

Genesis Study

Chapter One

Man's Reasoning Is Flawed

- At the Fall mankind began to think and reason outside of God's intended design.
- The result of thinking from our own fallen intelligence will result in a blinded logic.
- "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."-**Proverbs 14:12**
- "Then Job answered the LORD and said: "You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' **Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.**"-**Job 42:1,3**
- "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."-**Colossians 2:8**

Enlightened Through Jesus

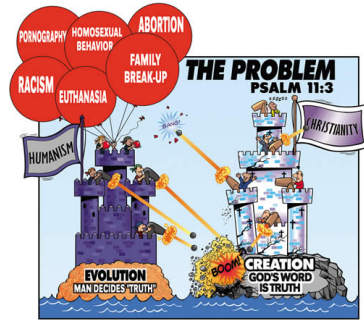
- "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."-2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Revelation always begins with God the foundation of all truth. Man never creates the truth but receives the truth as revealed by God.

Pre-Evangelism

- In the world that we as believers are living today more and more people do not believe in God.
- We can't simply start evangelizing with some people because we are speaking to people from the Word of God, about Jesus, Who died and rose from the dead through a miraculous act of God which brings man to salvation.
- The problem is that people have been systematically educated to not even believe that God exists.
- There needs to be pre-evangelism in order to answer the questions that non-believers may ask. It begins with their biases.
- Non-believers have good questions and Biblical Christianity has good answers!
- A good example of pre-evangelism in the Bible is Paul's address to the philosopher's questions in **Acts 17:16-34**.

World Views In Conflict

| Evolution | The Bible |
|---|---|
| THERE IS NO GOD. | IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED (GEN. 1:1) |
| THE PRESENT IS KEY TO THE PAST. | REVELATION (GOD'S WORD) IS THE KEY TO THE PAST. |
| WE ARE HERE BY MERE CHANCE HAPPENING. | MAN IS CREATED BY GOD IN HIS IMAGE. |
| RANDOM MUTATION WITH NATURAL SELECTION. | INTELLIGENT DESIGN. |
| LIFE APPEARED GRADUALLY OVER BILLIONS OF YEARS. | UNIVERSE AND LIFE CREATED BY GOD IN SIX ORDINARY DAYS APPX 6,000 YEARS AGO. |
| NO GLOBAL FLOOD COVERED EARTH. | NOAH'S FLOOD COVERED ENTIRE EARTH. |



Answers in Genesis

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"-Psalm 11:3

As Israel would make their pilgrimage to Jerusalem they would see on the high places all the gods that were worshiped by those who didn't believe in the One true God. They would sing Psalm 121 to God during their journey to keep themselves focused on the one true God!

A Song of Ascents.

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore---

Psalm 121

Time Has A Beginning

- "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."-**Genesis 1:1**
- "In the beginning..." implies that there is a point when time began.
- God is not subject to our time domain.
- "To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, **before all time** and now and forever. Amen"-**Jude 25 ESV**
- "For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity...."-**Isaiah 57:15**

Who Created God?

- **B^aree'shiyt** ; the first, in place, time, order or rank (specifically, a first fruit) beginning, chief , first principal thing, or head.
- God's existence is simply stated in Scripture.
- "The fool has said in his **heart**, There is no God."--**Psalms 14:1**
- "...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your **heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the **heart** one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."-**Romans 10:9-10**

- "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse...."--- Rom 1:20

"I CAN SEE HOW IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO LOOK DOWN UPON THE EARTH AND BE AN ATHEIST, BUT I CANNOT CONCEIVE HOW HE COULD LOOK UP INTO HEAVEN AND SAY THERE IS NO GOD"---ABRAHAM LINCOLN

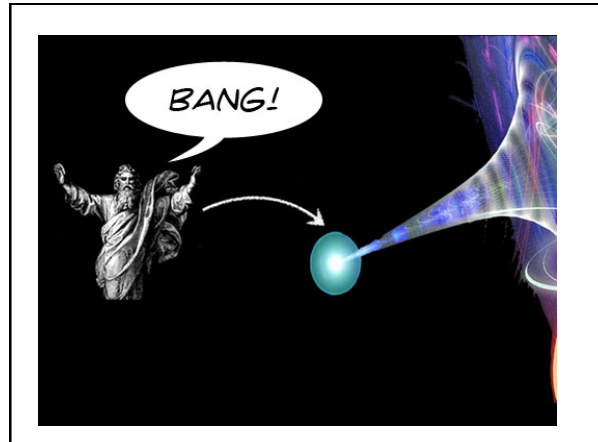


Arguments For God's Existence

- **C**osmological: Cause and Effect.
- **O**ntological: Thought or idea of God.
- **M**oral: We are moral. What standard do we use?
- **E**mpirical: Evidence of changed lives.
- **T**eleological: Intelligent design.
- **S**pecial Revelation: God has directly communicated.

