

In the Beginning...

An Examination of the Genesis Account of Creation and the Fall of Mankind

Genesis 1:9-13

7- The "Days" of Creation, Day 3

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9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

To the Glory of God

Now according to the **Genesis** Record, Creation was a series of non-repeatable miracles where God alone made *everything* out of nothing, in six "Evening and Morning" divisions of time called "days", somewhere between 6,000- 10,000 years ago. And what God made was *fully* functioning. And so, all of the various geological and biological and physical "processes" by which the Universe functions today began as a *result* of what God made, and *not* the other way around.

And during those years, Death did not exist. At all. There was no human who died during that time. But we must also understand that nothing else that God made died either. Not a single tree, not a blade of grass, not a bird or a fish or an animal or a sun died. Neither was there any corrupting influence, at all. Creation was truly, "Good". Sin and "Death *because* of sin," entered the created Universe for the *first* time

at the Fall of Adam and Eve, which is recorded in the third Chapter of **Genesis**. The Bible teaches that when our original parents sinned in willful disobedience to God, God placed a Divine Curse on, not just Man, but on *all* that He had made, and *everything* changed.

So, the *reason* that animals are brutal to each other, the reason that ants kill other ants, and the reason that oranges rot and stars die is the very *same* reason that human beings die. They are cursed because of Sin.

So, Death entered the Universe as a result of Sin. And that means that *prior* to Adam's Sin, there was no Death. And that is a *huge* point, because it means there could be no evolutionary processes at work, at all, precisely because nothing died. **Romans 5:12** says:

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned —

The Bible is crystal clear about this, dear friends, Death came by way of the Sin of one Man, Adam. And so, if there had been billions of years of evolving life and subsequent death, **Romans 5** could not possibly be true. And this is why I tell you that those who *reject* the **Genesis** Record of Creation also reject what the Bible teaches about a whole host of issues, *including* Salvation.

But, it gets even stronger, because the Bible is also crystal clear that the day is coming when Death will be *eliminated*. The Apostle Paul was "moved along" by God the Holy Spirit to say:

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a time coming that has been promised by a God, Who cannot lie, that at the Second Coming of Jesus, *Death itself* will be

abolished. And the “perishable”, those who have already died in Christ, will immediately “put on” *imperishable*. And the “mortal”, those who are saved and are alive when Jesus comes back, will “put on” *immortality*. The Apostle John was also led to say:

The Revelation 20:12-15

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

So, Death *has not* always existed, and it *will not* always exist. Death had a very *distinct* beginning, and it will also have a very *distinct* end. And that means there is absolutely *no* reconciliation between Darwinian Evolution and Scripture, no “common ground” on which we might agree, not only because of what **Genesis** says about Creation, but also because of what the Bible says about Death.

So, the weak and compromising leaders, who hold positions of authority in the modern church, who seem so intent on “giving ground” to the evolutionists as it pertains to Creation, don’t really solve the problem. Because, once they deny what the Scriptures clearly and repeatedly teach about how God made all things, they must then also deny what the Scriptures teach about things like Miracles and Resurrections, and even Death itself.

An honest reading of both the Old and New Testaments reveals that the “Death” that Paul and several others refer to simply *cannot* be limited to a *human* death after God somehow turned an ape man into a human. You just can’t “get there from here”. Death, in every aspect, is clearly linked to the Fall, and it is dishonest to say otherwise.

Later on, the surface of the earth was radically *reshaped* by a cataclysmic, universal Flood, described later in the book of **Genesis**; a

Flood which literally *rearranged* the earth as water rose literally above the mountains, coming down from above and surging up from the bowels of the earth.

And as a result of that Flood, only eight people survived: Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives. And the animals survived which were in the Ark. And from *that*, the *replenishing* of the earth occurred. *That* is the **Genesis** Record.

