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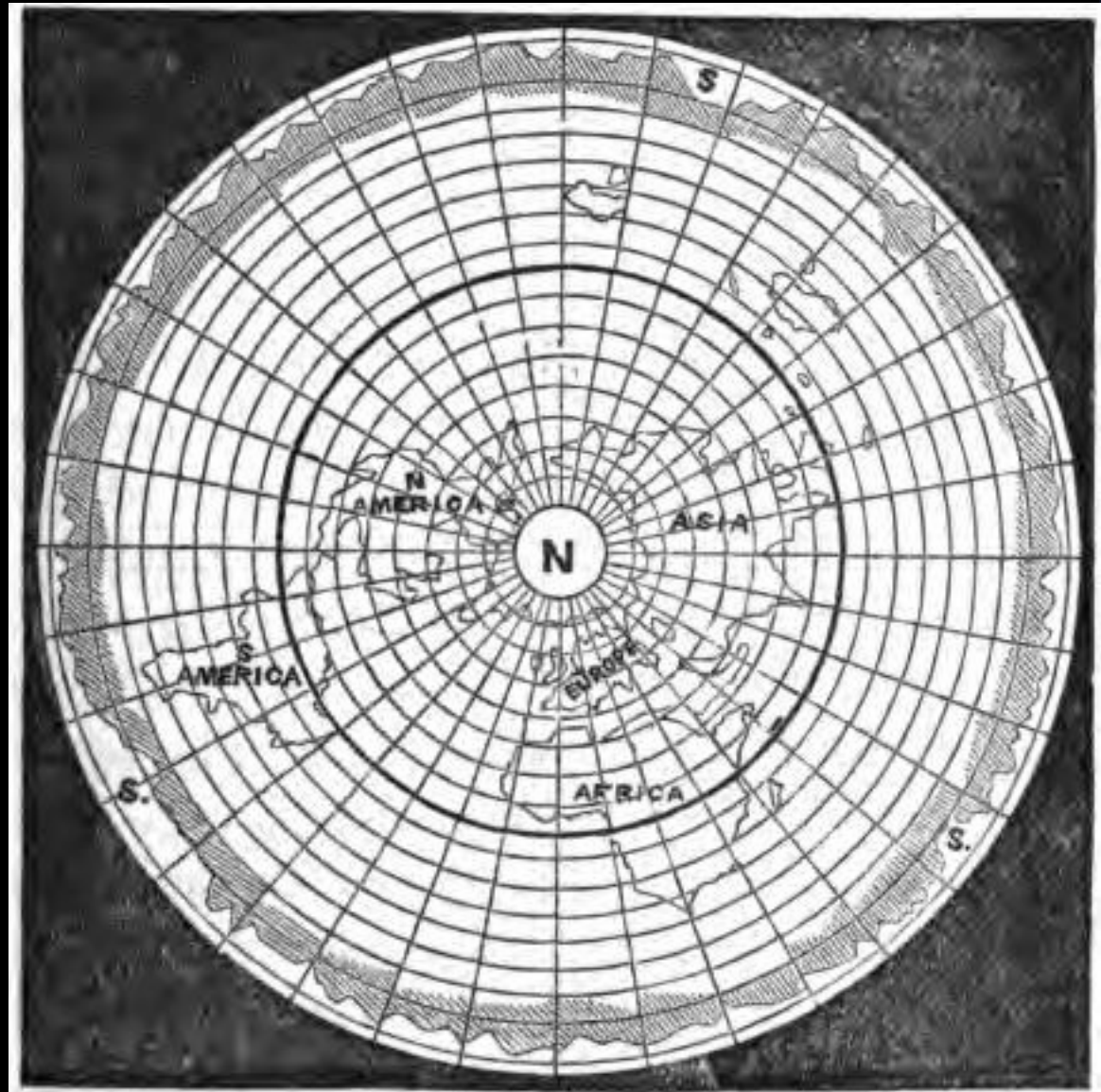
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Introduction

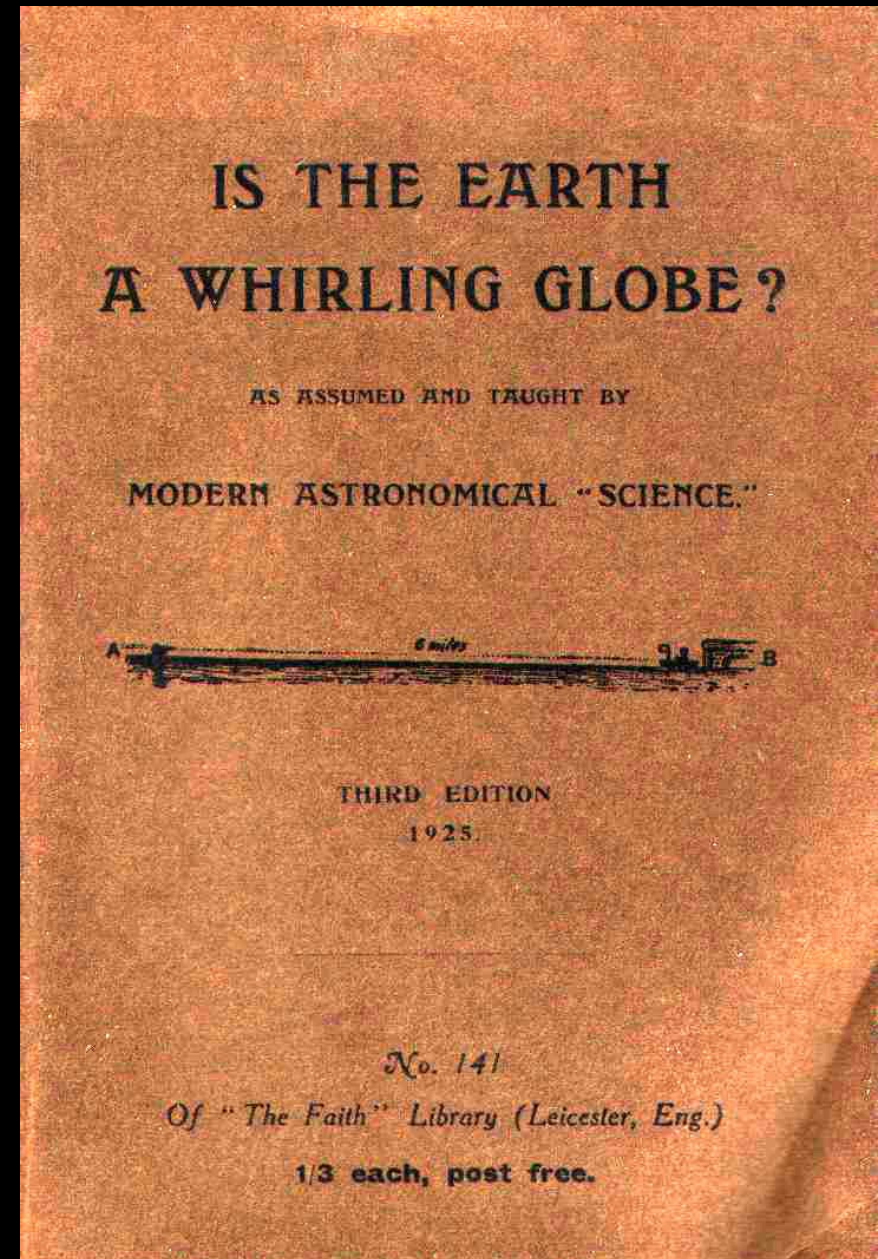
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- Earth is flat disk
- At center of Universe
- Not moving/rotating
- Sun/Moon 32mi diameter, less than 700mi away
- Moon makes its own light
- Dome of Heaven 4000mi away
- Wall of sea ice on edges

