



CREATION

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW - DISCUSSION THREE

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT

1. What is a Worldview
2. Biblical Worldview (God's Story)
- ➔ **3. Chapter One - Creation**
4. Chapter Two - Fall
5. Chapter Three - Redemption
6. Chapter Four - Restoration



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC-ND](#)

GOD'S STORY IN FOUR CHAPTERS

CREATION

FALL

REDEMPTION

RESTORATION

IN THE BEGINNING...

IN THE BEGINNING...

GOD

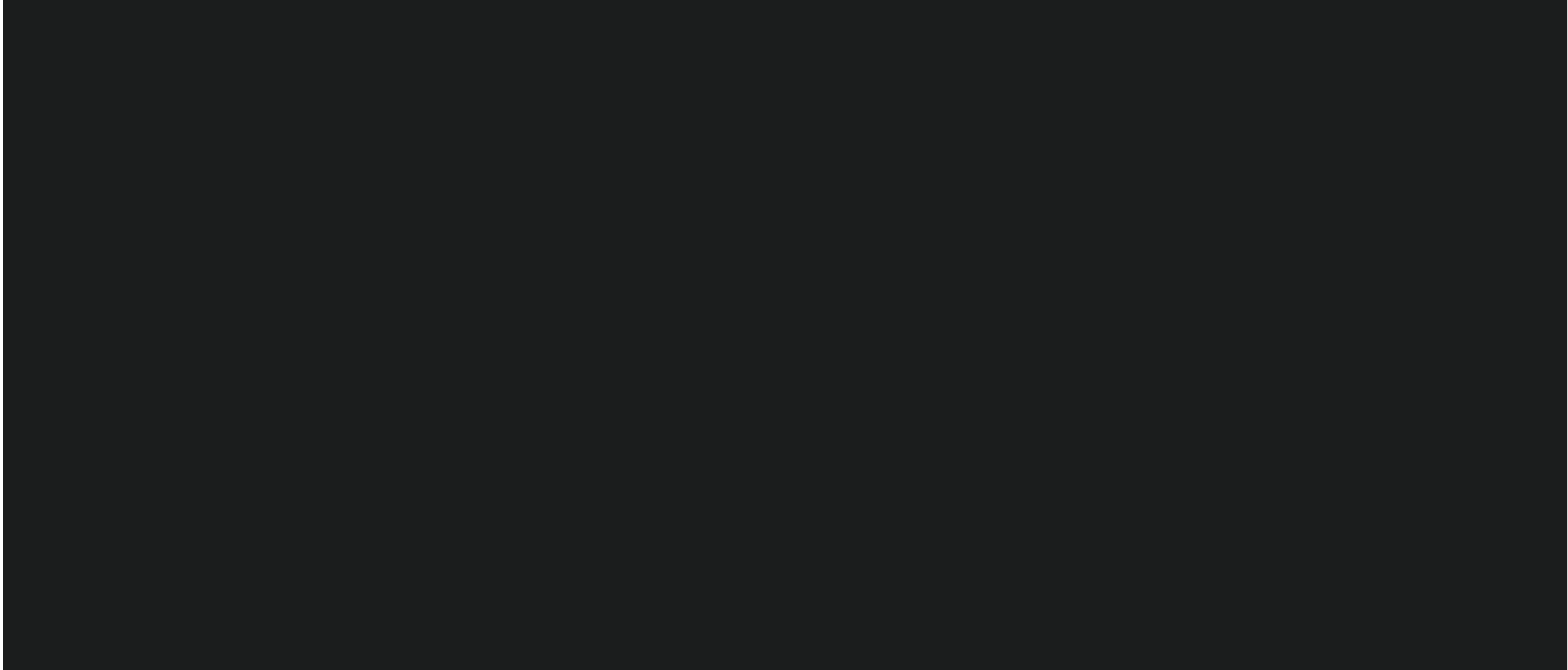
IN THE BEGINNING...

**THE EARTH WAS
FORMLESS AND VOID**

IN THE BEGINNING...

**GOD
CREATED**

FROM NOTHING...



FROM NOTHING...EVERYTHING



THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED THROUGH JESUS

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.”

-John 1:1-3

GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE BECAUSE HE WILLED IT

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

-Revelation 4:11

HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS HOLDING ALL THINGS TOGETHER

“[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ”

