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The Creator

Session 1

Who is God?

I. God is the Creator.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created (בָּרָא “to create, shape, form,” Always of God) the heavens and the earth.

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.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it* was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (Gen 1:1-5 NKJ)

²⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed (יָצַר “to form, fashion”) you from the womb: "I *am* the LORD, who makes all *things*, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

²⁵ Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness; (Isa 44:24-25 NKJ)

²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, (Act 4:24 NKJ)

II. Creation reveals:

1. God's glory (Ps. 19:1)

Psalm 19:1 <To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.> The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. (Psa 19:1 NKJ)

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple.

² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

³ And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" (Isa 6:1-3 NKJ)

2. God's Power (Isa. 40:26, 28)

²⁵ "To whom then will you liken Me, Or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these *things*, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of *His* power; Not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God "?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength. (Isa 40:25-29 NKJ)

3. God's Divine Power (Rom. 1:20)

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal (ἀίδιος, “everlasting”) power and Godhead (θεϊότης “divine nature”) , so that they are without excuse,

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

4. God's Wisdom (Ps. 104:24)

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions-- ²⁵ This great and wide sea, In which *are* innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great. (Psa 104:24-25 NKJ)

5. God's Love (Ps. 33:5-6)

³ Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD *is* right, And all His work *is done* in truth.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. (Psa 33:3-11 NKJ)

Psalm 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

² Why should the Gentiles say, "So where *is* their God?"

³ But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

⁴ Their idols *are* silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see;

⁶ They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell;

⁷ They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat.

⁸ Those who make them are like them; So *is* everyone who trusts in them.

⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

¹² The LORD has been mindful of *us*; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

¹³ He will bless those who fear the LORD, *Both* small and great.

¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children.

¹⁵ *May* you *be* blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

¹⁶ The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence.

¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD! (Psa 115:1-18 NKJ)

The Starting Point

Session 2

Epistemology – The bases of what we know, or, how do we know what we know?

I. Creationism - The Statement of Fact.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created (אֵל בָּרָא “to create, shape, form,” Always of God) the heavens and the earth. 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. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it* was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

II. God's Word is True

1. Prophecy (Dan 4:24)

²⁴ this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree (דְּבַר אֱלֹהִים Arm. “decree”) of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: ²⁵ They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses. (Dan 4:24-25 NKJ)

2. Miracles (1 Kings 17:24)

²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is* the truth." (1 Ki. 17:24 NKJ)

III. Natural man rejects God and His truth (Rom. 1:21,28, 1 Cor 2:14)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Rom 1:28 NKJ)

¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Co 2:14 NKJ)

IV. God must regenerate the individual for truth to be accepted (John 17:17)

¹⁷ "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17 NKJ)

¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. (Heb 4:12-13 NKJ)

V. The Word of God – Psalm 119

⁸⁹ LAMED. Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

⁹⁰ Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

⁹¹ They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all *are* Your servants. (Ps 119:89-91)

i) God's Word : Understanding

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ NUN. Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. (Ps 119:103-105)

ii) The unregenerate word

¹² There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death. (Prov 14:12)

iii) God's Word : Pure truth

¹³⁹ My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

¹⁴⁰ Your word *is* very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

¹⁴¹ I *am* small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

¹⁴² Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, And Your law *is* truth. (Psa 119:139-142 NKJ)

iv) God's Word: truth stands forever

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

¹⁶⁰ The entirety of Your word *is* truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

¹⁶¹ SHIN. Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

¹⁶² I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure. (Ps 119:159-162)

²⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed (יָצַרְ "to form, fashion") you from the womb: "I *am* the LORD, who makes all *things*, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

²⁵ Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness; (Isa 44:24-25 NKJ)

VI. The Fact of Faith and Cosmogony

A. Creationism cannot be proved

B. Evolution cannot be proved

Ancient Creation Accounts

Session 3

1. **Sumerian creation account (~2500 BC).** Contains a snake goddess, a tree of life, a sacred marriage producing 7 deities. There are enchantments, incantations, and oils, to protect from demons. Barton Cylinder found in 1889 (Univ. of Pen).

