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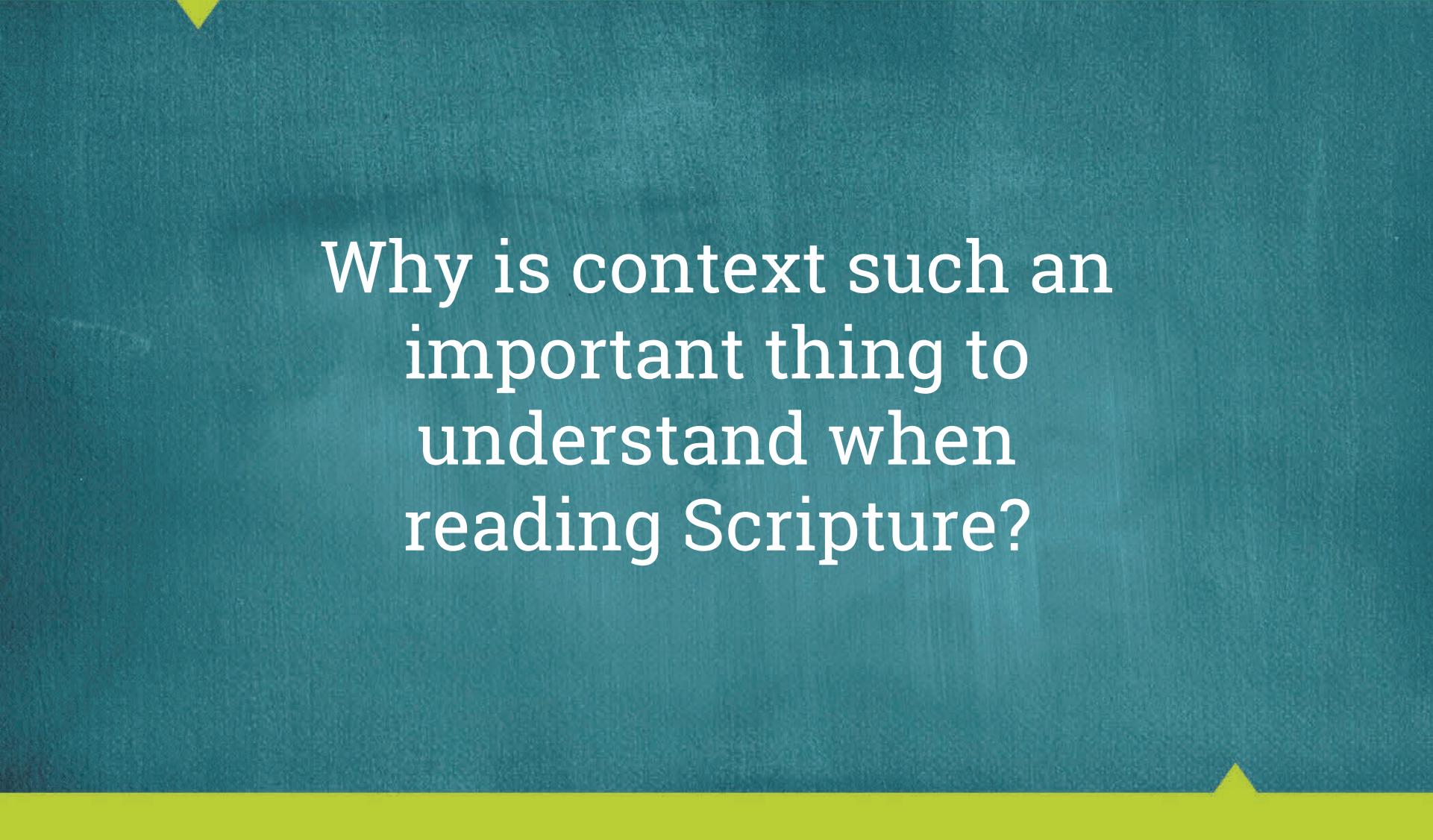
# Creation: Days and Kinds

*God created all things in  
six 24-hour days.*

# Memory Verse

## Psalm 8:3–4

When I consider thy heavens, the work  
of thy fingers, the moon and the stars,  
which thou hast ordained; What is man,  
that thou art mindful of him? and the  
son of man, that thou visitest him?



Why is context such an important thing to understand when reading Scripture?

# “Day” in Context

- Genesis 35:28—And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.
- Leviticus 9:1—And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;
- Numbers 11:32—And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails:
- Jeremiah 5:18—Nevertheless in those days, saith the Lord, I will not make a full end with you.

# What Is a Day?

- ❖ Open your Bibles and look at the text of Genesis 1. Look specifically at verses 5, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 31. What elements help give us the context for the meaning of day in this chapter?
- ❖ Is there anything in this text that would suggest that the author intended the reader to understand these days as anything other than normal days?
- ❖ It is only in Genesis 1 that the meaning of day is questioned. Why do you think this is the case?