Now those who are my age or younger have grown up in a country where Science has reigned supreme on the throne of contemporary thinking. And the result of this is that Evolution is now seen as “de-facto, absolute”. And so, any question or even any serious discussion concerning Evolution’s ridiculous claims is met with *personal* attacks, official and formal censorship, and ridicule. We need to know that University professors, *including* those with tenure, in major Universities across this nation, have been threatened and fired, *not* for promoting biblical Truth, but simply because they have the audacity to say that the current accepted “dogma” of the academic elites about Creation simply doesn’t make any sense. So, many teachers all over this country regurgitate what they are commanded to teach about evolution, *not* because they believe it, but out of fear for their jobs.¹ And I hope we can agree that that is simply *not* an honest search for the Truth based in incontrovertible evidence. It is “academic fascism”. And it is neither scientific, nor intelligent.

The reality is that the more we learn about the Universe, the more we realize the Bible is true, and the utter *impossibility* of any form of evolution. For example, both Stanford University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (hardly bastions of Christian thought) now teach the following:

“The entire universe popped out of a point with no content and no dimensions, essentially expanding instantaneously to cosmological size. This is hauntingly similar to the traditional, biblical idea of Creation being ‘ex nihilo’, out of nothing.”

Allan Sandage, of the Observatories of the Carnegie Institution, has said:

¹ Ben Stein; *Expelled*; 2008.

“The Big Bang can only be understood as a miracle,”

And that means that as useful as Science might be in a whole range of issues, it is utterly *useless* for interpreting **Genesis** and any other passage of Scripture. And that means that the accuracy and reliability and trustworthiness of the **Genesis** Record is no different than any other biblical text. *All* Scripture is given by inspiration of God. God the Holy Spirit moved upon 40 men over a 1500- year time frame, and what they wrote down is true and inerrant and infallible. And therefore, Scripture is what we can trust and from where we can develop what we believe and teach.

And that means that everything *else* that people use to develop what they believe and teach is a distant second, *including* so-called “individual or direct Revelation”, and *including* so-called “Science” that is based on assumptions that are patently *not* scientific. And a large part of the Protestant Reformation was fought to say that. And the Reformers came up with a Latin phrase that *summarized* this concept, “Sola Scriptura”. But the *best* summary statement of the integrity and reliability of Scripture was spoken by Jesus Himself when He said in **John 17:17**:

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Now, so far in our Study, we have determined that “Days”, one, two, and three involve a *series* of “separations”.

Day 1: God separated the Light from the Darkness.

Day 2: God separated the Heavens from the Earth.

Day 3: God separated the Land from the Sea.

... and *evidently*, these “separations” were *necessary* so God could create life.

Now remember, the main reason for all of Creation was so that certain parts of God’s Holiness would be able to be manifested, seen, and marveled at. As we found out last week, it is God’s Will that He be known, loved, and enjoyed. And so, Who God is, in all the particular Attributes that make up His Essence, must be displayed, seen, and rejoiced over.

Every part of God's Person has an *infinite* Value to it. All of God's various Characteristics have Worth to them. And that Beauty, that Value, and that Worth, is God's Glory. So, God's Glory is the *intrinsic* Beauty, Worth, and Value of God, in all the various portions of His Essence. In other words, all that makes God to be "Holy" (i.e., His Omnipotence, His Omniscience, His Immutability, etc.), all that makes God to be "one of a kind", unique, different, and set apart from everything that He made, when those Attributes are "manifested" or "displayed" or "seen" and "enjoyed", *that* is God's Glory. So, another way of understanding God's Glory is when God's Holiness (Who God is) is realized and wondered after.

And God was able to display and see and enjoy most all of His Attributes, all by Himself, *before* Creation, when it was just God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. You see, *nobody* knows God the way that God does. We only know what God has chosen to *reveal* to us, and we struggle to understand that. But God knows and understands Himself *perfectly, infinitely, fully*.

And that infinite Knowledge about the single most important and beautiful and valuable Being in the Universe is the *foundation* of God's Love for God. So, God "knows" God *fully*, and therefore, God "loves" God *infinitely*. *Nobody* understands God better than God does. And therefore, *nobody* loves God more than God loves God. And the end result of that Love is that God *enjoys* God with limitless Delight.

