

## Three Views of Genesis 1:1-3

Label	Before Gen 1:1	Genesis 1:1	Between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2	Genesis 1:2	Genesis 1:3
<b>Original Creation</b>	Nothing but God	Narrative of creation begins; First part of the first day of creation	Nothing	Chaos occurs <u>in connection with</u> this original creation; morally neutral, Raw material for God	Narrative of creation continues with the rest of the first day
<b>“Gap” theory</b>	Nothing	Describes the original complete perfection creation. Narrative of the original creation both begins and ends in verse 1.	The fall of Satan and the judgment of God destroying the original earth and resulting in the chaos of Gen 1:2	The conditions of the universe after the fall of Satan; the result of God’s judgment of the earth after Satan fell between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2. Chaos occurred <u>after</u> the original creation.	The restoration of the heavens and the earth begins.
<b>Relative beginning</b>	The chaotic earth The fall of Satan	Summary statement for Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 2:3. A broad general declaration that the LORD God of Israel created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.	Nothing	The condition of the earth when God speaks in Gen 1:3. The chaos existed <u>before</u> the creation described in the Bible. The chaotic earth is morally negative and under divine judgment.	The narrative of creation begins. The first action of restoring or recreating the heavens and the earth.