Cosmological

- The Law of causality simply stated is that every effect in the universe must have had a beginning cause.
- An effect can never be greater than the cause that created it. In a chain of effects and their causes must eventually trace back to an infinite First Cause.
- The First cause of limitless space must be infinite.
- All the arguments rely on the principle of causality of creation. The argument from design implies that the design was caused.



- Carl Sagan states, "The cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be".
- The view that the universe is eternal is called the "Steady State theory" and basically states that the universe is spontaneously producing what it needs to exist.
- It takes more faith to believe in the "steady state theory" than it does to simply say that "God is the First Cause" and believe in Him.
- The second law of thermodynamics which states that the universe is running out of usable energy. However, if the universe is running down it cannot be eternal.

Two Aspects Of Creation

First Cause



Time

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."-Genesis 1:1

Sustaining Cause



Time

"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."-Colossians 1:16-17

Ontological



The Ontological Argument

St. Anselm (1033-1109)

- P1: "God" means the greatest conceivable being
 P2a: A being that exists in one's mind *and* in reality (outside of one's mind) is greater than one that exists only in one's mind
 P2b: A necessarily existing being is greater than a merely possible being
 • Therefore, God must exist in reality

Moral Argument




Empirical Argument

- Evidence of fulfilled prophecy:
 - Israel back in their land
 - The first coming of Jesus
 - The nations view of Israel
- Evidence of changed lives:
 - Changed Individuals
 - Changed Societies

Teleological Argument

The argument explained:

- The world is so ordered and complex that it must have had a design, or plan
- Things seem to have a purpose – such as the eye is 'designed' for seeing, which makes it seem that it was created

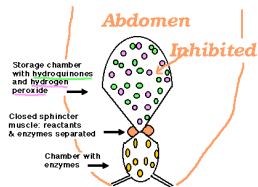
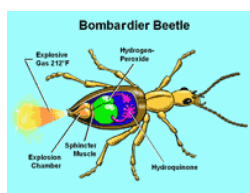


- “But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?”-**Job 12:7-10**

BOMBARDIER BEETLE



"Bombardier beetles [1/2" in size] store two separate chemicals (hydroquinone and hydrogen peroxide) that are NOT mixed until threatened. When this occurs the two chemicals are squirted through 2 tubes, where they are mixed along with small amounts of catalytic enzymes. When these chemicals mix they undergo a violent "exothermic" chemical reaction. The boiling, [200 degrees Fahrenheit] foul smelling liquid partially becomes a gas and is expelled with a loud popping sound."



Special Revelation

- “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...”-**2 Timothy 3:14-16**
- God directly communicates with man 3808 times in Scripture.

| PASCAL'S WAGER | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | YOU'RE RIGHT! | YOU'RE WRONG! |
| BELIEF | ETERNAL JOY | NOTHING |
| ATHEISM | NOTHING | ETERNAL SUFFERING |

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"

- "...created..": is the Hebrew word "*Bara*" ;"to create"
- "*Creatio Ex nihilo*": "out of nothing"
- "God,...calls those things which do not exist as though they did"--**Rom 4:17**
- "*Bara*" is specific in that God created out of nothing.
- God is separate from His creation.
- Only God can create, that is call into existence, that which had no prior existence.
- Men make things or form things from that which are already present.

- "That God pre-existed all things was, [and is] one of His attributes. It follows, then, that everything in the Universe must have been created and could not have existed like Him without beginning."-Cohen, Every Man's Talmud

- The other, more commonly used verb, is "*asah*": "to make out of already existing material"
- "Both can mean to make something out of a pre-existing substance, as when a potter makes a vase out of clay. 'Asah' has that meaning exclusively. But 'bara' has another meaning – its primary meaning: 'to make something from nothing.' When juxtaposed to '*asah*,' as it is in Genesis 1, its primary meaning is emphasized: to create, or make something out of nothing."-Setterfield

Faith Is Important

- “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”-**Hebrews 11:3**
- The foundation of faith is the truth in God’s special creation of all things and the fact that God needed nothing to create the world.
- Biblical faith isn’t wishing; it’s confidence. It’s not denying reality but discovering reality. It’s a sense of certainty grounded in the evidence that what the Bible claims about creation is true. It’s trusting in the character of God “Who cannot lie” (Titus 1:2).