So, another way of understanding Salvation is God *sharing* the Knowledge that He has about Himself with us, so that we will *love* God with the very *same* Love with which God loves *Himself*, and that, *ultimately*, we will *enjoy* God with the *same* limitless Delight wherewith God enjoys *Himself*.

But sin stops that from happening for us. So, in His fervent Desire to be known and loved and enjoyed by the creatures that He made, God took on flesh and lived a sinless life and died a vicarious Death and raised from the dead and ascended into Heaven, so that underserving wicked rebels could "see" God in His Glory, and love what they see.

And so, there are two main parts of God's Essence that *cannot* be manifested or seen or enjoyed without sinful people. And those two Attributes are:

1. God's Grace
2. God's Justice

... and that is because God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit do not *need* either one of these Attributes. So, for example, for the "Worth", or the "Beauty", or the "Importance", or the "Glory" of God's Grace to be displayed and seen and "praised", God created Man who He would choose to "save". And for the "Worth" and the "Importance" and the "Glory" of God's Justice to be displayed and seen and praised God created Man, whom He would leave to himself, so he would rebel and be "damned". And this is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said:

Ephesians 1:5-6a

5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
6 to the praise of the glory of His grace ...

... and this is what I mean when I say that *"Salvation is really nothing more than you and me being 'caught up' in the great Love Affair that God has with Himself, in the three Persons of the Trinity"*.

And because Man needed dirt and water and grass and food and trees and oxygen and molecules and an environment that was conducive for life, God created the Heavens and the Earth. And so, it is *impossible* to correctly and fully understand Creation without seeing its connection to both eternal Redemption and eternal Retribution.

And that is why all 66 Books of sacred Scripture assign a *secondary* position of importance with all of the various components of Creation, except Man. The pagan and man-made religions of the world hold the earth and the sea and the rest of the created Universe in *prime* importance, so much so, that many of them actually promote the worship of "mother earth" and the trees and the animals.

But the Holy Bible teaches that everything, except Man, is of *secondary* importance. So, the earth, trees, and animals and galaxies were created for the *benefit* of Man. Because the main Purpose for Creation is so that either God's Grace or His Justice may be displayed and seen and marveled at. And the only recipients of those two Attributes are the people that God made. Trees do not receive either

Grace or Justice. Man does. And so, either the Salvation or the Damnation of people is the end Purpose for those two Attributes. And that means that everything *else* that God created exists only to serve that Purpose.

So, first, God had to separate the Light from the Darkness, and create the continuum of "light and dark" in the 24-hour "solar day". Then He had to separate the Heaven from the Earth, which He does on Day two. And then He has to separate the water that is now completely engulfing on Day one and two, from the dry land- so there's a place for the fish in the sea and the land life on dry land. And in doing that, God made the Universe ready for human life in the first three days. Now look again at verse 9:

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

So, here, God separates the dry land from the water. And this is just a simple statement, a very simple sentence, but can you even begin to fathom the cataclysm that occurred when this was spoken by God? All of a sudden, the material that is in its unformed condition, buried under the depths of the surface sea, starts to move, and all of those necessary elements start to work to produce land, to push up to create the surface of land.

And the waters moved, gathering itself into one place. So, there was unimaginable chemical reactions occurring as the elements combined with each other to form the complex of minerals, the complex of rock and soil, making up the solid earth as to its crust and its mantle and its core. So, even though this is a single sentence, it had to be a staggering Act of Creation. Just try to imagine, for example, how loud this was, the trembling that occurred, and the violence that transpired as the dry land rose up out of the waters. Henry Morris wrote:

“Great earth movements got under way. Surfaces of solid earth appeared above the waters, and an intricate network of channels and reservoirs opened up in the crust to receive the waters retreating off the rising continent.”

Now, at first, there may very well have been just a single huge continent that was the only dry land on earth. And this single continent may have broken into the various continents that we have

now, because of the cataclysm of the breaking up of the tectonic plates during the Flood, when the "fountains of the deep" broke open and God judged the earth because of the sin of Man.

