

CHAPTER 3

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

Creation Begins

How was the Temporal Creation accomplished? Who created it? And what can we learn about it from the scriptural accounts¹ and the truths we know from science?

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 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.” (Genesis 1:1,2)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:1-3)

The opening words of the Hebrew Bible, *Beresheet bara Elohiym*, literally means, at the head, God created. The phrase, “at the head,” *Beresheet* (רֵאשִׁית) refers directly to the beginning of time. This entire phrase is restated again by the Apostle John in the opening words of his Gospel, this time in Greek, *en arche en ho logos* (Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος). John, in his use of *en arche* is speaking of the most ancient of times. It is impossible to get a time more ancient than that of the beginning. It must be noted that both the author of Genesis and John chose to begin their stories

¹ In this chapter, we will refer to the Genesis 1 account as we previously defined it using the words of the Book of Moses. The words found there faithfully follow the Biblical account with minor but important additions and no omissions. When necessary, we will include important insights from the account in Abraham.

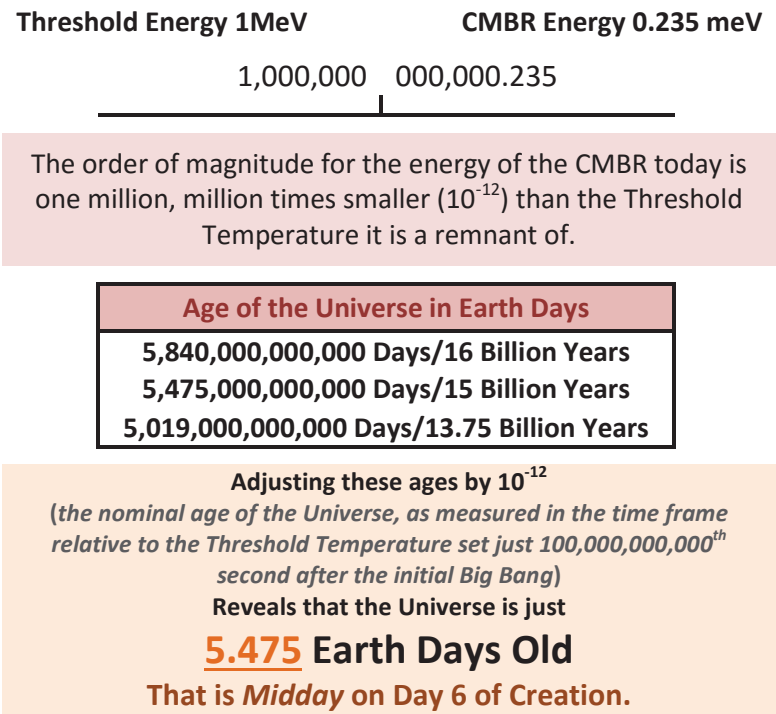


Figure 3-3 *Relative Time Scale of the Universe.*

As the Universe expanded and cooled, the rate of change for the CMBR frequency slowed, making each of the six periods seem shorter in length than the one that preceded it (when measured in terms relative to our current time frame). This six day cycle accounts for all of the known age of the Universe to this point and beyond. Each of the “days” (periods) is of sufficient length and just the correct length to match the creative events of the Scriptures with the cosmological, geological and biological chronologies of science, without any tampering or adjustments (Table 3-1).