

## Creation and the Bible

One of the areas of significant conflict between the Bible and science is that area which concerns origins, that is, the creation of all things. It is, of course, absolutely impossible to *prove* scientifically that the Bible account of creation is true because, not only are the events of creation in the past - which makes them *history* - but these events are also non-repeatable - non-observable - and, therefore, beyond the scope of *science*. This being true, then, one's only recourse, for knowing the real truth concerning creation, is that he must rely on the written record of the One Who was there - Almighty God, Himself!

When the Biblical account of creation, which includes such facts as:

1. Creation having taken place 6000 years ago, rather than millions of years,
2. the universal curse on the world because of man's sin,
3. the global hydraulic cataclysm in the day of Noah, and,
4. the miraculous linguistic dispersion of nations at Babel

...is taken as *simple historical truth*, and used as the basis for correlating all other relevant data from the so-called historical science. This account will be found to be uniquely powerful and satisfying, fitting all true facts, and correcting all errors.

The **GEOLOGICAL-AGE SYSTEM**, which embraces a theory of the origin of the earth that, supposedly, took place within a time span of tens of billions of years, has been taught as **proven** fact in practically every public school and college, even though it squarely, and clearly, contradicts the Biblical account of creation and, until recently, anyone who questioned it was considered to be ignorant and irrational.

Because evolutionists need a framework which requires vast amounts of time upon which to erect their theory of the origin of the earth [and of man] the "*geological-age system*" was theorized to provide this frame- work and, therefore, it is this "*system*" which constitutes the evolutionists' "*evidence*" of their so-called *theory*.

As a Bible believer...as one who believes that the Bible is our medium of measurement for *truth*...one must understand how, and why, this framework, upon which the supposed "*Theory of Evolution*" is founded, goes against the framework upon which the **Biblical** account of creation is founded!

Note that the very first verse of the Bible (Genesis 1:1) states, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*"

How far back the "**beginning**" of Genesis 1:1 was...(when the creation of the heavens and the earth took place)...no one really knows, because a cataclysm took place to produce what is viewed in verse 2, which states, "**AND**" - [referring to a different, independent act] "*the earth was* (more literally "*became*") *without form and void.*"

The earth was not created "*empty and void*" in the very beginning, but, rather, something [or, someone] brought that cataclysm about.

Isaiah 45:18 states, "*Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it NOT IN VAIN, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord: and there is none else.*"

The Hebrew word which is translated as "*vain*" here in Isaiah 45:18 is the same Hebrew word which is translated as "*void*" in Genesis 1:2.

Scripture clearly teaches that the earth was not, in the beginning, created "*void*," but, rather, was created to be ***inhabited***, however, some time after creation, the earth was thrown into darkness and chaos.

In one's search for the truth concerning creation, he must keep this fact in mind, that ***God created all things GOOD, not void and empty, and God created the earth to be inhabited.***"

### **WHAT, OR WHO, RUINED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH?**

There are several Scriptures that tell us of a time - ***before man was created*** - when Lucifer ruled the earth:

Isaiah 14:14-15, "How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, star of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations. You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will rise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the scared mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit."

Jeremiah 4:23-28, "I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the LORD, before His fierce anger. This is what the LORD says: 'The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back.'"

Ezekiel 28:15-17, "You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings."

These Scriptural verses reveal that Lucifer:

1. Was an angel in heaven, created *perfect* by God
2. Was given a choice to either serve, or disobey, God
3. Chose to sin, to disobey, and led other angels in rebellion against God, and,
4. Was, therefore, "*cast out of*" [fell from] heaven, the habitation God had given unto him.

Satan was a fallen creature when man was created, therefore, this scene, described in the above Scriptures, would have had to have taken place before the "*re-creation*" story we have in Genesis, chapters one and two, which means, of course, that this scene also took place before man was ever created.

The Bible account of creation begins in Genesis with the creation of man because the Bible is the history of MAN, written to man as a guide for man. God gave man the Bible, primarily, to tell him of His plan of redemption of man. He did not give man the Bible to inform him of earth's age.

One should also be aware that the Bible speaks of *spirit-beings* who once ruled in the heavens and on the earth, probably during a "*probationary-period*" which was designed to test the angels, a period of time which took place before God created man, and the significance of this fact is that it means that thousands and thousands of years may have run their course between Genesis 1, verse 1, and verse 2, therefore, it is here where Scripture allows for all the room, and time, that scientific research seems to tell us was not only necessary for the development of the earth's surface, but is, also, necessary in order to be able to answer many geological questions.