The Sumerians believed that the universe had come into being through a series of [cosmic births](#). First, [Nammu](#), the primeval waters, gave birth to [An](#) (the sky) and [Ki](#) (the earth), who mated together and produced a son named [Enlil](#). Enlil separated heaven from earth and claimed the earth as his domain. Humans were believed to have been created by [Enki](#), the son of An and Nammu. [Heaven](#) was reserved exclusively for deities and, upon their deaths, all mortals' spirits, regardless of their behavior while alive, were believed to go to [Kur](#), a cold, dark cavern deep beneath the earth, which was ruled by the goddess [Ereshkigal](#) and where the only food available was dry dust. In later times, Ereshkigal was believed to rule alongside her husband [Nergal](#), the god of death. The major deities in the Sumerian pantheon included An, the god of the heavens, Enlil, the god of wind and storm, Enki, the god of water and human culture, [Ninhursag](#), the goddess of fertility and the earth, [Utu](#), the god of the sun and justice, and his father [Nanna](#), the god of the moon. During the [Akkadian Period](#) and afterward, [Inanna](#), the goddess of sex, beauty, and warfare, was widely venerated across Sumer and appeared in many myths, including the famous story of her [descent into the Underworld](#). (Wikipedia.org)

2. **Greek Creation Account (~1000 BC).**

Out of the void emerged [Gaia](#) (the Earth) and some other primary divine beings: [Eros](#) (Love), the [Abyss](#) (the [Tartarus](#)), and the [Erebus](#).^[24] Without male assistance, Gaia gave birth to [Uranus](#) (the Sky) who then fertilized her. From that union were born first the [Titans](#)—six males: [Coeus](#), [Crius](#), [Cronus](#), [Hyperion](#), [Iapetus](#), and [Oceanus](#); and six females: [Mnemosyne](#), [Phoebe](#), [Rhea](#), [Theia](#), [Themis](#), and [Tethys](#). After Cronus was born, Gaia and Uranus decreed no more Titans were to be born. They were followed by the one-eyed [Cyclopes](#) and the [Hecatonchires](#) or Hundred-Handed Ones, who were both thrown into Tartarus by Uranus. This made Gaia furious. Cronus ("the wily, youngest and most terrible of [Gaia's](#) children"), was convinced by Gaia to castrate his father. He did this, and became the ruler of the Titans with his sister-wife Rhea as his consort, and the other Titans became his court.

3. **Cherokee Creation Account (Word of mouth, oral tradition)**

The Cherokee creation belief describes the earth as a great floating island surrounded by seawater. It hangs from the sky by cords attached at the four [cardinal points](#). The story tells that the first earth came to be when Dâyunis'i (Beaver's Grandchild), the little [Water beetle](#) came from Gâlûñ'lâti, the sky realm, to see what was below the water. He scurried over the surface of the water, but found no solid place to rest. He dived to the bottom of the water and brought up some soft mud. This mud expanded in every direction and became the earth, according to the account recorded in 1900 by the Bureau of American Ethnology.

The Cherokee revered the [Great Spirit](#), simply referred to as Unetlanvhi, or "Creator", who presided over all things and created the Earth. The Great Spirit is said to be omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. The Unetlanvhi was said to have made the earth to provide for her children. The Wahnenuhi Manuscript says that God is Unahlahnuhi, meaning "maker of all things" and Kalvlvtiahi, meaning "The

one who lives above". In most myths the Great Spirit is not personified as having human characteristics or a physical human form.