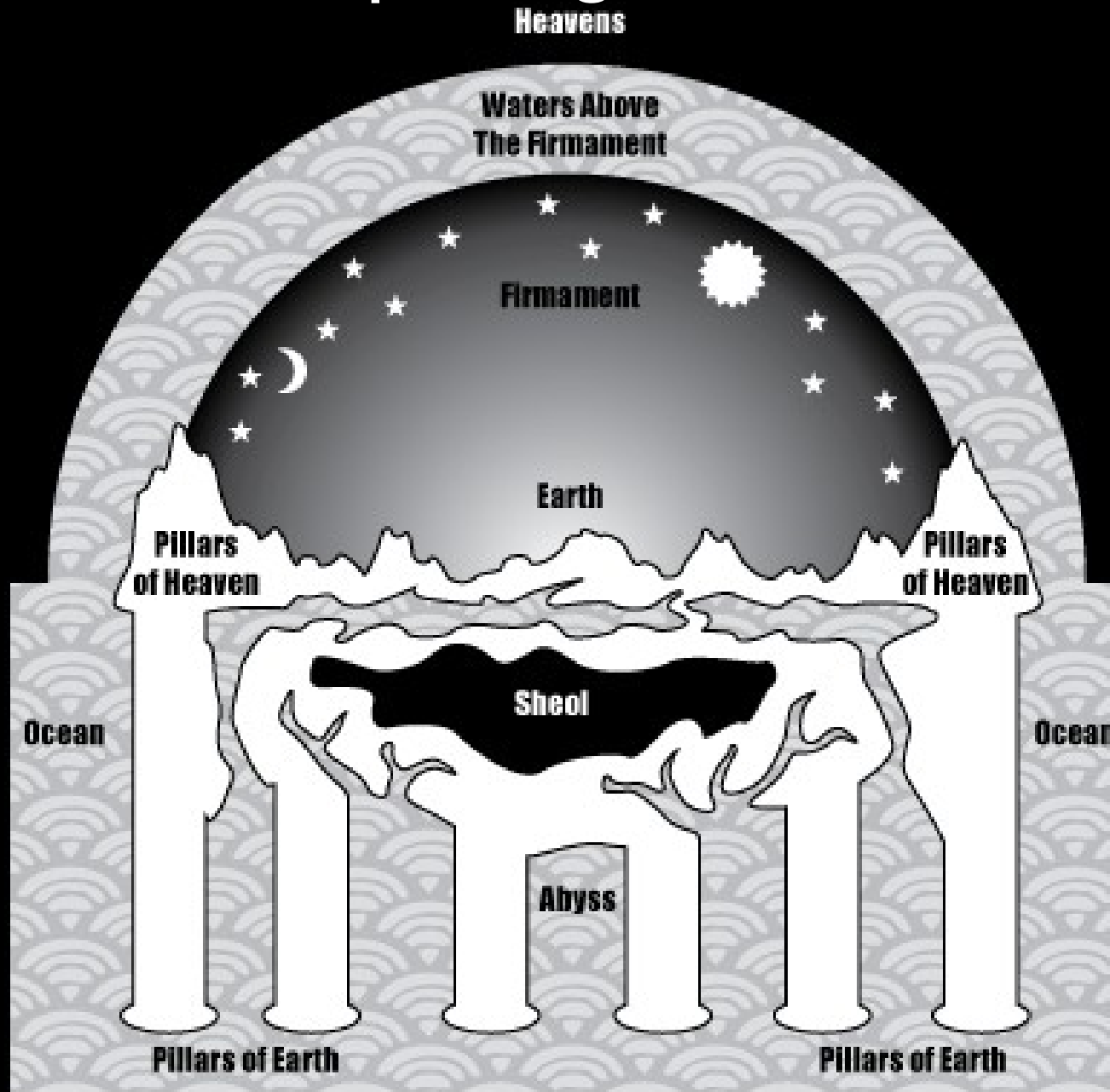


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“If we profess and call ourselves Christians, it behoves us to stand by God's truth, and at the same time to declare an open and unyielding opposition to such a Godless and atheistical system as that of modern Astronomy”



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The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

[Psalm 19:1 LEB]

He raises up the poor from the dust. From the ash heap he lifts up the needy, to cause them to sit with noble people and to cause them to inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth belong to Yahweh and he has set the inhabited world on them. [1 Samuel 2:8 LEB]

“The pillars of heaven tremble, and they are astounded at his rebuke. [Job 26:11 LEB]

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He is the one who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; the one who stretches out the heavens like a veil and spreads them out like a tent to live in...

[Isaiah 40:22 LEB]

You shall not make for yourself a divine image with any form that is in the heavens above or that is in the earth below or that is in the water below the earth.

[Exodus 20:4 LEB]

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“Where were you at my laying the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you possess understanding. Who determined its measurement? Yes, you do know. Or who stretched the measuring line upon it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars were singing together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

[Job 38:4-7 LEB]

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Topic Justification

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Topic Justification

- Evangelicals divided (too varying degrees) on Genesis
- Many fail to differentiate *interpretation* from *inspiration*
- Some use Genesis as a test for orthodoxy and salvation
- Many Christian youth give up faith when challenged
- Many non-Christians are kept from faith by this topic



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The Approach

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Three ways to discuss a Biblical creation account comparison:

- Scripture interpretation i.e. what does the Bible say?
- Theological study i.e. how does this affect our beliefs?
- Scientific evidence i.e. do conclusions match natural revelation?

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Bible Interpretation

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Ἑρμηνεύω

Hermeneuo = 'to interpret, translate'

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Hermeneuo = 'to interpret, translate'

Hermeneutics = the science of interpreting what an author [in the Bible] has written

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ἔξ ἁγῶ

exego = 'to lead out'

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ἔξοδος

exego = 'to lead out'

Exegesis = the act of interpreting or explaining the meaning *out* of a text [of the Bible]

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εἰσάγω

eisago = 'to lead in'

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Εἰσάγω

eisago = 'to lead in'

Eisegesis = the act of reading *into* the meaning of a text [of the Bible]

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10 Principles of Historical-Grammatical Hermeneutic

Literal Interpretation	One Interpretation
Contextual Understanding	Harmony of Scripture
Scripture Interprets Scripture	Genre Identification
Progressive Revelation	Grammatical Appreciation
Divine Accommodation	Historical Background

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Hebrew Analysis

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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 KJV]

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Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [KJV]

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ:

the earth and the heavens Elohim had-created in-beginning

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בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ
the earth and the heavens Elohim had-created in-beginning

In [the] beginning God had created the heavens and the earth

or

When God began to create the heavens and the earth

or

In the beginning period that God created the heavens and earth

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Genesis 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face [KJV]

וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֵהוֹ וּבְהוֹ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי

the face [was] on and darkness and void without-form was and the earth

and the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the face

of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. [KJV]

תְּהוֹם וָרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם׃

of the waters the face [was] on moved Elohim and the spirit of the deep

of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters

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Genesis 1:1-3 Alternative

When God began to create the heavens and the earth

*—Now the earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*

*And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters—
Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light*

or

*In the beginning period that God created the heavens and earth
(the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the
surface of the deep, and the wind of God was hovering over the
surface of the waters), God said, ‘Let light be!’*

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³⁻⁵ And God said...and the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶⁻⁸ And God said...and the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹⁻¹³ And God said...and the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴⁻¹⁹ And God said...and the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰⁻²³ And God said...and the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴⁻³¹ And God said...and the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

[Genesis 1:3-31 KJV]

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Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31

וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם

a day the morning and the evening and were ...

Genesis 1:3,6,9,14,20,24

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים

Elohim and said...

אֶחָד: פ	first	Genesis 1:5
שְׁנַי: פ	second	Genesis 1:8
שְׁלִישִׁי: פ	third	Genesis 1:13
רְבִיעִי: פ	fourth	Genesis 1:19
חֲמִישִׁי: פ	fifth	Genesis 1:23
הַשְּׁשִׁי: פ	sixth	Genesis 1:31

יוֹם

Yom = 'daytime,
long time period,
24 hours'

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for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

[Exodus 20:11 KJV]

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Exodus 20:11a

for [in] six days the Lord made heaven and earth... [KJV]

כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת-יָמִים עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֶת-הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת-הָאָרֶץ

earth and heaven Yahweh made days six for

For six days the Lord made heaven and earth...