- “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”-**Hebrews 11:1**
- The word in for “evidence” in the original text is “*elegchos*” which means a “**a proof by which something is proved or tested**”.
- The word for substance in the original text is the word “*hypostasis*” which literally means “ground” or “foundation.” Some Bibles have assurance or confidence.
- Faith is an act of the heart in what God says. Reason is the content and principles of that which is believed. We by faith engage in the process of identifying through reason the mysterious aspect of the universe.

God

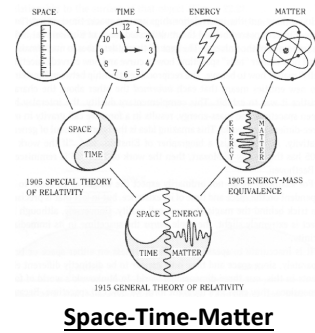
- The word for “God” that is used in verse 1, is “**Elohim**”.
- “**Elohim**” has a plural meaning “gods” but when used in certain contexts it means “**God, or the One True God**”.
- “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God (**Elohim**), the LORD is one!”
- “One” is “**echad**” : meaning united as one. The same word is used to describe the union between husband and wife in Gen. 2.
- God as “Elohim” is abstract almighty and powerful.
- “Jehovah” is another name for God that appears in Genesis 2. Jehovah is the personal Creator in a loving relationship with his people.

- God is always involved **with** his creation even though He is transcendent and outside of our time domain He is still intimately involved.
- “The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.”-**Psalms 33:13-15**

"...the heavens and the earth."

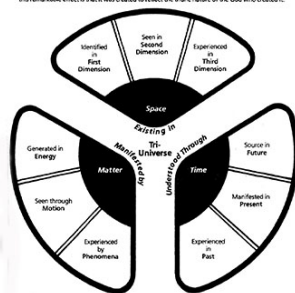
- Heavens: space; *shamayim*; often plural
- Heavens literally means: elevation...a place that is higher in order, lofty, as opposed to solid.
- Earth: matter; *erets* or *land* as opposed to *water*.
- The word often represents the whole surface of this planet and when put together with the word heavens describes the entire physical creation and everything in it.

Heavens And The Earth



The Universe Reflects The Triune Nature Of God

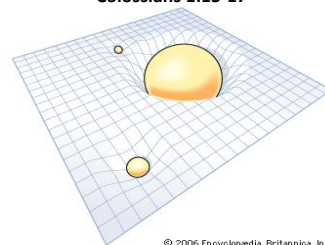
The Tri-universe
The physical universe is an amazing body of creation. The only adequate cause to account for this remarkable effect is that it was created to reflect the triune nature of the God who created it.



Henry Morris

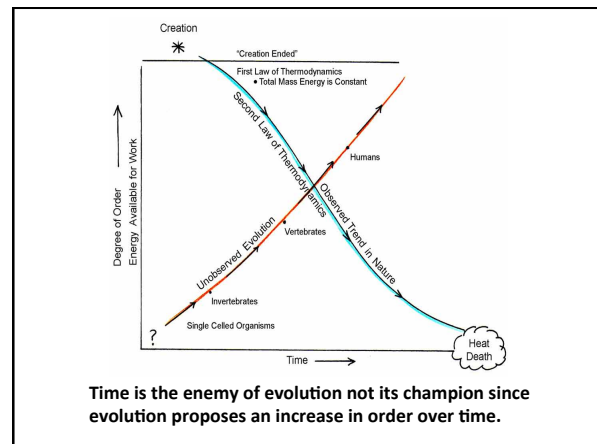
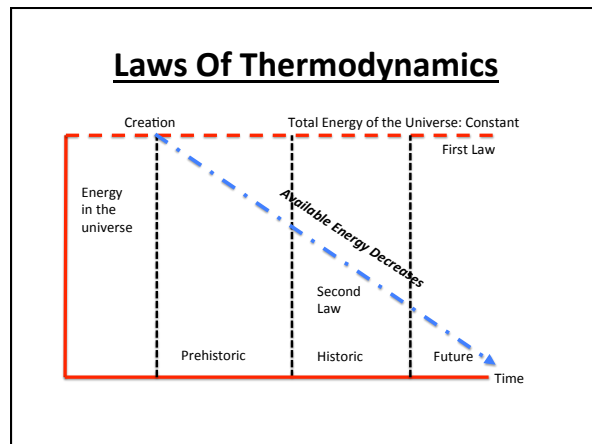
"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