4. **Egyptian Creation Account (2780-2250 BC).** The ancient Egyptians had many creator gods and associated legends. They all held that the world had arisen out of the lifeless waters of chaos, called [Nu](#). They also included a pyramid-shaped mound, called the [benben](#), which was the first thing to emerge from the waters. These elements were likely inspired by the flooding of the [Nile River](#) each year; the receding floodwaters left fertile soil in their wake, and the Egyptians may have equated this with the emergence of life from the primeval chaos. The imagery of the pyramidal mound derived from the highest mounds of earth emerging as the river receded. The sun was also closely associated with creation, and it was said to have first risen from the mound, as the general sun-god [Ra](#) or as the god [Khepri](#), who represented the newly-risen sun.^[6] There were many versions of the sun's emergence, and it was said to have emerged directly from the mound or from a lotus flower that grew from the mound, in the form of a heron, falcon, scarab beetle, or human child.
5. **Babylonian Creation Account (*Enûma Eliš* 1100 BC.).** 7 Clay Tablets of Creation. Old Babylonian (~2334–2154 BC).

When the seven tablets that contain this were first discovered, evidence indicated that it was used as a "ritual", meaning it was recited during a ceremony or celebration. That celebration is now thought to be the [Akitu](#) festival, or Babylonian new year. This tells of the creation of the world, and of Marduk's victory over [Tiamat](#), and how it relates to him becoming king of the gods. This is then followed by an invocation to Marduk by his fifty names.

The title, meaning "when on high", is the [incipit](#). The first tablet begins:

When the sky above was not named, And the earth beneath did not yet bear a name, And the primeval Apsû, who begat them, And chaos, Tiamat, the mother of them both, Their waters were mingled together, And no field was formed, no marsh was to be seen; When of the gods none had been called into being.

The epic names two primeval gods: [Apsû](#) (or Abzu) who represents fresh water and [Tiamat](#) representing oceanic waters. Several other gods are created – [Ea](#) and his brothers – who reside in Tiamat's vast body. They make so much noise that the babel or noise annoys Tiamat and Apsû greatly. Apsû wishes to kill the young gods, but Tiamat disagrees. The vizier, [Mummu](#), agrees with Apsû's plan to destroy them. Tiamat, in order to stop this from occurring, warns Ea ([Nudimmud](#)), the most powerful of the gods. Ea uses magic to put Apsû into a coma, then kills him, and shuts Mummu out. Ea then becomes the chief god, marries [Damkina](#), and has a son, [Marduk](#), greater still than Ea himself. Marduk is given wind to play with and he uses the wind to make dust storms and tornadoes. This disrupts Tiamat's great body and causes the gods still residing inside her to be unable to sleep.

The gods persuade Tiamat to take revenge for the death of her husband, Apsû. Her power grows, and some of the gods join her. She creates 11 monsters ([Bašmu](#), "Venomous Snake"; [Ušumgallu](#), "Great Dragon"; [Mušmahhū](#), "Exalted Serpent"; [Mušhuššu](#), "Furious Snake"; [Lahmu](#), the "Hairy One"; [Ugallu](#), the "Big Weather-Beast"; [Uridimmu](#), "Mad Lion"; [Girtablullū](#), "Scorpion-Man";

[Umū dabrūtu](#), "Violent Storms"; [Kulullû](#), "Fish-Man"; and [Kusarikku](#), "Bull-Man") to help her win the battle and elevates [Kingu](#), her new husband, to "supreme dominion". A lengthy description of the other gods' inability to deal with the threat follows. Marduk offers to save the gods if he is appointed as their leader and allowed to remain so even after the threat passes. When the gods agree to Marduk's conditions he is selected as their champion against Tiamat, and becomes very powerful. Marduk challenges Tiamat to combat and destroys her. He then rips her corpse into two halves with which he fashions the earth and the skies. Marduk then creates the calendar, organizes the planets and stars, and regulates the moon, the sun, and weather.^[6]

The gods who have pledged their allegiance to Tiamat are initially forced into labor in the service of the gods who sided with Marduk. But they are freed from these labors when Marduk then destroys Tiamat's husband, [Kingu](#), and uses his blood to create humankind to do the work for the gods.^[6] Most noteworthy is Marduk's symbolic elevation over [Enlil](#), who was seen by earlier Mesopotamian civilizations as the king of the gods.

