

A	<u>Introduction to Genesis</u>	Research Team
B	<u>Introduction of Related Bible Passages</u>	Gen 1
C	<u>The Order of Creation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God uses the first 3 days to create time, space, and life; and the next 3 days to create light, birds and fish, animals and human beings; each controls the previous three respectively. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time (Day & night) 2. Space (Sky and water are separated) 3. Life (Plants) 4. Sun / Moon to control day and night 5. Birds and fish to fill the sky and water 6. Animals and human beings to subdue the earth 	SH 2-3, NJBC
D	<u>Understanding Creation in Seven Days</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever wondered why day and night are created on the first day before the creation of the sun and moon on the 4th day? This shows that the creation story recorded in scripture is not to be read as a scientific explanation. • The Church never meant for us to interpret the seven days of creation as 7/24. In the early 20th century, the Church disagreed with the fundamentalists in the State who interpreted Gen 1-3 from a purely scientific perspective by adopting Biblical Literalism. • On the other hand, the Church is not suggesting that we should read Gen 1-11 as pure myths. • We must read it from the perspective of “the new is hidden in the old and the old is revealed in the new”. (Typology) • History of Gen 1-3. 	HA 3, SH 1 SH 4 HA 103 HO-A HA 1 Father 22, CCC 128, 289, HO-B NJBC 72:27, HO-C
E	<u>According to the Image of God</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among all of creation, only human beings are created in the image of God. • “Image of God” → Human beings live, work and love like God. 	JPPII Letter to Families 6 Ibid 6, Father 47
F	<u>The Sixth Day: Human Beings and Beasts at the Same Level?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Six” represents “beastly” according to Jewish traditions. • Human beings, created in the image of God, are different from the animals as a human being is the unity of soul and flesh, thus, he/she has the need to worship God. On the seventh day, the Sabbath, it’s a day for God; a day of holiness. Though both human beings and animals are created on the 6th day, human 	SH 4 SH 5

	<p>beings are called to enter into God through worship and become God's children: "The Sabbath was made for humankind". "Seven" = God's Promise; God established a covenant with humankind to form a family and become relatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the creation of the world, God uses Sabbath as the day of worship and in so doing, sanctifies time; the universe becomes His Temple that sanctifies space; the whole creation is a covenant. This old creation and covenant will be transformed into a new and perfect creation through Jesus' sacrifice, so that a new covenant is established between Heaven and humanity. 	<p>Mk 2: 27</p> <p>SH 6</p> <p>JPII, <u>Crossing the Threshold of Hope</u>, p 27 HO-D</p>
<p>G</p>	<p><u>Reflecting on Creation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This beautiful world must have order according to God's will, and this order is built upon differences (light vs. darkness; sky vs. water; land vs. water; sun vs. moon; birds vs. fish; beasts vs. humankind; male vs. female). Order will be lost if these differences are blurred and the world will no longer be beautiful. The material world is also part of God's beautiful creation, through which humanity and God can communicate (FULLY THEOPHORIC) so that humankind can understand and be close to God. The mystery of the Word made flesh confirms the importance of the physical world. Salvation transforms everything into new heaven and new earth. The human body will also be transformed through resurrection. 	<p>G. Davis, St. Aug.</p> <p>JPII Orientale Lumen II</p>