomers re-defined the earth, sun, stars, and planets in terms wholly apart from those found in Scripture. Writing well after the fact, man then has the audacity to accuse God of being the one who is guilty of scientific error. Whom will you believe?

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