Note the order of events in Genesis, chapter 1:

Genesis 1:1 = God's original perfect creation!

Genesis 1:2 = Creation seen marred and imperfect!

Genesis 1:3 to 2:25 = Creation *restored* for man!

### WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE BEFORE THE FLOOD?

The condition of the earth was certainly far superior before the flood than it was after the flood, which means that the condition of the earth was far superior before the flood than it is today!

Note the description of the earth that is given in Genesis 1:6-8, which states, "*And God said, 'Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from the water.'* So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse 'sky.' And there was evening and there was morning - the second day."

The climate on earth at the time of creation would have been different from the climate on earth today because a *greenhouse* environment was assured as a result of the "*waters above the expanse* [or, sky] protecting the earth from any harmful rays of the sun.

According to the second verse of Genesis 1, the heaven - [that is, the earth and the atmosphere around the earth] - and the earth, after some cataclysm which took place sometime after the "*beginning*," was covered with water...dark...deep...formless...empty... water.

On the first day of creation, God created light - He divided the darkness from the light and called the light "*day*," and the darkness, He called, '*night*."

On the second day of creation, God divided the water of the heavens above from the water of the earth below, creating an "*expanse*" - a firmament - or, an atmosphere - between the water **above** the earth and the water **upon** the earth.

On the first day of ***re-creation***, God created light. He divided the darkness from the light, and He called the light "*day*," and the darkness He called "*night*."

On the second day day of ***re-creation***, God divided the water of the "*heavens above from the water of the earth below*" . . . creating an **EXPANSE**" (a "*firament*" or atmosphere) **between** the water above the earth and the water **upon** the earth.

The conditions of the earth described in Genesis 1:7 - that is, a "*ring of water* surrounding the earth and its atmosphere. One translation defines the "*firament*" of Genesis 1:7 as "***layers of atmosphere dividing the waters of the earth from the waters above***," and, this is a condition which would create a **canopy of vapor** over (around) the earth, a kind of floating blanket of water between the earth and the deadly radiations bombarding the earth from the sun and outer space, providing a highly efficient shield for man on earth.

This "*ring of water*" (or, canopy) between the earth and the heavens above, because it intercepted the direct rays of the sun, provided a *hothouse* effect, which in turn created *uniform* temperature as the heat, penetrating the canopy, would diffuse evenly, equally, and regularly, over the whole globe. This uniformly warm, humid, temperature not only make the development of life slower, and more prolonged, on earth, but it also *precluded air mass movement*, which means that, rather than there being rain, and storms, there was only a daily mist (As Genesis 2:5-6 states) which maintained an equable humidity everywhere over the whole earth.

It is because the rays of the sun, which are most active in the aging of life and which bring about decay and fermentation, were intercepted by this "*canopy of water*" that man and animal lived to be a greater age at the time of creation then they do today.

As a result of the flood, this ideal condition on earth changed as this canopy of water collapsed and became the chief source of flood waters, which God calls "*the floodgates of heaven*" in Genesis 8:2.

The removal of this protective *shield of water* around the earth brought about a radical climatic change on earth which was responsible for the following Biblical truths:

1. *Seasons* are not mentioned for the very first time **after** the flood (Genesis 8:22).
2. *Sunlight* is also mentioned for the first time **after** the flood (Genesis 15:12).
3. Man, now living in direct sunlight, needed food that would make his stronger, and so, was . . . for the first time . . . given "*flesh to eat*. (Genesis 9:4).
4. Food, also for the first time, "*fermented*," as a result of the direct rays of the sun (Genesis 9:20-21).

If the same climatic condition that existed **before** the flood had existed **after** the flood, there would have been no Sahara - no vast deserts - no barren wastes - no bleak mountain ranges - no Arctic - and - no disease-breeding heat of the tropics.

2 Peter 3:6 tells us that ***the world which then existed*** [that is, existed before the flood] ***was destroyed in a deluge of water.*** Verse 7 speaks of a different world today when it states, "*But the heaven and the earth, which are **now**...*" and verse 13 states, "*nevertheless we look for a **new heaven and a new earth.***"

Notice that these verse speaks of three worlds:

1. a world that **was** - that is, in the past before the flood
2. a world that **is** - that is, the present, and
3. a world that **is to be** - that is, coming in the future