But, at this time, there was, perhaps, only one very large continent of dry land that rose out of the water at the Command of God. Now what is interesting is that in the original Hebrew, the "gathering of the waters" is a *plural* term. So, there was more than one "body" of water, perhaps different *basins* that formed the various "seas" that we know today. Now they would have all touched each other, so, in *that* sense, they were all connected.

And, in addition to the visible seas on the top of the earth, there would have been underground reservoirs, and underground streams and rivers, and springs, and fountains. But, in some way, they were all connected together. So, all the water flowing everywhere in the earth was somehow connected.

Now, I want to show you that the clear testimony of Scripture is that God created all of this *instantaneously*. Turn with me to **Job 38**. And here, God is confronting the great, godly servant of God who had become "uppity" in his own arrogance. And God is "dressing Job down", and bringing humility to him by saying this:

Job 38:4-11

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding,

5 Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it?

6 "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 "Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;

9 When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors,

11 And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop'?

So, here, God is saying to Job, *"I don't remember seeing you, when I created everything. Where were you? If you're so smart and so perfect, tell me how all these things came into being!"*

... and then God spoke verses 8-11,

8 "Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;

9 When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors,

11 And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop'?

Now this is not describing any type of Evolution, where the "processes" by which the seas operate today somehow contributed to their own beginning. No, this is describing the miracle of instantaneous Creation. God sovereignly created the sea, and He bounded it with shore lines. And then God sovereignly *limited* how the seas could function, when He said:

"You cannot go beyond the limitation that I have placed on you."

And then, there is this thing called "*Isostasy*", which is the state of gravitational equilibrium between Earth's crust and mantle such that the crust "floats" at an elevation that depends on its thickness and density. And, in "Alabama English", Isostasy is the concept that says that the *heavier* material was pushed down into the core of the earth while the *lighter* material, including earth and water, was pushed to the top, so that, as the earth spins it would not be lopsided. Isostasy happened here in the 3rd "Day" of Creation. Now please turn to **Psalm 104.**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.

3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind;

4 He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers.

5 He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.

6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains.

7 At Your rebuke they fled, At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.

8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them.

9 You set a boundary that they may not pass over, So that they will not return to cover the earth.

10 He sends forth springs in the valleys; They flow between the mountains;

11 They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up *their* voices among the branches.

13 He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.

14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth,

15 And wine which makes man's heart glad, So that he may make *his* face glisten with oil, And food which sustains man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord drink their fill, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,

17 Where the birds build their nests, *And* the stork, whose home is the fir trees.

18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the shephanim.

19 He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.

20 You appoint darkness and it becomes night, In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.

21 The young lions roar after their prey And seek their food from God.

22 *When* the sun rises they withdraw And lie down in their dens.

23 Man goes forth to his work And to his labor until evening.

24 O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

25 There is the sea, great and broad, In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.
26 There the ships move along, *And* Leviathan, which You have formed to
sport in it.
27 They all wait for You To give them their food in due season.
28 You give to them, they gather *it* up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied
with good.
29 You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they
expire And return to their dust.
30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of
the ground.
31 Let the glory of the Lord endure forever; Let the Lord be glad in His
works;
32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they
smoke.
33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I
have my being.
34 Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the
Lord.
35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth And let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

... and, of course, the operative verse here is verse 5 that says:

**He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever
and ever.**

... this is describing Isostasy.

Now, even though the **Book of Proverbs** is poetry, it is *inspired* poetry. And that makes it to be true. And contrary to popular opinion, **Proverbs** is *not* about the wisdom of Solomon. Solomon was a sinner, who may or may not have even been saved. But the **Book of Proverbs**, like every other Book in the Holy Bible, is about Jesus Christ. And in **Proverbs 8**, Jesus is symbolized with the mantle of Divine Wisdom. And **Proverbs 8:22-36** says:

22 "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

23 "From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.

24 "When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water.

25 "Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth;

26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world.