-Colossians 1:15-17



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"...upholding all things by the word of His power"-Hebrews 1:3



- "The universe is gradually becoming more and more disordered as its entropy inexorably increases. So inextricably is time now associated with the law of entropy, that Sir Arthur Eddington many years ago gave the second law of thermodynamics the graphic name of 'Time's Arrow.' The universe is decaying toward and eventual 'heat death.' However, since it is far from 'dead' it must have had a beginning!"-Morris

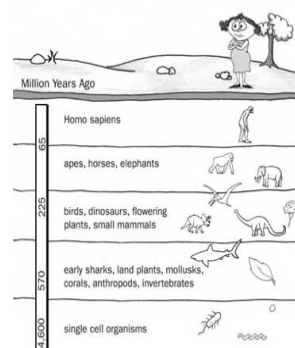
- "Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed."- **Psalm 102:25-26**
- "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment..."- **Isaiah 51:6**
- "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."- **2 Peter 3:10**

| Uniformitarianism | Creation |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Matter existed in the beginning | Matter created by God in the beginning |
| Sun and stars before the earth | Earth before the sun and stars |
| Land before the oceans | Oceans before the land |
| Sun, earth's first light | Light before the sun |
| Contiguous atmosphere and hydrosphere | Atmosphere between two hydrospheres |
| Marine organisms first forms of life | Land plants first life forms created |
| Fish before fruit trees | Fruit trees before fish |
| Insects before birds | Birds before insects ("creeping things") |
| Sun before land plants | Land vegetation before the sun |
| Reptiles before birds | Birds before reptiles ("creeping things") |
| Woman before man (by genetics) | Man before woman (by creation) |
| Rain before man | Man before rain |
| Creative process still continuing | Creation completed |
| | Morris, <u>Scientific Creationism</u> |

- As we can see from the table that evolution and the creative act of God are seriously incompatible.
- "Any time that a conflict exists between scientists and theologians, either the theologian does not have the proper interpretation of the Scriptures, or the scientist does not have his facts straight" –Robert Faid, Nuclear Scientist
- Jesus said, "For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be."-Mark 13:19
- Jesus believed that God created everything and therefore, as His followers, we should follow His example and teaching.

How Old Are You Rock?

- If we were to ask a rock "how old are you?" all of us would get the same answer: "Nothing" because rocks do not speak.
- Evolution scientists date rocks based on the fossil found in the rocks.
- They find a rock with a fossil in it, then they compare the fossil to a predetermined chart that of course has been arbitrarily created by the same scientists.



- “If we begin at the present and examine older and older layers of rock, we will come to a level where no fossils of humans are present. If we continue backwards in time, we will successively come to levels where no fossils of flowering plants are present, no birds, no mammals, no reptiles, no four-footed vertebrates, no land plants, no fishes, no shells, and no animals. The three concepts are summarized in the general principle called the **Law of Fossil Succession**: The kinds of animals and plants found as fossils change through time. When we find the same kinds of fossils in rocks from different places, we know that the rocks are the same age.”-USGS
- “A circular argument arises: Interpret the fossil record in the terms of a particular theory of evolution, inspect the interpretation, and note that it confirms the theory. Well, it would, wouldn't it?”-Tom Kemp

Is Creation Instantaneous Or Is It Gradual Over Time?

- Crystals in some of the oldest rocks have demonstrated a bulls eye effect known as “radio halos”.
- The “bulls eye” is radio activity which is impurity in the rocks themselves.
- Three things had to happen for the radio halos to form:
 1. The rock at one time had to be liquid.
 2. The rock has to become solid for the radio activity to remain.