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These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens

[Genesis 2:4 KJV]

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These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens [KJV]

אלה תולדות השמים והארץ בהבראם ביום עשות יהוה אלהים ארץ ושמים:

and the heavens the Elohim Yahweh made in the day when they were created and of the earth and of the heavens the these are generations

These are the generations of the heavens and of earth when they were created, in the time period the Lord God made the earth and the heavens

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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 KJV]

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ברא

Bara
(*created*)

heaven
& earth

all His work

Asah
(*made*)

firmanent
& two lights

men &
women

beasts

Yatsar (*formed*)

ייצר

ייעש

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And 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. [Genesis 1:7 KJV]

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וַיְהִי־כֵן־׃ hayah = “and it came to pass (over time)”

And 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. [Genesis 1:7 KJV]

This was the word of the Lord which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass. [2 Kings 15:12 KJV]

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And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

[Genesis 29:10-11 KJV]

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And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

...Beersheba to Bethel = 60 miles (4 days walk)...

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[Genesis 29:10-11 KJV]

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Deuteronomy 9:25a

Thus I fell down before the Lord forty days and forty nights... [KJV]

וַאֲתַנְפַּל לְפָנַי יְהוָה אֶת אַרְבַּעִים הַיּוֹם וְאֶת אַרְבַּעִים הַלַּיְלָה

nights forty and days forty Yahweh before thus I fell

Thus I fell down before Yahweh 40 days and 40 nights...

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Genesis 1:5a

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.... [KJV]

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים | לְאֹר | יוֹם וּלְחֹשֶׁךְ קִרְא לַיְלָה

night he called and the darkness day the light Elohim and called

And God called the light 'Day' and the darkness her called 'Night'...

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Isaiah 11:10a

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people... [KJV]

וְהָיָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא שְׂרֵשׁ יֵשׁוּעַ אֲשֶׁר עֹמֵד לְנֹס עַמִּים אֵלָיו

Unto of the for the shall stand that of Jesse a root in that day there shall
people ensign be

And this shall happen on that day: the nations shall inquire of the root of Jesse, which shall be standing as a signal to the peoples...

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Why Use 'Day' If 24 Hours is not Intended?

- The Hebrew vocabulary consisted of only 3,000 words. By contrast, modern English contains roughly one million words.
- The Hebrew word for “day” is *yom*. This word has a range of meaning. It can refer to daylight (most common), or 24 hours, but it can also refer to a large amount of time. *In biblical Hebrew, no other word besides yom carries the meaning of a long period of time.*



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Activities of Creation 'Day' Six

Genesis 1:24-25	God commands and the ground brings forth land animals
Genesis 1:26-29	God creates Adam and Eve
Genesis 2:8	God plants a garden
Genesis 2:9	Trees grow to sufficient maturity to bear fruit ***
Genesis 2:15	Adam given responsibility to tend the garden ***
Genesis 2:16-17	Adam is given permission to eat from most of the trees
Genesis 2:19	Adam names the animals which are brought to him ***
Genesis 2:21	Adam sleeps and God removes tissue from Adam's side
Genesis 2:22	Eve is formed from the tissue and brought to Adam

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And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him...but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

[Genesis 2:18,20,21-23 KJV]

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Genesis 2:23

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh... [KJV]

וַיֹּאמֶר הָאָדָם זֹאת הַפֶּעַם עֵצִים מֵעֲצָמַי וּבֶשֶׂר מִבְּשָׂרִי

of my flesh and flesh of my bones bone now this Adam and said

And the Man (or Adam) said 'this now (at last) is bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh...

הַפֶּעַם

happa'am = ' this is now, this time,
this one at last'

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What Genesis One *Does* Say

- There was a beginning to the universe and planet Earth
- God created the heavens and the Earth
- Planet Earth was not always as it is now; changes have occurred
- God acted to bring the present condition of the Earth into being

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What Genesis One Does Say

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What Genesis One Does Not Say

- Specify an age for the Earth or an age for the universe
- Creative times (*yom*) are 24 hours in duration
- Creative times (*yom*) followed immediately one after another
- Commands were fulfilled immediately, like a bolt of lightning

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Model Comparison

THE LONG CREATIVE TIMES MODEL	THE 24-HOUR "CREATIVE DAY" MODE AND TIME INTERVALS [POSSIBLY CONSISTENT WITH THE HEBREW TEXT]	THE 24-HOUR "LITERAL DAY" TIME INTERVALS [NOT DEMANDED BY THE HEBREW TEXT]
<p>The creation of the heavens and the Earth in Genesis 1:1, the time intervals, and Genesis 1:2.</p> <p>A long period of time, billions of years.</p>	<p>The creation of the heavens and the Earth in Genesis 1:1, the time intervals, and Genesis 1:2.</p> <p>A long period of time, billions of years.</p>	<p>The creation of the heavens and the Earth in Genesis 1:1, the time intervals, and Genesis 1:2.</p> <p>Six days.</p>
<p>Creative Time One (a Long Time) Command completion within the long creative time</p>	<p>Creative "day" One (24-hours)</p>	<p>Creative Day One (24-hours)</p>
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<p>Creative Time Two...</p>	<p>Creative "day" Two (24-hours)...</p>	<p>Creative Day Two...</p>

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The interpretation of the days of Genesis is an issue of hermeneutics, not inerrancy.

[<http://www.apologeticjunkie.blogspot.ca/>]

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True Theme of Genesis 1/2

- One creator God, not many gods
- The sun and moon are created objects, not gods
- The animals are created and are not gods

“God did not create a new culture for Israel that was foreign to the rest of the world at the time...He did not change Israel's worldview so He could dispense revelation to them. God's revelation to Israel had to be culturally decipherable and culturally consistent...We have a scientific worldview – they didn't”

[Mike Heiser]

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Conclusion

Genesis is not *anti*-Scientific
Genesis is not *pro*-Scientific
Genesis is *pre*-Scientific

“Let the Bible be what it is”

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“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”

[Augustine of Hippo]

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“I would welcome any friendly private discussion on this topic!”

[Darren of Morden]

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Credits

- *Genesis and Creation* - Michael Heiser, PhD (videos)
- *Genesis One and the Age of the Earth* - Rodney Whitefield, PhD

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Bonus Slides

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History of the Controversy

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“The portion of Genesis 1 that describes the six creation days receives more commentary from early church scholars than does any other text in the Bible. However, of the approximately 2,000 pages they wrote (a commentary called the Hexameron), only about two pages address the duration of the creation days. Clearly, the early church fathers did not consider the length of these days a major doctrinal point”

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While the days of creation, the age of the earth, and the extent of Noah's flood were subjects of popular speculation in the early church, they were never treated as critical issues...

First of all, not one of these topics was included in any of the early church creeds...

Second, not one of these three issues was ever listed as...a statement of key doctrine.

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The objector is fond of telling us that the first chapter of Genesis says that the world was created in six days of twenty-four hours each, when everyone who is familiar with modern science knows that the world as it now stands was millions of years in the making...

But someone may say, "This is twisting the Scriptures to make them fit the conclusions of modern science." The one who says so simply displays his ignorance of the history of biblical interpretation. St. Augustine, as far back as the fourth century, centuries before modern science and its conclusions were dreamed of, interpreted the days of Genesis 1 as periods of time, just what the word means in many places elsewhere in the Bible.

[R. A. Torrey, Difficulties In the Bible, 1907]

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demption (3. 1-4. 7). III. The Diverse Seeds, Cain and Seth, to the Flood (4. 8-7. 24). IV. The Flood to Babel (8. 1-11. 9). V. From the call of Abram to the death of Joseph (11. 10-50. 26).