27 "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

28 When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed,

29 When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth;

30 Then I was beside Him, *as* a master workman; And I was daily *His* delight, Rejoicing always before Him,

31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And *having* my delight in the sons of men.

32 "Now therefore, *O* sons, listen to me, For blessed are they who keep my ways.

33 "Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect *it*.

34 "Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts.

35 "For he who finds me finds life And obtains favor from the Lord.

36 "But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death."

... so, notice that Wisdom is *personalized* here, referring to Jesus. Now when you read through what are called "The Wisdom Literature" of the Bible, which are the Books of **Job**, **The Psalms**, **Proverbs**, **The Song of Songs**, and **Ecclesiastes**, you come across an interesting phrase or word. Periodically, you see the phrase "Sea Monsters", or the word "Leviathan". And this phrase or word is *always* connected to the "guard" that God set over the seas.

For example, in **Job 9:13** we read:

God will not turn back His anger; Beneath Him crouch the helpers of Rahab.

Now, if you're like me, you immediately you thought about "Rahab, the harlot", who helped Joshua take the city of Jericho as recorded after the death of Moses in the **Book of Joshua**. But the problem with that is that while the **Book of Job** was not actually written down until about 600 years before Jesus was born, the *events* that the **Book of Job** describes and the statements quoted in it occurred back when Abraham was alive. So, Job actually lived during the days of the early Patriarchs, whose wealth was measured by his land and animal holdings.

And the reason that is important is because Job never knew anything about a woman named Rahab, or a man named Joshua, or a city called Jericho. The name "Rahab" in **Job 9:13** comes from an ancient Hebrew word that means "sea monster." Before Jesus was born, there was an ancient legend that taught that Rahab was the name of a sea monster that rebelled against God. And this myth went on to say that when the "gods" were designing the world, and wanting to provide land and the sea, there was a great, rebellious sea monster they called *Rahab*, who was trying to prevent God from separating the land from the sea, who wanted the sea to overrun the land. And God had to do battle with this sea monster that was wanting to rebel, and so, in defining the borders of the sea and the shoreline, God defeated this great monster.

Now it is important to understand that this isn't mentioned *anywhere* in the **Genesis** Record. And so, you may be wondering why your Pastor is bringing up a myth about a sea monster, when all we're trying to do is learn about the **Genesis** Record of Creation. And here's why: **Isaiah 51:9** mentions the same thing:

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; Awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not You who cut Rahab in pieces, Who pierced the dragon?

... and then **Psalms 89:10** says the same thing:

You Yourself crushed Rahab like one who is slain; You scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

Now Rahab, the harlot, was *blessed* by God when she helped Joshua. And yet, the Bible says here that *this* Rahab was “crushed” and “cut in pieces”. Now I’m not promoting belief in the Loch Ness Monster. So, what is going on here is that the ancient Jewish writers were moved along by God the Holy Spirit to elevate the one, true, God by showing that it was God, Who destroyed, not only the invented sea monsters of pagan myths, but also their man-made religions as well.

You see, way before God sovereignly revealed Himself to Abraham, the pagans already had their religious myths. The development of formal pagan religion that was codified, and could be taught and learned from one generation to the other, began with Nimrod in **Genesis 10**.

So, there were numerous pagan myths about how the various false and man-made gods attempted to separate land from sea during Creation. And several of these myths included a war, a great resistance by this giant sea monster, who was fighting to preserve his sovereignty, and to be able to overrun the land and drown whoever he wanted to, when he wanted to. And finally, the man-made gods of the pagans were able to defeat the sea monster.

And this false legend found its way into some of the rabbinical tradition of the ancient Jews. So, after many centuries, the word “*Rahab*” came to *represent any* sort of myth or fantasy, or any effort or power that caused havoc, or that rebelled against God and that fought against His Divine Will or the people of God.

So, these words and terms were an early representation of “satan”, or ‘the devil’ that we now know. Because the *full* Revelation of satan didn’t occur until the completion of the New Testament. And that is why you find a number of references to “*Rahab*”, or to the “sea monster” or Leviathan”, in ancient Jewish literature.