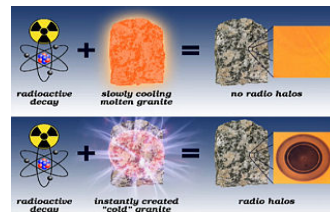


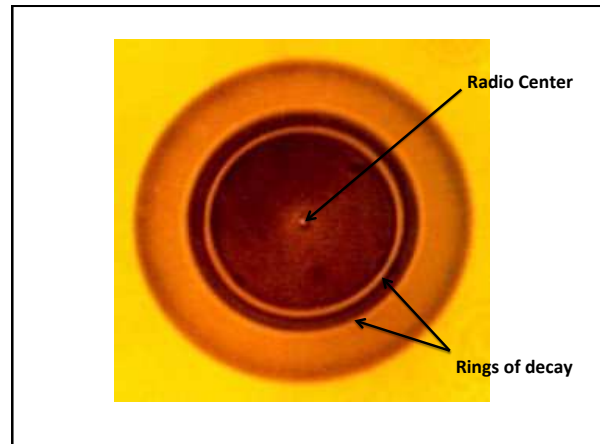
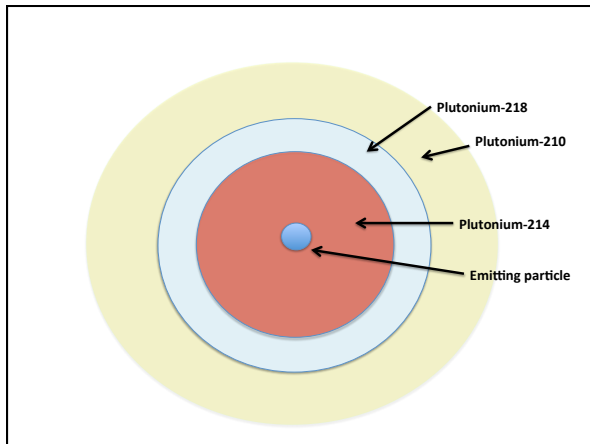
Imagine a pebble that is dropped in water. The rings begin small and as they move from the source they become larger until they eventually dissipate. At the source of the rings, the pebble, is the instantaneous cause and the larger rings represent the effect of how long it has been since the pebble was dropped in the water.

- Rate of decay ratio for polonium (half-life)
- 1. PO-218: 3 MINUTES
- 2. PO-214: .000164 SEC.
- 3. PO-210: 138 DAYS



Dr. Robert Gentry a nuclear physicist





"For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together bas a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." - Psalm 33:4-9

EXODUS 20:8-11

- "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."
- The entire creation could have been completed in an instant. The reason it took six days is to provide a divine pattern for man for obedience through the keeping of the Sabbath.
- Jesus said: "....The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." - MARK 2:27

The Chicken Really Did Come Before The Egg!

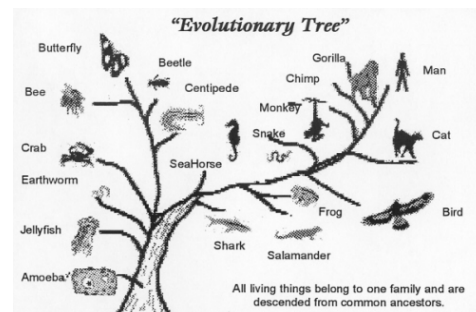
- When God created the earth, He more than likely created a mature earth. He created things in the midst of time already with age built into them. Example: Man; animals; plants; trees; etc., All mature.
- The stars visible from earth.
- "Astronomers have directly and indirectly witnessed the destruction of thousands of stars...Yet, there is not a single documented, undisputed case of a new star forming-anywhere in the known universe."-Malone
- At the end of the creation week God declared it all "very good".
- "...the works were finished from the foundation of the world."-**Hebrews 4:3**

Cambrian Explosion

- The Cambrian explosion marks the first appearance of animals like trilobites and brachiopods with skeletons, bilateral symmetry, appendages, brains, eyes, and digestive tracts that include mouths and poop shoot.
- Virtually every optical design that has ever existed appears simultaneously in the Cambrian explosion.
- The moment oxygen levels in Earth's atmosphere and oceans permit the existence of Cambrian animals, they suddenly appear.



Descent From A Common Ancestor



Where are the transitional intermediates between species ?

Genesis 1:2

"The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

"The earth was..."

- "Was"—*hayah*
- In 98 percent of its occurrences *hayah* is translated as was and not became, or had become as some have used it.
- This verb indicates more than simple existence or identity; rather, the verb makes a strong statement about the being or presence of a person or thing.
- This verb simply stated is concerned with the state in which things are and who is to effect the event.
- "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah **was** in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."--**Jonah 1:17**

"without form, and void...."

