

THE UNIFIED CREATIONIST VIEW

Part One: Three Meanings of the Term "Creation"

Ex Nihilo Creation -- The bringing into being of that which did not (either in its substance or its form) previously exist.

Immediate Creation -- The bringing into being of that which did not (in its form) previously exist, employing previously-existing substance but not secondary causes.

Mediate Creation -- The bringing into being of that which did not (in its form) previously exist, employing both previously-existing substance and secondary causes.

Part Two: A Proposed Structuring of the Creative Events of Genesis 1-2

Creative Period	Creation Day	Creative Event	Reference
1st	Pre-1	(1) Ex Nihilo Creation of primal matter-energy	1:1
		(2) Mediate Creation of the structured universe	1:1
		(3) Mediate Creation of the Milky Way Galaxy	1:1
2nd	Day 1	(4) Mediate Creation of our solar system (thus light, and thus day and night)	1:2-5
3rd	Day 2	(5) Mediate Creation of earth's atmosphere, and the subsequent separation of water above the surface of earth from water covering earth's surface	1:6-8
4th	Day 3	(6) Mediate Creation of dry land, by the structuring of earth's surface into lands and seas	1:9-10
	Day 3	(7) Immediate Creation of land plants begins	1:11-13