6. Chinese Creation Accounts (4th Century BC).

There was something featureless yet complete, born before heaven and earth; Silent—amorphous—it stood alone and unchanging. We may regard it as the mother of heaven and earth. Not knowing its name, I style it the "Way."

[The Way](#) gave birth to unity, Unity gave birth to duality, Duality gave birth to trinity, Trinity gave birth to the myriad creatures. The myriad creatures bear [yin](#) on their back and embrace [yang](#) in their bosoms. They neutralize these vapors and thereby achieve harmony.

Some Chinese cosmogonic myths have familiar themes in [comparative mythology](#). For example, creation from [chaos](#) (Chinese [Hundun](#) and Hawaiian [Kumulipo](#)), dismembered corpses of a primordial being ([Pangu](#) and Mesopotamian [Tiamat](#)), [world parent](#) siblings ([Fuxi](#) and [Nüwa](#) and Japanese [Izanagi](#) and [Izanami](#)), and [dualistic cosmology](#) ([yin and yang](#) and Zoroastrian [Ahura Mazda](#) and [Angra Mainyu](#)). In contrast, other mythic themes are uniquely Chinese. While the mythologies of [Mesopotamia](#), [Egypt](#), and [Greece](#) believed primeval water was the single element that existed "in the beginning", the basic element of Chinese cosmology was [qi](#) ("[breath](#); [air](#); [life force](#)"). [Birrell](#) explains that [qi](#) "was believed to embody cosmic energy governing matter, time, and space. This energy, according to Chinese mythic narratives, undergoes a transformation at the moment of creation, so that the nebulous element of vapor becomes differentiated into dual elements of male and female, [Yin and Yang](#), hard and soft matter, and other binary elements.

7. The Biblical Account (Written by Moses around 1445 BC)

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

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.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it* was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

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

⁷ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

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

¹⁰ And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was good*.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

¹³ So the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

¹⁵ "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

¹⁶ Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.

¹⁷ God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,

¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was good*.

¹⁹ So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."

²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

Eternal God or eternal matter? Does it matter?

Session 4

I. Evolutionary Cosmogony

The basic thought of the evolutionist is as follows: “The statements and teachings of the atheistic scientific community at the end of the twentieth century strongly support a universe that began at the explosion (big bang) of a speck of infinitely dense matter between 7.3 billion and 20 billion years ago. Some gasses and dust of this big bang gradually collected into what was to be planet earth. Volcanic activity began to produce water. In an isolated pond of this backwater planet, inorganic matter without design or designer somehow developed organic structure. About 3.5 billion years ago the first cells emerged, complete with a reproducible genetic code. Most evolutionists believe human-like life appeared within the last 5 million years.” (As quoted by Jobe Martin in the book Mal Couch ed., *The Fundamentals for the Twenty-First Century* (Grand Rapids:Kregel Publications, 2000), 112)

1. Eternal God or eternal matter?

- a. **St. Augustine’s First Cause (354-430).** (Cosmological argument) Plato (427-347 BC). No effect is ever quantitatively “greater” nor “superior” to its cause. An effect can be lower than its cause but never higher (Henry Morris, *Scientific Creationism*, 2003, p.20).