And that is what is so wonderful when you come to the **Genesis** Record of Creation. Because there is no *Rahab*, no sea monsters, and no Leviathan mentioned anywhere in Genesis. There is no other existing power or being that was resisting God’s Will and Power in Creation. There is just God, and Him speaking the Universe into existence. And the elements obeying God’s spoken word, absolutely. Satan, in the form of a serpent, doesn’t enter the picture until Chapter 3, after God had made all things. So, what you have in the **Genesis** Record is a very

careful, detailed, believable, and reasonable account of Creation, with nothing poetic, nothing legendary, and nothing mythical.

Now we tend to think that before Moses, the Jews were all *united* in their beliefs. But that simply is not true. Sons of Abraham were "all over the map" in what they believed about a whole host of issues, even in Who God is. And many of the Jews wrote their man-made beliefs down so it would be preserved, and so they could teach it to their children. And much of these ancient Jewish writings are just flat out wrong. Much of ancient Jewish literature is just as wrong, just as pagan, just as blasphemous, and just as ungodly as the writings of other peoples.

And so, *part* of what God did, by revealing to Moses such intricate detail in Genesis, was to dispel many of the ancient myths and pagan beliefs that the Jews had accumulated over time. And nowhere was this more important than in the first Book, **Genesis**, *especially* about how God created all things.

So, as many Jewish writers had written many false documents describing how Creation came about, that the sea was endowed with an autonomous power that fought against the Creator of the Universe, God revealed the Truth to Moses where God simply spoke and Matter and Reality came into existence.

So, it was Moses, and what God revealed to him in **Genesis**, that *united* the Jewish people around one, single Teaching about Creation. And what God the Holy Spirit moved upon Moses to pen down shattered the ancient myths, Jewish and pagan, by saying that God simply "spoke" and the dry land appeared out of the water.

In **Genesis**, Moses very carefully *avoided* using any of the many well-known legends that even appear in other Wisdom Literature, and that is even referred to by the Prophet Isaiah as an early understanding of satan. There was no such battle. God said it, and it was so. Now read verses 10-12 again:

10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

Again, this happened because God spoke. And from the way that verses 11-12 are written shows us that the "vegetation" in mind is divided into two parts:

1. Plants
2. Trees

And down in verses 29-30, God said:

29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so.

So, God divides the vegetation into two parts: "plants" and "trees". So, what's the difference? The difference is that "plants" have the seed "*in themselves*", while "trees" have the seed in its "fruit". That is clearly indicated in verse 11. Plants yielded seed themselves while fruit trees bore fruit, with seed in them. That's the distinction.

So, all the *vegetation*, which *itself* contains the seed, would come under the heading of "plants", while all the *vegetation*, in which its *fruit* contains the seed, would come under the heading of "trees". So, as soon as the inanimate material was ready to sustain life, without delay, life in its simplest form was created and intended to be the food for all of the *higher life* that was yet to be made.

Now, I want you to notice that, first of all, in describing the plants, He says of them in verse 11, "**plants yielding seed.**" He says it again in verse 12, "**plants yielding seed,**" then again in verse 29, "**plants yielding seed.**" And Moses was moved along to repeat that phrase, over and over again, to let his readers know that the vegetation was capable of *reproduction*.

So, *initially*, God spoke “full-grown”, “fully-mature” vegetation with seed in it, that could be dispersed and planted, so that it could be *reproduced*. And one of the great wonders that is in the world today is the Science of “seed dispersal”, something that we just take for granted. It is absolutely *astounding* to understand how God designed seed dispersal to be carried out, by birds and wind and animals, and even by attaching themselves to your car or your shoes or on your head. Pre-fertilized seed dispersal is amazingly efficient.

And what is important to understand is that Plants did not initially come about through the various “processes” by which they function today. No, God made them as full-grown plants, containing seeds that could then go forth and multiply. And that’s the way the *entirety* of Creation was made.

