

*Genesis 1:6-8*

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

*7 Thus 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. So the evening and the morning were the second day.*

All days of creation are declared good with the concluding formula "it was good", but it seems that the second day, when the waters were separated above and below the expanse, was not declared good.

Why [the narrator of the Creation story](#) has omitted it, or has he omitted it all? And who was the narrator of the Creation, in the first place, because it was impossible for Moses to know the epic work of the Creator without a narrator?

[Sir Isaac Newton](#) was a 17th-century British scientist, one of the most influential scientists of all time. He was a mathematician, astronomer, physicist, but also theologian who studied the Bible in its original Hebrew. He wrote,

After all, if the Bible is God's Word and it reveals Truth, then the closer we get to the Truth in our presuppositions, the faster we will discover the Truth in the details.

To discover the Truth, very often we need to go through small details which very often are overlooked. Such a small detail is our question: Was the second day of Creation declared good?

The Creation story begins with the creation of the first day, in which Elohim formed the light, and about which it was in Gen 1:4 that the day was good. Likewise, it was said about the third day, in which He formed the vegetation on the earth (Gen 1:12), and about the fourth day in which He formed the heavenly luminaries (Gen 1:18) that they were all good. About the fifth day in Gen 1:21 that it was good when Elohim formed the living creatures on the land and in the oceans.

And on the sixth day of creation, in which the mankind kind was formed, it was said,

God saw all that He had made, and look, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the sixth day. (Gen 1:31)

And the seventh day, when the Creator completed His work of creation, He blessed and set it apart as a special day of the Creation and He rested on that day. Thus, the Creation week was completed and because of its completeness, He called it Shabbat (Sabbath Day).

All these days of Creation were declared "good" and rightly so, because His work in creation was indeed good.

The waters above and the waters below on the second day of Creation

But, about the second day, in which God formed the expanse in the heaven to separate the waters above from the waters below it, we do not find the concluding formula: "it was good". We read thus about the second day,

And God said, "Let an expanse come to be in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. And it came to be so. And God called the expanse 'heavens'. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the second day. (Gen 1:6-8)

Why was the declaration “it was good” omitted concerning the second day, because it is just not there?

So, was the creation of the second day good? Yes, it was too good and marvelous in appearance, but it seems that the narrative of the second day has omitted it. But has it?

Indeed, the narrator did not use the concluding statement for each day of creation “it was good” for the second day. He did not say concerning the second day “it was good”, because the work in forming the waters was not completed until the third day, although the Creator commenced it on the second day.

Thus, we learn that any work must be finished in order to be declared “good”. Therefore, in Gen 1:6-8 we do not see “it was good” concerning the second day, because the work of creation was not finished.

But on the third day, the Creator completed the work in forming the oceans and seas and then He said about the second day, “it was good”,

And Elohim said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it came to be so. And Elohim called the dry land ‘earth’, and the collection of the waters He called ‘seas’. And Elohim saw that it was good. (Gen 1:9-10)

This statement refers to the work in forming the waters that commenced on the second day and completed on the third day. Then, the work on creating the third day continued, when He decreed the forming the vegetation of the earth, as we read further in the narrative of the third day,

Let the earth bring forth grass, the plant that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth.” And it came to be so. And the earth brought forth grass, the plant that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good. (Gen 1:11-12)

Therefore, it was twice said in the account of the third day “it was good”: once for the completion of the work of the second day and one more for the completion of the work of that third day.

Thus, all days of creation were declared good and [the Sabbath Day was blessed for us to observe.](#)