The events recorded in Genesis cover a period of 2,315 years (Ussher).

<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The original creation.</i></p> <p>IN the ^abeginning ^{1b}God ²created the heaven and the earth.</p> <p><i>Earth made waste and empty by judgment (Jer. 4. 23-26).</i></p> <p>² And the earth was ³without form, and void; and darkness was</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">B.C. 4004.</p> <p>^a John 1.1. ^b Deity (names of). Gen.2.4,7. (Gen.1.1; Mal.3.18.) ^c Holy Spirit. Gen.6.3. (Gen.1.2; Mal.2.15.) ^d Job 26.13. Psa.104.30.</p>	<p>upon the face of the deep. And ^cthe ^dSpirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The new beginning—the first day: light diffused.</i></p> <p>³ And God <u>said</u>, Let there be ⁴light: and there was light.</p> <p>⁴ And God saw the light, that <i>it</i></p>
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¹ *Elohim* (sometimes *El* or *Elah*), English form "God," the first of the three primary names of Deity, is a uni-plural noun formed from *El* = strength, or the strong one, and *Alah*, to swear, to bind oneself by an oath, so implying faithfulness. This uni-plurality implied in the name is directly asserted in Gen. 1. 26 (plurality), 27 (unity); see also Gen. 3. 22. Thus the Trinity is latent in *Elohim*. As meaning primarily the Strong One it is fitly used in the first chapter of Genesis. Used in the O. T. about 2500 times. See also Gen. 2. 4, *note*; 2. 7; 14. 18, *note*; 15. 2, *note*; 17. 1, *note*; 21. 33, *note*; 1 Sam. 1. 3, *note*.

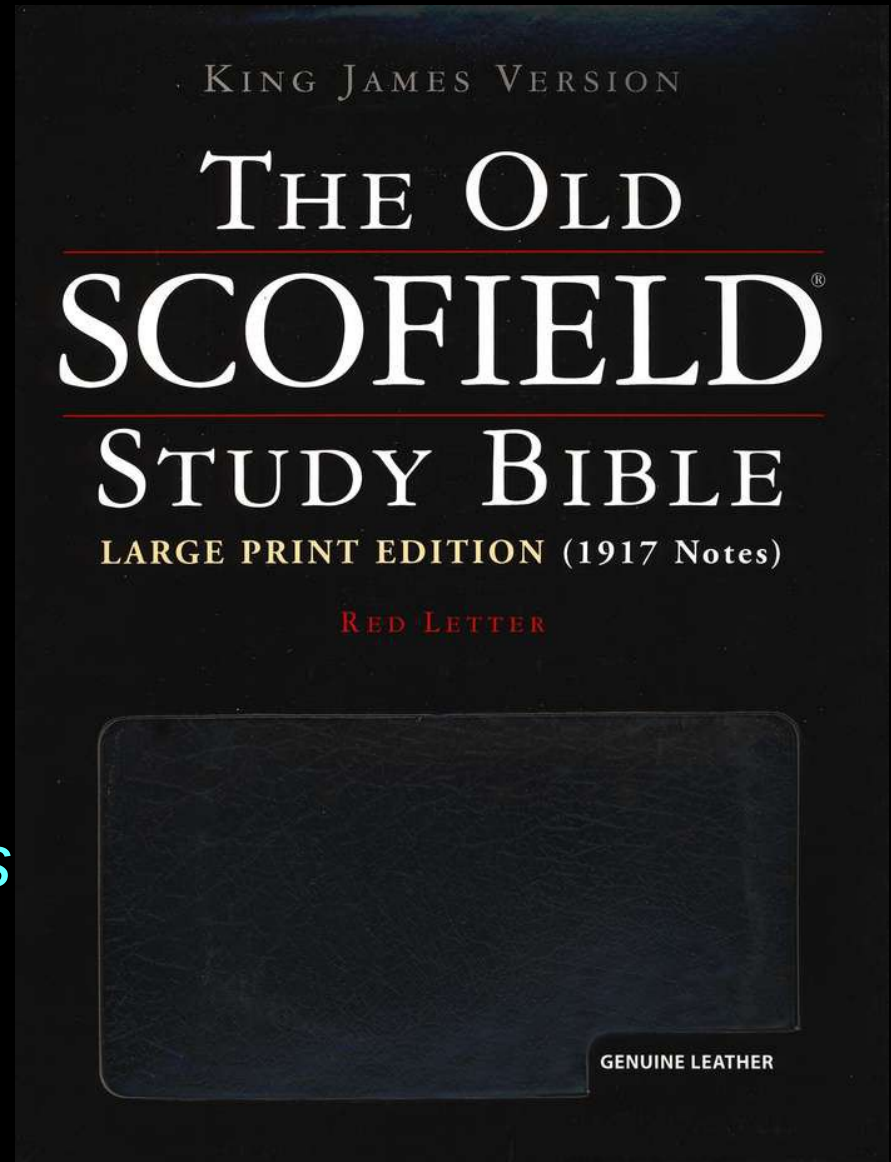
² But three *creative* acts of God are recorded in this chapter: (1) the heavens and the earth, v. 1; (2) animal life, v. 21; and (3) human life, vs. 26, 27. The first creative act refers to the dateless past, and gives scope for all the geologic ages.

³ Jer. 4. 23-26, Isa. 24. 1 and 45. 18, clearly indicate that the earth had undergone a cataclysmic change as the result of a divine judgment. The face of the earth bears everywhere the marks of such a catastrophe. There are not wanting intimations which connect it with a previous testing and fall of angels. See Ezk. 28. 12-15 and Isa. 14. 9-14, which certainly go beyond the kings of Tyre and Babylon.

⁴ Neither here nor in verses 14-18 is an original *creative* act implied. A different word is used. The sense is, made to *appear*; made *visible*. The sun and moon were *created* "in the beginning." The "light" of course came from the sun, but the vapour diffused the light. Later the sun appeared in an unclouded sky. which

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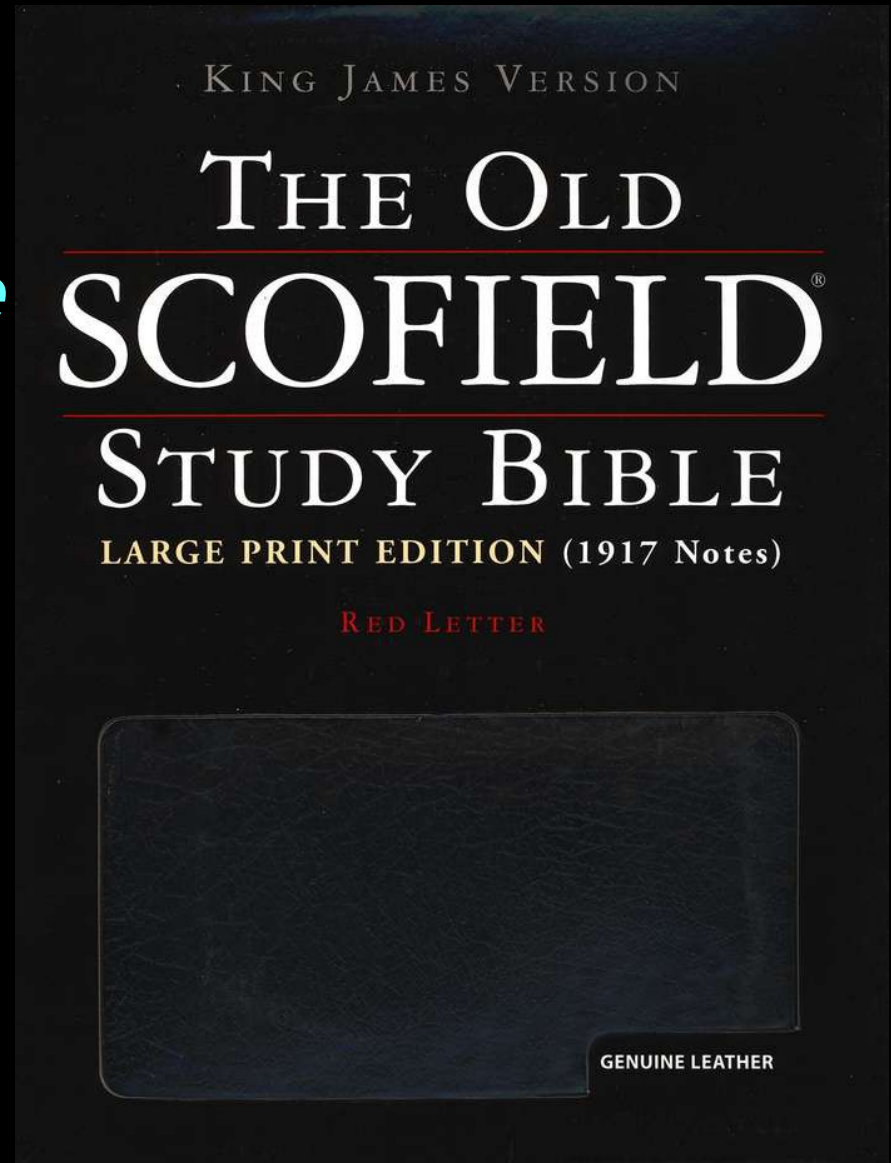
“It is by no means necessary to suppose that the life-germ of seeds perished in the catastrophic judgment which overthrew the primitive order. With the restoration of dry land and light the earth would “bring forth” as described. It was “animal” life which perished, the traces of which remain as fossils Relegate fossils to the primitive creation, and no conflict of science with the Genesis cosmogony remains.”