The First Cause of limitless Space	must be infinite
The First Cause of endless Time	must be eternal
The First Cause of boundless Energy	must be omnipotent
The First Cause of universal Interrelationships	must be omnipresent
The First Cause of infinite Complexity	must be omniscient
The First Cause of Moral Values	must be moral
The First Cause of Spiritual Values	must be spiritual
The First Cause of Human Responsibility	must be volitional
The First Cause of Human Integrity	must be truthful
The First Cause of limitless Love	must be loving
The First Cause of Life	must be living ¹

b. Biblical Statement of First Cause (Isaiah 29:16)

¹⁶ Surely you have things turned around (פְּרָוָה “perverted, turned”)! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? (Isa 29:16)

2. In the beginning God created..... (Gen 1:1)

- a. **Creationism and Evolution as a model is represented as:**

Creationism	Evolution
Supernatural	Natural processes
External	Internal self-sustaining
Purposeful	Random chance
Complete	On going

i) Supernatural. Best scientific explanation (Job 38:4-5)

¹ Henry Morris, *Scientific Creationism* (Green Forest: Master Books, 2003), 20

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? (Job 38:4-5)

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? ¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or *as* His counselor has taught Him? ¹⁴ With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding? (Isa 40:12-14)

ii) External. Best scientific explanation (John 1:1-5; Col 1:15-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:1-5)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (Gr. συνιστάνω "together stand, hold together"). (Col 1:15-17)

iii) Purposeful. Best scientific evidence (Col 1:15-17; Rev 4:11; Rom 1:20-22; Ps. 19:1-3)

¹¹ You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will (θέλημα "will, pleasure") they exist and were created (κτίζω "create, make habitable"). (Rev 4:11)

²⁰ 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, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,(Rom 1:20-22)

iv) Complete. Best scientific evidence. (Gen 2:1-2)

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested (שָׁבַת Shabath "rested") on the seventh (שִׁבְעִי Shebiyy "seven") day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 2:1-3)

3. What was God doing before Creation? (John 17:4; Act 15:17-18; 1 Cor. 2:7-11;

²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24)

¹⁷ So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.' ¹⁸ "Known to God from eternity are all His works. (Acts 15:17-18)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. (Eph 1:3-6 NKJ)

¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. (Eph 1:11-12)

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10)

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. (2Ti 1:8-11 NKJ)

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; (Tit 1:1-3 NKJ)

²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1Pe 1:20-21 NKJ)

⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (Rev 13:8-9 NKJ)

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any

Materialism or Theism: A Question of Science or Law?

Session 5

1. Eternal God or eternal matter?
2. In the beginning God created..... (Gen 1:1)
 - a. Creationism and Evolution as a model is represented as:

Creationism	Evolution
Supernatural	Natural processes
External	Internal self-sustaining
Purposeful	Random chance
Complete	On going

i) The eternal Gospel planned before the foundation of the world

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. (2Tim 1:8-11 NKJ)

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I. Materialism: Creation out of Matter

“The materialist view of creation contends that matter (or physical energy) is eternal: Matter always has been, and always will be.... There are two basic subdivisions in the ‘creation out of nothing’ view: those that involve a God (e.g. Platonism), and those that do not (e.g., atheism).” ²

- a. **Platonism: God Created Out of Preexisting Matter.** Plato (c. 427-347 B.C.), Creation is the eternal process by which God has been continually forming matter, giving shape to the contents of the universe. He called matter ‘the formless’ (or chaos), while God was the Former (or Demiurgos). Using an eternal world of forms (ideas), God gave shape or structure to the formless mass of stuff called matter. Greek: The *Demiurgos*, by means of the *eidos* (ideas), which flowed the *agathos* (good), formed the *chaos* (formless) into a *kosmos* (material universe).
 - i) Matter is eternal
 - ii) ‘Creation’ means formation, not origination
 - iii) The creator is a Former, not a producer
 - iv) God is not sovereign over all things
- b. **Atheism: Matter is Eternal.** Same as above except no God is involved.
 - i) Matter is eternal
 - ii) No Creator is necessary
 - iii) Humans are not immortal
 - iv) Humans are not unique
- c. **Pantheism: Creation Out of God**

While materialists claim all is matter, pantheists believe all is mind or spirit. Pantheism believes in creation out of God (ex Deo).