- "Without form"—*tohu*
- "And void"—*bohu*
- *Tohu*: Formlessness, confusion, chaos, unreality, nothingness, darkness.
- *Bohu*: Emptiness.
- "According to the Jewish Talmud, "Tohu and Bohu are the two primeval substances out of which the universe came into being-darkness and emptiness are considered created things by God."-Paraphrased from Every Man's Talmud
- Jewish rabbis noticed by the formation of the wording in Genesis 1:1-2, that the proceeding verses would result in the formation of God's house and then the filling of his house.

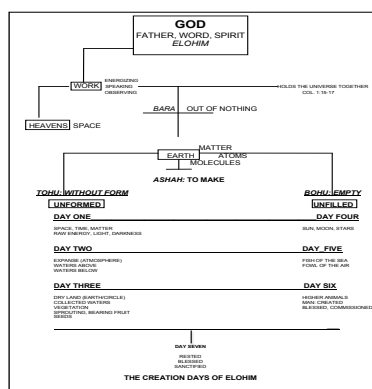
"For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other."-**Isaiah 45:18**

- GOD DID NOT CREATE THE EARTH IN VAIN BUT TO BE A HOUSE FOR MAN AND THE ANIMALS FOR HIS DIVINE PLEASURE.

Earth Is A Rare Commodity

- When you take into account all that is necessary to sustain life on this planet. Water supply, oxygen level, warmth of climate, surface gravity, magnetic field, etc. There is approximately 33, needed items for life as we know it. The probability of all 33, occurrences happening on any one planet is 10 to the 42 power. The total number of possible planets in the universe is 10 to the 22 power.
- **Laws of probability** by Peter Stoner

- 10^{50} is considered an absurdity, beyond comprehension.
- Total composite probability of 10^{17} .
- This number would cover the entire state of Texas with silver dollars two feet deep. You blindfold a man and tell him he can go any one direction but he must find the correct silver dollar that has been painted red.
- Total composite probability of 10^{45} .
- Make a ball of silver dollars, the radius would be 30 times greater than the distance of earth from the sun and that equals 91,856,060 miles.
- This is the odds of probability of what it necessary to sustain life on earth.



"and darkness was on the face of the deep."

- "Deep": can be translated as waters
- "face of the deep": surface of the waters
- In the beginning everything was a watery matrix.
- "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters"—vs. 2
- "...The Spirit of God" is the energizer of the universe
- Two types of forces on matter: electromagnetic spectrum and gravitational forces

- 2 Peter 1:2: The Spirit of God energized the prophets
- Col 1: 15-17: Could it be that what we know as gravitational forces and the electromagnetic spectrum(Light) is actually the Person of God?
- The compass of the world needed to be set, and had not yet happened; the elements of matter and molecules of water were present but not yet energized; the forces of gravity had not yet been functioning to pull together the particles into a functioning form.
- The earth was yet to be formed into its shape.

Proverbs 8:24-31

"When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; **While as yet He had not made the earth** or the fields, Or the primal dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, **When He drew a circle on the face of the deep**. When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep...

When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, **Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman**; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men."

- "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord..."-**Zechariah 4:6**

Babylonian map of the world



Probably the oldest map yet found dating. This tablet dates from the 7th-6th century BC and depicts the world as a circle surrounded by water and with Babylon at its center.

Day One and Two

TOHU: WITHOUT FORM

UNFORMED

DAY ONE

SPACE, TIME, MATTER
RAW ENERGY, LIGHT, DARKNESS

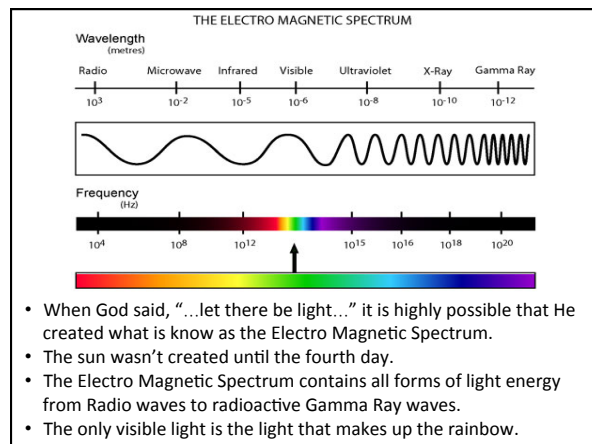
DAY TWO

EXPANSE (ATMOSPHERE)
WATERS ABOVE
WATERS BELOW

"Since the Bible tells that day and night existed before the sun and moon were made, the conclusion is that time was created separately. God fixed the duration of the day and night and then arranged for the appearance of the sun and moon to conform therewith." -Cohen, Everyman's Talmud

Was This A Literal Day?