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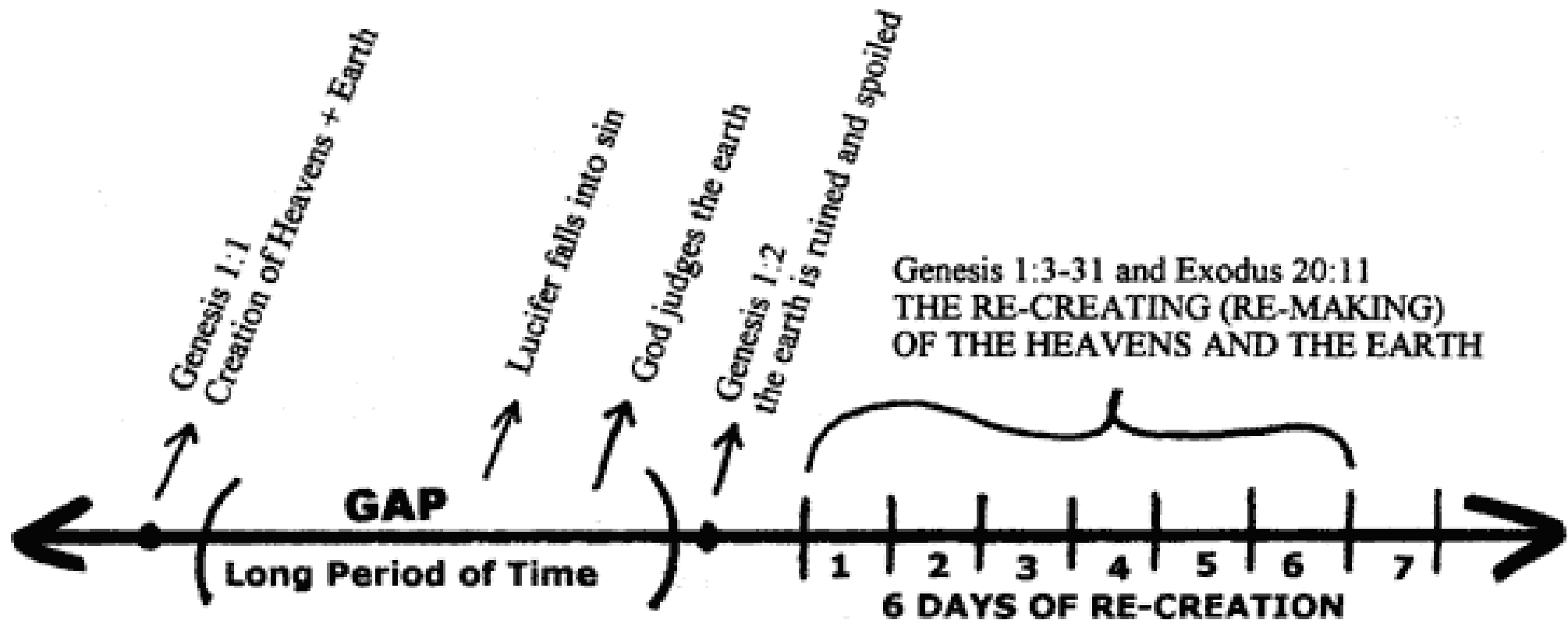
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[Notes on Genesis 1:2 Gap Theory]



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Gap Theory Timeline



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Young Earth Creationism (YEC)

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History of Young Earth Creationism

1517: Reformation, literal Bible interpretation and belief in young Earth

1654: James Ussher research determines Creation in 4004 BC

1860: Scientific revolution, most Protestants adopt old Earth and localized Flood

1879: Ellen G. White visions of literal 6 day creation and global Flood (7th Day Adventists and other fringe groups)

1906: George Price, inspired by White, published *Illogical Geology: The Weakest Point in the Evolution Theory* (approved for anti-evolution but condemned for young Earth ideas by Fundamentalists)

1909: *Scofield Bible*, introduction of 'Gap Theory' for many Protestants

1910: *The Fundamentals*, by Dixon/Torrey, show some support for old Earth and none for young Earth

1961: John C. Whitcomb and Henry Morris, inspired by Price, publish *The Genesis Flood* (modern Young Earth Creationism takes off!)

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Why Does YEC Fight OEC?

- If the Universe/Earth is old, then the Bible cannot be taken literally, and Evolution is true
- If the Bible cannot be taken literally, then Adam/Eve, the Fall, Noah's Ark and the Global Flood, Tower of Babel are not literal either
- If these stories are not true, then the core Christian doctrines such as the birth and resurrection of Jesus are undermined
- Therefore, Young Earth Creationism must be promoted

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“The devil always sends errors into the world in pairs – pairs of opposites. And he always encourages us to spend a lot of time thinking which is the worse. You see why, of course? He tries in your extra dislike of the one error to draw you gradually into the opposite one. But do not be fooled. We have to keep our eyes on the goal and go straight through between both errors.”

[C.S.Lewis, Mere Christianity]

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Noteworthy Christians Who Accept Old Universe/Earth

John Ankerberg
Gleason Archer
John Battle
Michael Behe
William Jennings
Bryan
Walter Bradley
Jack Collins
Chuck Colson
Paul Copan
William Lane Craig
Norman Geisler
Robert Godfrey
Guillermo Gonzales

Hank Hannegraff
Jack Hayford
Fred Heeren
Charles Hodge
Walter Kaiser
Greg Koukl
C. S. Lewis
Paul Little
Patricia Mondore
J. P. Moreland
Robert Newman
Greg Neyman
Mark Noll
Nancy Pearcey

Perry Phillips
William Phillips
Mike Poole
Bernard Ramm
Jay Richards
Hugh Ross
Fritz Schaefer
Francis Schaeffer
C. I. Scofield
Chuck Smith Jr.
David Snoke
Lee Strobel
Ken Taylor
B. B. Warfield

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Science

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YEC Claims Regarding OEC Evidence

- Scientific evidence for an old earth is either misleading or misinterpreted
- Some features of the earth and the universe appear to be much older than they really are because they were created with apparent age
- The “fossil record” does NOT tell us the order in which various forms of life appeared and disappeared through eons of earth history (due to the Flood)

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³ *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

[Genesis 1:3-5 KJV]

¹⁴ *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven...And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day...and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*