² Normal Geisler, *Systematic Theology Volume Two* (Minneapolis, Bethany House), p. 423

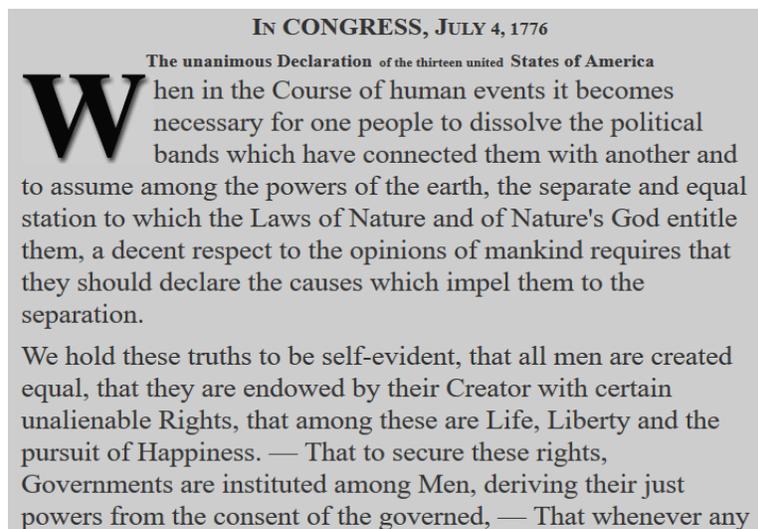
- a. *Absolute Pantheism*. Believe that only mind (or spirit) exists, not matter. What we call matter is only an illusion, like a dream or mirage” it appears to exist, but it really does not. Greek: Parmenides (c. 515 B.C). India (Hindu): Shankara (c. eighth century).
- b. *Non-Absolute Pantheism*. Believe all is one with God, but do not deny there is some multiplicity flowing (ex Deo) from the unity of God. They believe all is in the one as all radii are the center of a circle, or as all drops merge into one infinite pond.
 - i) There is no absolute distinction between creator and creation
 - ii) There is an eternal relation between creator and creation
 - iii) The world is of the same “stuff” as God
 - iv) Human beings are God

II. Theism: Creation out of nothing

“God is above and beyond the world, not merely in it, and certainly not of it. The Creator is related to creation more like a painter is to the painting. The painter is not the painting; rather he created the painting and is manifest in it. Likewise, God is not the world; instead, He created the world and manifests Himself in it (Ps. 19:1). “ (Norman Geisler)

1. History of Biblical Creationism

- a. Judaism (600 BC – Time of Christ). Believed in a literal 6 day creation. Some used allegorical method (Philo b. 25 B.C) but the days of creation were 24 hour days.
- b. Augustine (354-430). Started out pagan (creation out of God), after becoming a Christian concluded creation comes from God but is not of God. He believed God created in literal 6 days.
 - i) God alone is eternal
 - ii) The world had a beginning
 - iii) The world was created out of nothing (ex Nihilo)
- c. Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274). Late Middle Ages Dominican Monk.
 - i) Only God can create
 - ii) Creation is not eternal
 - iii) Creation is out of nothing
- d. Deism (17th-18th century). God created all things but does not interfere directly with the world. No Divine revelation, no miracles. Deists emerged during the scientific revolution of Europe.
- e. America.
 - i) Strong orthodox Christianity embracing orthodox creationism (Declaration of Independence). The Great Awakening ~1800.



- ii) Darwinism evolution replaced creationism in public schools (1900-present).