- "Yom" = 24 hour day
- "Yom" can mean a period of time like "The day of the Lord"
- Exodus 20:11: creation of the work week
- "Yom" is used 2301 times in the Old Testament
- "Yom" when used with a number, i.e. "first day...etc. ;
- 410 times "Yom" is always a 24 hour period
- When qualified with "evening and morning" 38 times "Yom" means a 24 hour period



God Divided The Light And Darkness And Created The First Day

- We see that light, as well as day and night, exist here without the sun or moon. How can this be?
- Light is more than a physical substance; it is **supernatural in origin**, because God is infinite light and energy. In Revelation 22:5; God will be the source of light no moon and sun.
- "There shall be no night there: They **need** no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever." -**Revelation 22:5**

Deep Sea Flowers With No Light



"O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. **The earth is full of Your possessions.**...May the glory of the LORD endure forever; **May the LORD rejoice in His works.**"-Psalm 104:24,31

God's Word At Creation

- Jesus, the Word of God, was the Creator.
- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."-**John 1:1-3**
- "The idea of creation by the word preserves first of all the most radical essential distinction between Creator and creature. Creation cannot be even remotely considered an emanation from God . . . but is rather a product of his personal will."-Gerhard von Rad
- The theme of God's Word, either spoken or written, is an essential truth of reality for the Judeo-Christian worldview.

- God's word is an expression of His nature. Creation came into being by the Word of God and it will be by the Word of God that the present creation will be judged in the end.
- "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."-**Revelation 19:11-19**
- "It is neither necessary nor wise to explain away any portion of God's Word. Neither is it safe: for there are many things in heaven and earth which have never entered into man's imagination; and it is childish and absurd to measure and judge of everything by our own limited experience. Things are not unreal, unlikely, or impossible merely because we have never seen them. It is both wiser and safer to believe God."-Bullinger

- "Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way."-**Psalm 119:128**
- God's word is right and true concerning: creation, history, wisdom, prophecy, and instruction because it reveals to man His nature, heart, and mind as much as man can possibly comprehend!
- If God's Word is taken any other way than being right and true in what it states, then we will approach His Word according to how we feel putting our own thoughts and ideas above the Word of God deciding what is to be taken as truth and what is to be taken as false.

Jesus Light Of The World

- “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”-**John 8:12**
- The creation element is used as an example in Scripture of how God brings light into the darkness of a hopeless and chaotic soul.
- “The entrance of Your words gives light;”-**Psalm 119:130**
- “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”-**2 Corinthians 4:6**

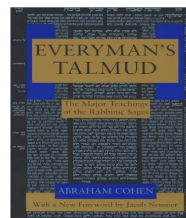
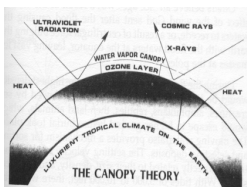
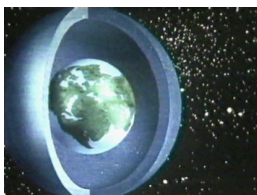
Genesis 1:6-8

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

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. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.”

Day Two

- Water Vapor Canopy Theory Model
- The Hebrew **Targums and Rabbinic Literature** states: “And God made the firmament, **its thickness being three fingers** between the limits of the heavens and the waters of the ocean.”



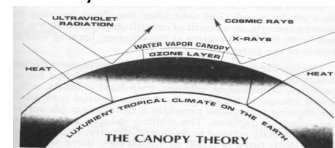
- The concept of a water canopy over the earth has appeared in many writings including the Jewish Talmud.
- “The whole world is surrounded by the ocean’...This is corroborated by the legend that Alexander of Macedon [the Great] once ascended high above the earth until ‘the world appeared like a ball and the sea like a dish’ in which it was set...The primeval waters were divided by God into two portions, one being placed in the firmament and the other half forming the ocean.” –Cohen, Everyman’s Talmud

The Pressure Problem

- "A canopy holding only 40 feet of liquid water, or its equivalent weight of vapor (steam) or ice, would double the earth's atmospheric pressure—making oxygen and nitrogen toxic to many animals, including humans. This is why most vapor canopy theories limit the thickness of water in their canopy to less than 40 feet."-creationscience.com
- "Could there have been a canopy? Perhaps, in one of two ways. First, one could minimize most of these scientific problems by assuming the canopy was thin, maybe inches thick. The thinner the canopy, the less severe most problems become.But what function would the canopy perform, and what hard, scientific evidence—not speculation—is there for claiming that a thin canopy could perform that function? Certainly, a thin canopy would not contribute to a global flood—the reason most people accepted the canopy in the first place."-creationscience.com

A Division Of The Waters

- "So God made **the expanse** and **separated** the **water under** the expanse from the **water above** it. And it was so.-V.7"--NIV
- "God called the expanse "sky."-V.8--NIV
- *Raqiya`* (raw-kee'-ah) an expanse, space, spread out thin, i.e. the firmament or (apparently) visible arch of the sky.