[Genesis 1:14-19 KJV]

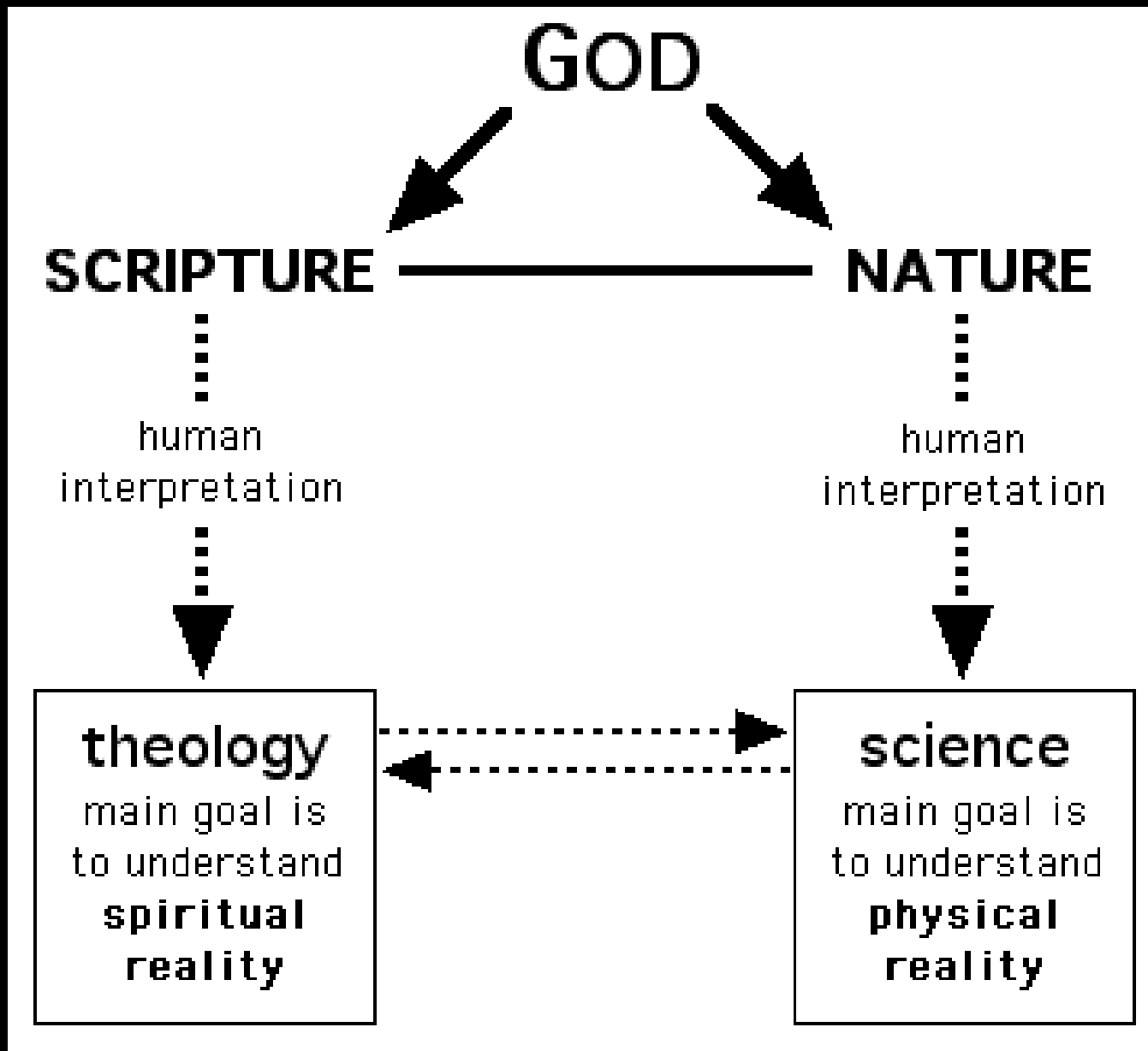
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Faith and Science: Two Sides to God's Truth

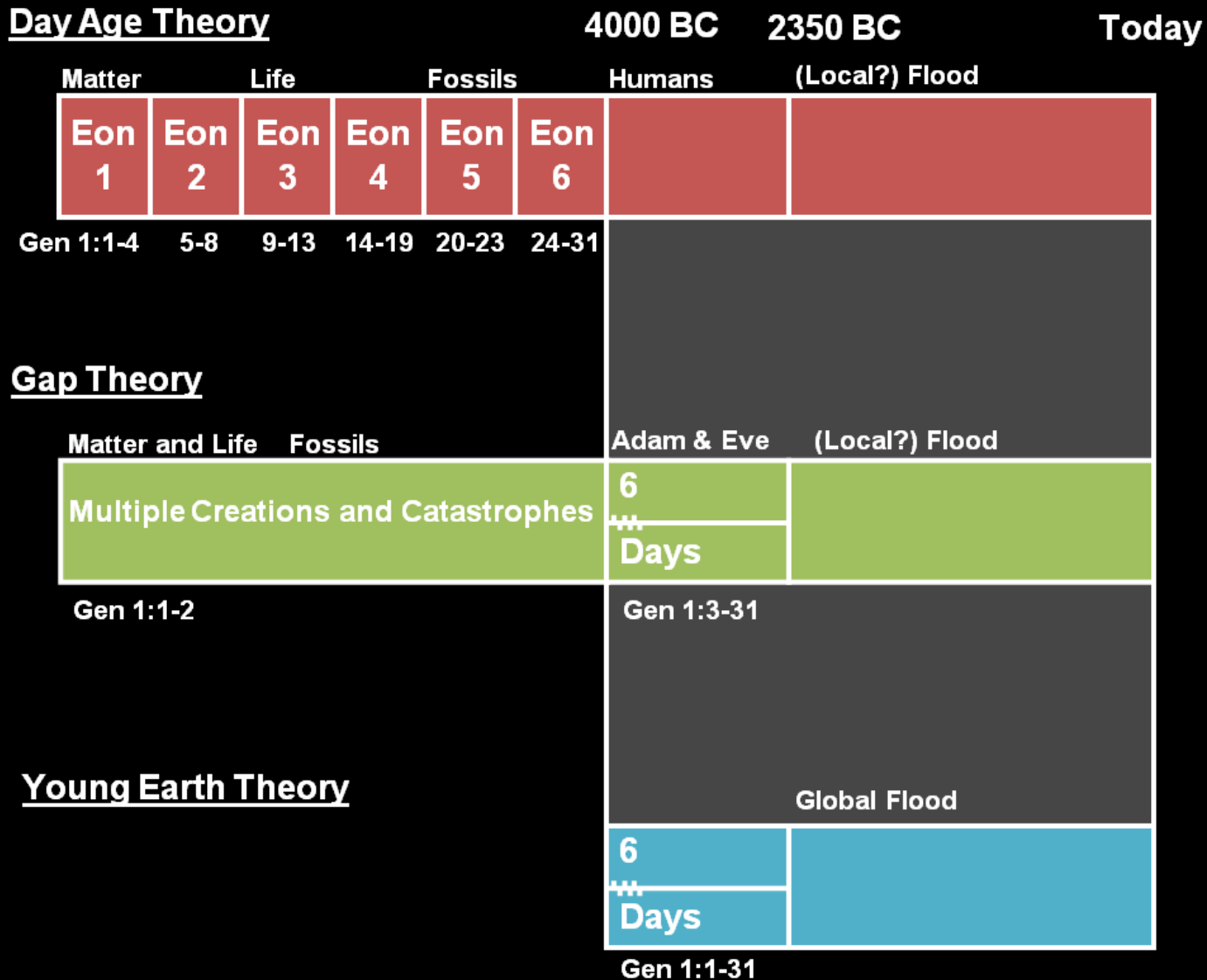
“It is sometimes argued that our exegesis should not be influenced by scientific observations. We believe this view is mistaken...Since both are revelations from God, and therefore, give a unified story, it seems quite permissible to consider all of the evidence (scientific as well as biblical) to be significant to the degree that each revelation can be clearly interpreted.”