# What Is a Day?

- ❖ What theological danger is presented if we reinterpret these days as long ages?
- ❖ Some people claim that we can't say that the days in Genesis 1 are 24-hour days because of Genesis 2:4. Is that a legitimate position?
- ❖ How does Exodus 20:8–11 lend support to the view that the days of Genesis 1 are normal days?

# Genesis 1:1–3

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

## Genesis 1:4–5

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

## Genesis 1:6–8

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

# Genesis 1:9–11

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

## Genesis 1:12–13

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

## Genesis 1:14–16

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

## Genesis 1:17–19

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

## Genesis 1:12

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed **after his kind**, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, **after his kind**: and God saw that it was good.

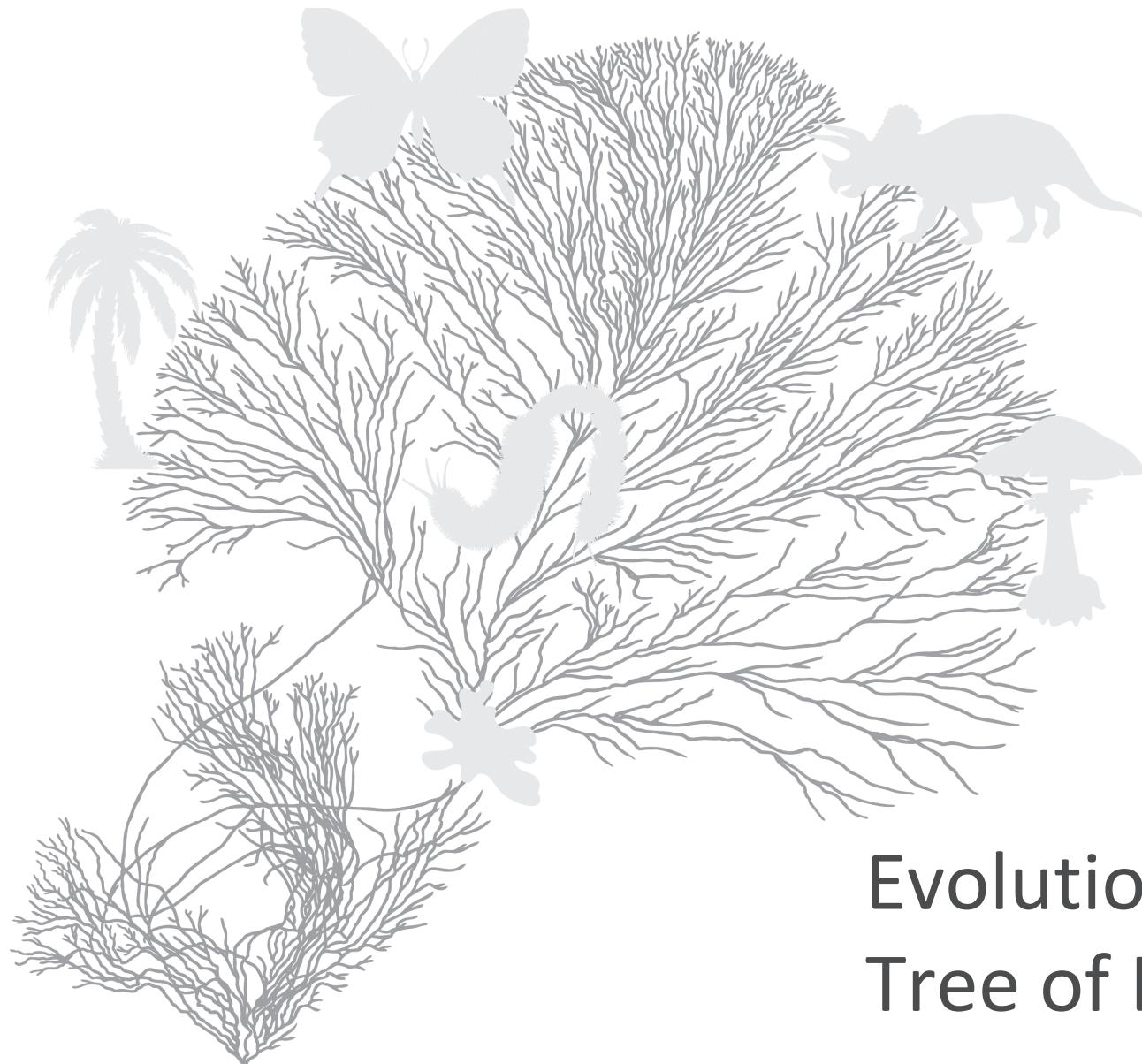
# Definitions

## Created Kind

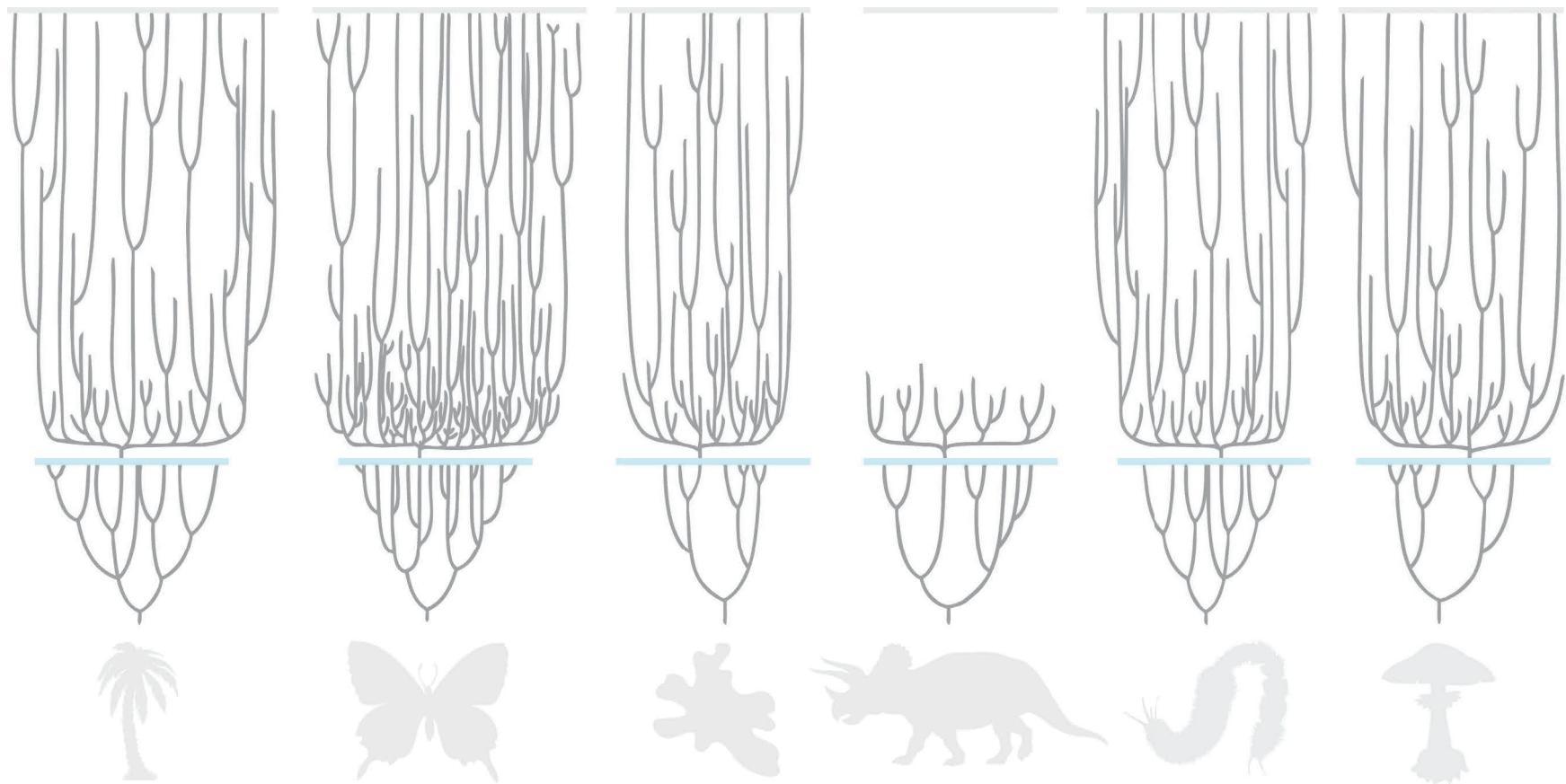
the original organisms (and their descendants) created supernaturally by God as described in Genesis 1

## Baraminology

the study of created kinds  
*bara*=Hebrew for “create”  
*min*=Hebrew for “kind”



# Evolution Tree of Life



**Creation  
Orchard of Life**

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# God's Word in the Real World

What objections might you hear from others (or that you may have yourself) regarding the days in Genesis 1 being normal 24-hour days?

# God's Word in the Real World

How can we answer those objections, and explain and show that Genesis 1 is talking about a normal week?

# God's Word in the Real World

Some people suggest that the first three days of Genesis 1 could not be actual days since there wasn't even a sun to provide light for the earth—that there can't be day and night or evening and morning without a sun.

How could you use the text of Genesis 1 to explain this apparent problem?

# God's Word in the Real World

What is the danger of suggesting  
that the days in Genesis 1 should be  
interpreted as long ages or as a  
myth that contains truth?