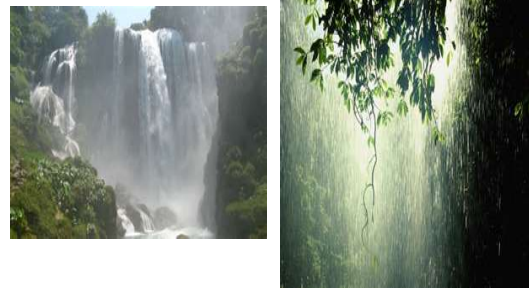
The Water Vapor Canopy Would Have Made Life On Earth Different

- Water vapor canopy was the reason for longer lives before the flood.
- A water vapor canopy would change the ecology of the earth:
- It would serve as a global greenhouse, maintaining an essentially uniform pleasant temperature all over the world.
- Without great temperature variation there would be little to no wind and the rain cycle could not be formed.

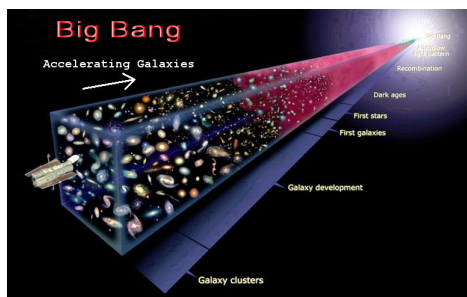
- There would be lush tropical vegetation, all over the world, because of a heavy dew and humidity.
- The vapor blanket would block out harmful ultraviolet radiation, cosmic rays and other destructive energies that bombard the planet. These are known to cause mutations: frogs and increase human aging.
- A vapor canopy would provide the necessary reservoir for a potential world-wide flood.

- “Prior to the flood the earth apparently enjoyed a uniform sub-tropical climate everywhere. There were apparently no storms (hence no rainbows, Gen. 9:13), no wind (Gen. 8:1b), no snow, ice, floods. Water from springs prior to the flood was evidently abundant (Gen. 1:10) and a generous nightly mist, or very heavy dew watered the ground (Gen. 2:5).”--Lambert Dolphin, On The Great Flood Of Noah

A Beautiful Tropical World



The Expanding Universe



- Some astronomers believe the universe is expanding away from a particular point in time.
- It is interesting that the Bible seems to agree with them.
- “Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who **stretch out the heavens** like a curtain.”-**Psalm 104:2**
- “It is He... **Who stretches out the heavens** like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.”- **Isaiah 40:22**
- “I have made the earth, and created man on it. I—My hands—**stretched out the heavens**, and all their host I have commanded.”-**Isaiah 45:12**
- It is also possible that the universe was stretched out to its maximum diameter on Day Two and has remained static ever since.

"...God made..."

- “...God made...” It is not *bara*: "out of nothing" as in Genesis 1:1 ; but *asah*: "to make out of already existing material"
- God is always involved with his creation
- God takes a person and makes a new creation out of what there is to work with, hurts, hang-ups, personalities, etc.
- The believer is a new creation in Jesus.

Hebrew Words For Create

Strong's H1254 - *bara'*

בָּרָא

to shape, fashion, create (always with God as subject)

Strong's H6213 - *`asah*

עָשָׂה

To do, fashion, work, make

Strong's H3335 - *yatsar*

יָצַר

To form, fashion, frame

God's Creative Activity

- “For thus says the LORD, Who created **(Bara)** the heavens, Who is God, Who formed **(Yatsar)** the earth and made **(Asah)** it, Who has established it, Who did not create **(Bara)** it in vain, Who formed **(Yatsar)** it to be inhabited: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

We are Being Made New

- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” -2 Cor 5:17
- New: "kainos"; kainos as respects to substance; of a new kind
- “Old things”; "archaios": original or the beginning
- This passage indicates that we are created completely new in substance by God. He uses that which already exists in us to create someone completely new.