- iii) Modern Creationist Movement – Henry Morris . 1987 Supreme Court ruled teaching creationism in schools violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

III. Marvel of God’s Creation: The Giraffe (Jobe Martin)

The Age of the Earth

Session 6

THREE VIEWS ON THE ORIGIN OF LIFE³			
BELIEF	ATHEISTIC MATERIALISM	THEISTIC EVOLUTION	SPECIAL CREATION
Source	Accidental arrangement of molecules	God through evolution	God in six days
Time	1-20 Billion years ago	1-20 Billion years ago	Young earth: Less than 10,000 Old earth: > 10,000
Method	Mutation	Mutations	Supernatural act of God
Purpose	No purpose	To glorify God	To glorify God
First Man	Remote, sub-human ape	Remote, sub-human ape	Adam formed from the dirt by God
First Woman	Remote, sub-human ape	Remote, sub-human ape	Eve, formed from the rib of man
View of Gen. 1-3	Myth	Spiritual allegory	Historical fact
Proponent	Atheists, Darwin & followers	Those who integrate Moses with Darwin	Moses
Reason for view	Contempt for supernatural possibility	Mistaken view that evolution has been proven	Literal interpretation of Genesis 1-2
Problem	1 st & 2 nd Laws of Thermodynamics, law of biogenesis	Cannot take face value Gen 1-2	No real problem
Scriptural proof	None	None	Gen. 1:31;2:1-3;Ex. 20:11; 31:17; Ps. 33:6-9; 1 Cor. 11:8-9; 15:39; 1 Tim. 2:13
Scientific Support	None	None	1 st & 2 nd Laws of Thermodynamics, law of biogenesis

I. Special Creation

1. **Young Earther.** View the days Genesis 1 as literal 24 hour days as creation occurred over the span of 144 hours in a six day workweek. Leading proponent: Henry Morris and Institute for Creation Research (ICR).
2. **Old Earther (Progressive Creationism).** God created over long periods of time (the days of Genesis). They accept the timescales and mechanisms of astronomy and geology but reject macro-evolution (i.e. cat to dog). Leading proponent: Hugh Ross and Reasons Institute.
3. **Gap Theory.** Scottish theologian Thomas Chalmers and adopted by C.I. Scofield (1843-1921) in the Scofield Reference Bible (c. 1917) made popular the view that there could be a gap between

³ Adapted from Willmington's Guide to the bible

verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1 wherein all the geological ages fit. Thus the days are still 24 hour days and still be an old earth.

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

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.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was good*; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (Gen 1:1-5)

“The first act refers to the dateless past, and gives scope for all the geologic ages... 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....Relegate fossils to the primitive creation, and no conflict of science with the Genesis cosmogony remains.” (Scofield Reference Bible notes on Gen. 1).

Young Earth Facts		
Magnetic Field decay	Measurements of earth's magnetic field over past 200 years reveal steady decline in total energy not greater than 10,000 years	Magnetic field decay rate of ½ life = 1400 years.
Sea Floor Sediment	Sediment continually accumulates on the ocean floor as material is eroded from the continents.	Sediment is a good measure of the age of the earth.
Sea Salt	Salt accumulates in the oceans at a rate that, if permitted to continue for billions of years would result in a much higher salinity than we have.	
Helium in Atmosphere	The amount of helium-4 in the atmosphere is much less than expected if the earth were old. The amount suggests the earth is less than 15,000 years.	Helium is the result of radioactive decay of uranium and thorium.
Meteorite dust	15 million tons of nickel meteorite dust settle to earth each year.	
Moon dust	Given the rate of accumulation of dust on the moon it would be much thicker than it is today.	
Population statistics	Population growth rates indicate a human population of 4,000 to 5,000 years at most not millions or billions.	
Short Period Comets.	Comets lose material when they pass close to the sun. Comets	

	that frequently orbit the sun should have already disintegrated if the universe was ancient.	
Wind up of Spiral Galaxies	Spiral galaxies such as the Milky Way rotate around a central axis. Stars close to the center rotate faster than those in the outer reaches, and so it stands to reason that spiral galaxies should “wind up” within a few hundred million years and no longer have the spiral.	
Recession of the Moon	A very simple proof that the earth and moon are relatively young is found in the recession of the moon from the earth. The present rate of recession of the moon is known and clearly indicates a young age for the earth-moon system.	