Everything that God spoke into existence was created *fully* functioning and mature. Even when God made Man, Man was *not* created by a “birthing process” like he is now. There was no “process” of infancy or adolescence. God made Man as a full-grown, fully mature, rational creature. There were no “cave men” that was grunting and rooting round and accidentally discovered fire. No, Man was instantly created as an intelligent, thinking, rational, creative being, who had a *spiritual* component to him, where he could know and understand and love and obey God.

So, *everything* was created “full-grown”. There were plants, both edible and non-edible, that yielded seed. And there were fruit trees whose seed was in their fruit. And they bore fruit “after their kind” with seed in them on the earth. And it was so. And it was Good.

Now this is very important. Notice a phrase that is repeated over and over again: “after *their* kind” or “after *its* kind”. That phrase is repeated ten times in just the first chapter of **Genesis** alone.

And the reality is that a plant can only bring forth something of its *own* “kind”. A tree can only bring forth something of its *own* “kind”. An animal can only bring forth something of its *own* “kind”. A human can only bring forth something of its *own* “kind”. You can’t get a pecan out of an orange tree. You can’t get an oak tree from a pine cone. And you can’t get a Man out of a monkey. Life only has the capacity to function on the basis of a genetic code that is in each object.

And this is what is called “The Missing Link” among the evolutionists. Evolution might sound plausible (to some people), until

you get to the missing link. And the indisputable fact that one “kind” of life simply *cannot* produce a different “kind” of life completely *eliminates* any possibility of an evolutionary process. It is a slam dunk. It isn’t even close. And it should be the end of the discussion.

And if people really valued Science like they say they do, it *would* be the end of the discussion. But because they really *don’t* value Science, Evolution is continued to upheld, as though it were true. But, even though you add phrases like “billions and billions” to whatever nonsense your espousing, the fact that one “kind” of life simply *cannot* bring forth a different “kind” of life forces all rational and thinking people to say, “*Evolution is wrong*”.

To insist that “all living things come from a “common ancestry” is not only to go against logic and to go against provable Science and to ignore intelligence, it is to categorically refute ten different statements in sacred Scripture in a single Chapter! But the reality is that you can eat as much fried chicken as you want to, and you can sit on eggs until you die, and you will never become a chicken yourself, and you will never produce a chicken. Henry Morris wrote:

“Implanted in each created organism was a seed programmed to enable the continuing replication of that same organism. The modern understanding of the extreme complexities of the so-called DNA molecule and the genetic code contained in it has reinforced the biblical teaching of the stability of ‘kinds’. Each type of organism has its own unique structure of the DNA and can only specify the reproduction of that same kind. There is a tremendous amount of variational potential within each kind, facilitating the generation of distinct individuals and even of many varieties within the kind, but nevertheless precluding the evolution of new kinds. A great deal of horizontal variation is easily possible, but no vertical changes.”

Now ancient Hindu literature tells us that the earth...

“sits on the backs of elephants”.²

... other pagan writings say that the earth is held up by a giant named “Atlas”. But, **Job 26:7** says:

² The Bhagavad-Gita

He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

So, way *before* the discovery of the telescope, whoever wrote the **Book of Job** was moved along by God the Holy Spirit to say that the earth hangs on nothing. The Bible has always taught that the earth is suspended in space by nothing. And then the writer said:

Job 26:8-14

8 "He wraps up the waters in His clouds, And the cloud does not burst under them.

9 "He obscures the face of the full moon And spreads His cloud over it.

10 "He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness.

11 "The pillars of heaven tremble And are amazed at His rebuke.

12 "He quieted the sea with His power, And by His understanding He shattered Rahab.

13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

14 "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; And how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

... and *this* is why we worship God! Our God is Powerful, but He is also Kind. He is Glorious, and yet He is Merciful. He is Omnipotent, but He is also Patient. And while He is the great Sovereign Creator, He is also the loving Savior of wicked rebels. So, I beg you, come to God this morning. Fall before Him. Confess your sins. Beg for His Mercy. Plead for His Forgiveness, and then Trust what He says.

Amen. Let's pray.

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