- Colossians 1:15-17

THE MAPPING OF CREATION IN GENESIS CHAPTER 1

1 Light and Dark

2 Sea and Sky

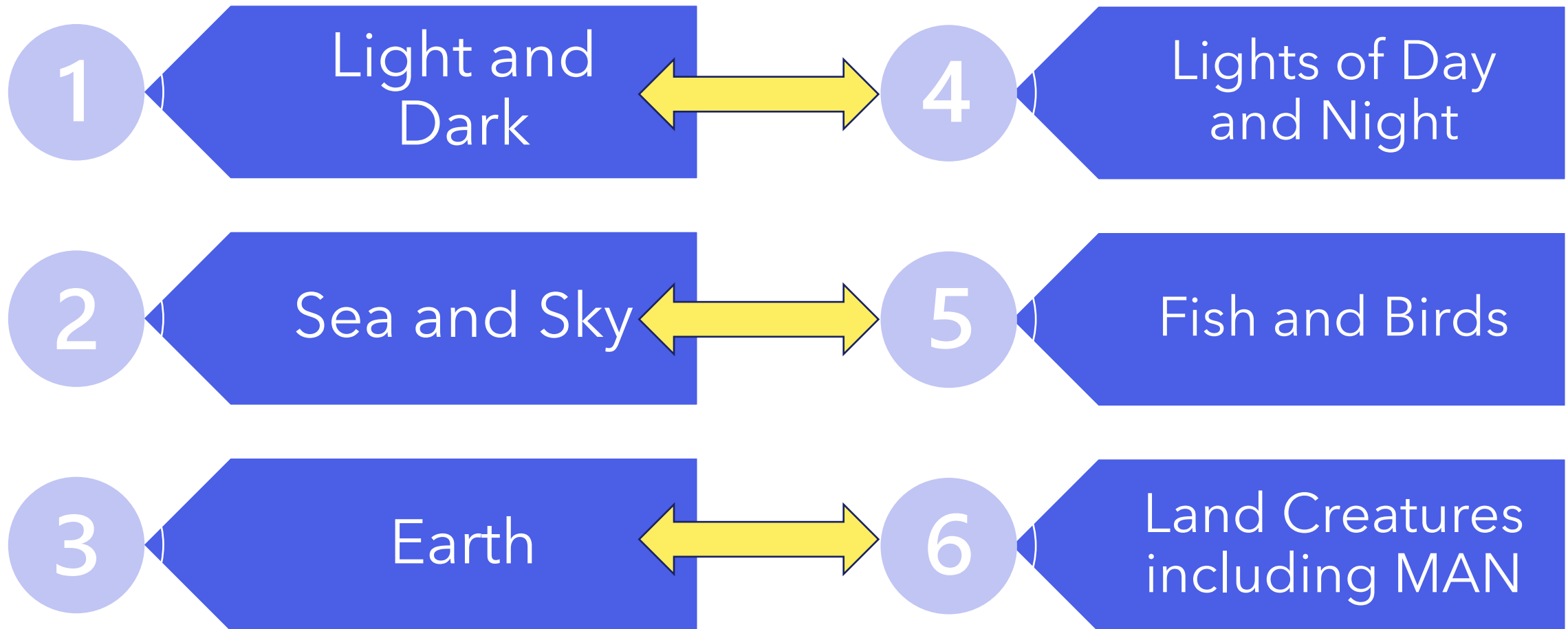
3 Earth

4 Lights of Day and Night

5 Fish and Birds

6 Land Creatures including MAN

THE MAPPING OF CREATION IN GENESIS CHAPTER 1



GOD MADE MAN

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

-Genesis 1:26-27

GOD MADE MAN

“Then God said, **‘Let Us make mankind in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.’ So **God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him**; male and female He created them. ”

-Genesis 1:26-27

GOD MADE MAN IN HIS IMAGE

GOD MADE MAN IN HIS IMAGE

Imago Dei

GOD MADE MAN IN HIS IMAGE

Imago Dei

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
WHY DOES THIS MATTER?**

THREE DIMENSIONS OF IMAGO DEI

Substance

- Man shares similar characteristics with God
- Self-awareness, reason, moral decision

THREE DIMENSIONS OF IMAGO DEI

Substance

- Man shares similar characteristics with God
- Self-awareness, reason, moral decision

Function

- Man's unique role to exercise dominion over creation

THREE DIMENSIONS OF IMAGO DEI

Substance

- Man shares similar characteristics with God
- Self-awareness, reason, moral decision

Function

- Man's unique role to exercise dominion over creation

Relations

- Man's relationships with God and others

IMAGO DEI ENDOWS MAN WITH INHERENT RIGHTS, DIGNITY, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

“Whoever sheds human blood, By
man his blood shall be shed, For in
the image of God He made
mankind.”

-Genesis 9:6

“...and with [the tongue] we curse
people, who have been made in the
likeness of God”

-James 3:9

**Both examples show an affront to the
Creator whose image the person bears...**

CRITERIA FOR A BIBLICAL VIEW OF IMAGO DEI

1. The image must be inseparable from every person's essence.
2. The image must be unique to humans
3. The image must be reflective of God

**All humans - regardless of age, sex, ethnicity,
ability, or capacity - are bearers of the Imago Dei
And as such, are inestimably valuable**

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Being made in God's image, we have an **unchanging** foundation for the

- Existence
- Interpretation
- and Enforcement

Of Human Rights



BIBLICAL MANDATES TO FELLOW-IMAGE BEARERS



In the Ten Commandments, mandates against thievery and jealousy show that image bearers have basic rights to property

Mandates against lying and dishonoring parents show basic rights to honor and respect

OUR OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS

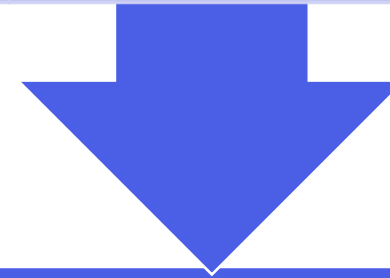


We have obligations to other image bearers:

To Neighbors
as Neighbors

To the
Vulnerable as
Vulnerable

To Believers
as Believers



While Scripture doesn't spell out specifics of all Human Rights, the Biblical Worldview provides the foundation from which they may be derived.

GOD GAVE US AN IMPORTANT JOB

“God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

-Genesis 1:28

**GOD'S MANDATE
FROM THE BEGINNING**

ROADMAP TO DISCUSSIONS

1. What is a Worldview
2. Biblical Worldview (God's Story)
3. Chapter One - Creation
- ➔ **4. Chapter Two - Fall**
5. Chapter Three - Redemption
6. Chapter Four - Restoration



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC-ND](#)



CREATION

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW - DISCUSSION THREE