[International Council on Biblical Inerrancy, 1982]

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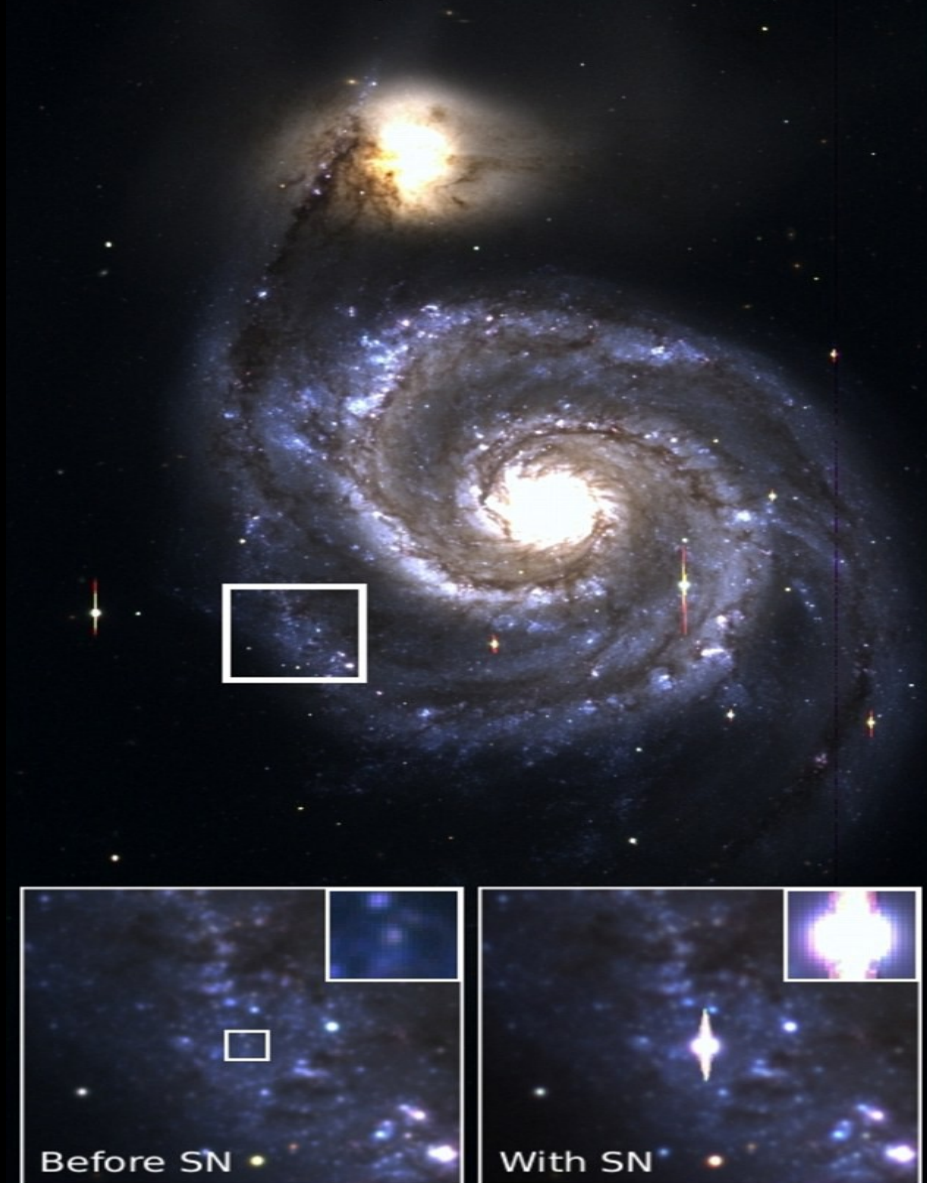


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“The starry heavens look exactly the same today as they did when Galileo and even Nimrod looked at them. Ideas about their 'evolution' must always remain speculation – and nothing else”

[Henry Morris, 1972]

The Progenitor System of SN 2011dh in M51
from the Large Binocular Telescope



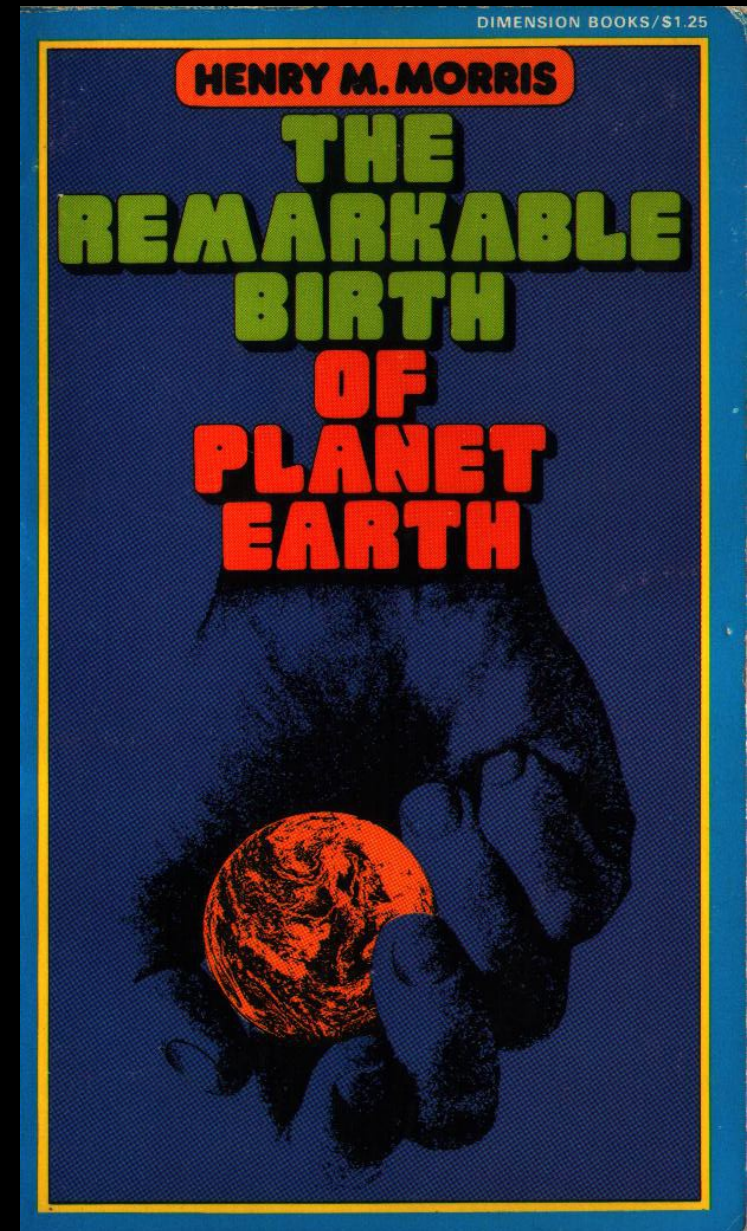
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Personal Journey

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“The Bible clearly teaches that all things were created in six natural days several thousand years ago, and all other Biblical interpretations of the creation account contain many irreconcilable contradictions with both science and Scripture”

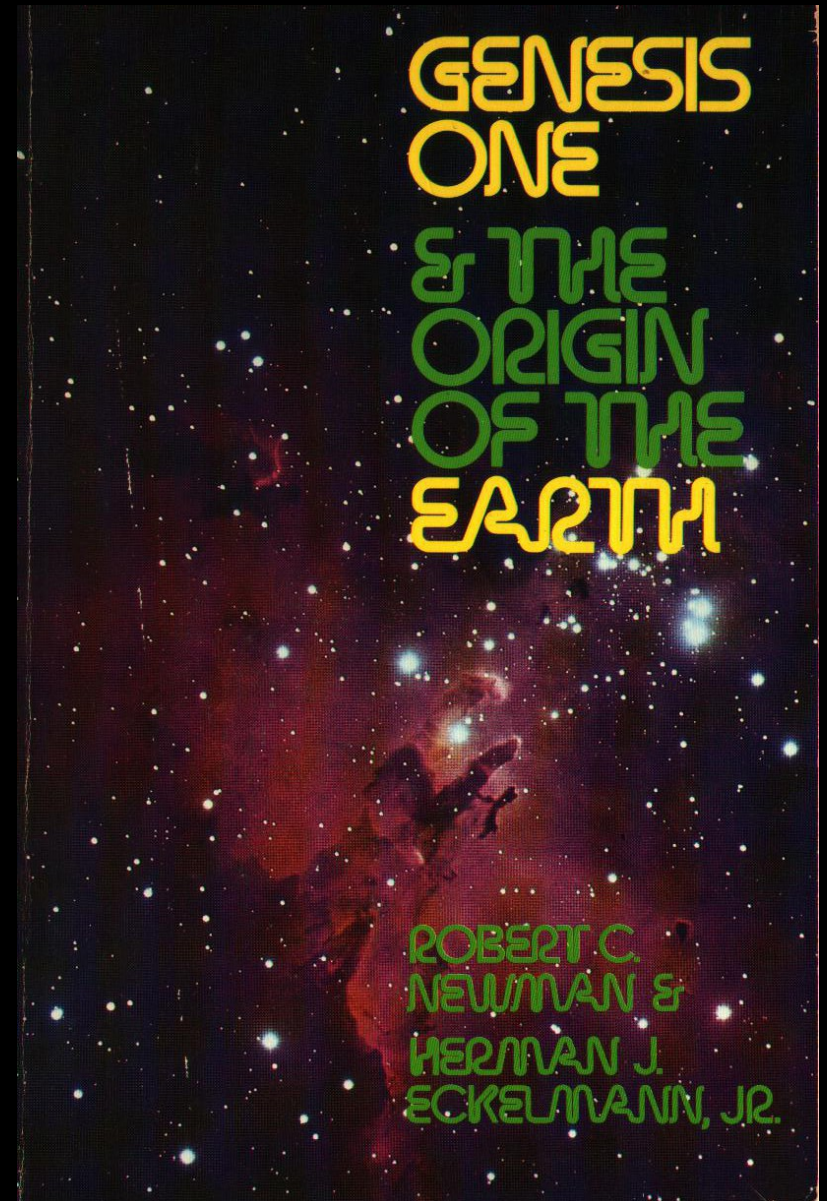
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“For those who feel that the scientific veracity of Scripture has been discredited since Galileo or Darwin, we hope this work will cause a sympathetic re-examination of orthodox Christianity, leading them to the biblical Jesus of history, who alone can meet our every need”

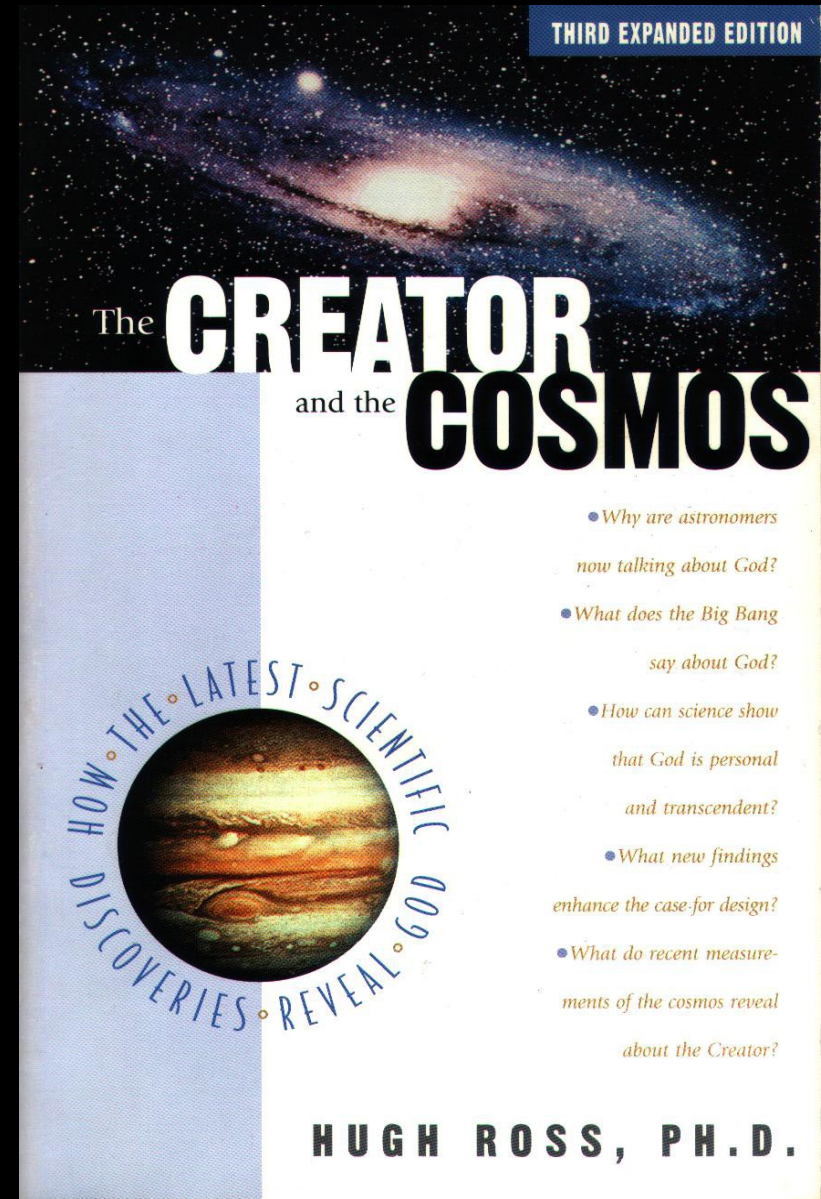
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“The dawn of the twenty-first century brings even more spectacular evidences to an already over-whelming vindication of the Bible's doctrine of cosmic creation.”

[2001]



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History of Hermeneutics

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Short History of Hermeneutics

1st century AD: Apostolic

- Guiding principle in the New Testament was prophecy fulfillment
- Continued into 2nd century with Church Fathers (apostolic succession)

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Short History of Hermeneutics

3rd to 4th century AD: Two schools

- Alexandrian = Allegorical meaning ↑
- Continued into 2nd century with Church Fathers (apostolic succession)

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Short History of Hermeneutics

5th to 15th century AD: Medieval Fourfold hermeneutic:

- literal sense ↓
- allegorical sense
- moral application
- secret or mystic sense

Rejected by Martin Luther in 1515 AD

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Short History of Hermeneutics

16th century AD: Two New Hermeneutics

- Historical-Critical (skeptics)
- Historical-Grammatical (reformers)

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If the dead will not be raised, what point is there in people being baptized for those who are dead? Why do it unless the dead will someday rise again? [1 Corinthians 15:29 NLT]

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“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!”

[Revelation 3:15-16 NLT]

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10 Principles of Historical-Grammatical Hermeneutic

Literal Interpretation	One Interpretation
Contextual Understanding	Harmony of Scripture
Scripture Interprets Scripture	Genre Identification
Progressive Revelation	Grammatical Appreciation
Divine Accommodation	Historical Background

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Future Topics?

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- When were the angels created and when did Satan fall?
- Did the 7th creation day ever end? Pattern is missing!
- How do we accommodate incomplete genealogies?
- Is there a danger of the 'slippery slope'?
- Do we have a frustrated belief in what God *should* do?
- How do we deal with 'apparent age' and 'false existence'?
- How do we explain oil/tar *before* the Flood?
- What about death before the Fall?
- Why were animals given violent Hebrew names?
- Were dinosaurs eating humans up till the Flood?