Just Right Facts		
Gravity is Just Right ⁴	Gravity holds the universe together and make life possible. Universal gravitational constant (6.672×10^{-11})	If gravitational constant were even a fraction stronger, stars would be too massive and burn too quickly for life to exist. Conversely, if a fraction weaker, stars would be too cool for nuclear fusion.
Electromagnetism is Just Right	The universe is electrically neutral. The number of positively charged particles (protons) in the universe is equal to the number of negatively charged particles (electrons).	
Nuclear Forces are Just Right	Both strong and weak nuclear forces are just right for life. If the strong force were 5 percent stronger or weaker, we would not have stable stars or the basic chemistry on which life depends.	

⁴ Hugh Ross

The Age of the Universe II

Session 7

I. Special Creation: The age of the Universe – What does the Bible say?

1. Hermeneutics. Hermes was the messenger god of the Greek gods who brought the messages of the gods to the mortals. English Hermeneutics defines the rules of communication.
 - a. Literal-historical-grammatical method. i) Context. ii) historical setting. iii) original meaning and understanding.
 - b. Genesis was written ~1500 BC in Hebrew to the Jews of Moses' day.

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

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³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it* was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (Gen 1:1-5)

II. Gen 1:1-5 Summary:

1. Light (Heb. אֹר "or") and darkness (Heb. חֹשֶׁךְ "choshek") , day (Heb. יוֹם "yom") and night (Heb. לַיְלָה "lay^elah").
2. Evening (Heb. עֶרֶב "ereb" evening, sunset, dusk) and morning (Heb. בֹּקֶר "boqer" morning, break of day, dawn).
3. First (Heb. אֶחָד "echad" ordinal number) day (Heb. יוֹם "yom").
 - i) The day of the Lord = "time" or "period" of the Lord, not single 24 hour day.
 - ii) Day of battle = "time" or "period" of battle, not single 24 hour day.
 - iii) First day = day one, second day, third day.... are single 24 hour days. When day is modified by a number then it should be taken as a normal literal 24 hour day.

III. How did the original audience understand Genesis 1-2?

i) Gen 2:1-4.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. ⁴ This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, (Gen 2:1-4 NKJ)

ii) Exodus 20:11 – the 10 commandments

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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. (Ex. 20:8-11 NKJ)

iii) Exodus 31:17

¹⁵ Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh *is* the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does *any* work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁶ Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

¹⁷ It *is* a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed." (Ex. 31:15-17 NKJ)

**iv) Acts 3:21. God spoke through His prophets since the world began => days not eons.
(cf. Luke 1:69-70;**

¹⁹ "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

²⁰ "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

²¹ "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

(Act 3:19-21 NKJ)

v) Mark 10:6. Man a woman created in the beginning => days not eons.

⁶ "But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female." ⁷ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. (Mar 10:6-8 NKJ)

IV. All creation was created mature.

V. Miracles of Christ show the appearance of time.

i) Jesus turned water to wine (John 2:1-11)

⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*.

⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine (οἶνος *oinos*, from Hebrew meaning "effervesce, fermented"), and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. ¹⁰ And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" (John 2:7-10 NKJ)

ii) Jesus feeds the 5,000 then the 4,000 (John 6; Mark 8)

VI. Triune God created

i) All things are out of God the Father, through God the Son, and in God the Spirit. "In general it may be said that being is out of the Father, thought or the idea out of the Son, and life out of the Holy Spirit." (Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology, p. 129)

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), ⁶ yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*. (1Co 8:5-6 NKJ)

In the beginning...

Session 8

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym) created the heavens and the earth.

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.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it* was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

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I. Gen 1:1 Tri-unity of the Universe reflects its Creator

A. Creation's first set of 3s – space, matter, & time.

1. In the beginning describes time
2. God created the heavens and earth describes space and
3. matter

B. Subdivided into 3s.

1. Time is past, present, future
2. Space is 3 dimensional
3. Matter is divided into 3 states: solid, liquid and gas

C. God is the eternal Plural of Majesty. God is אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym masc. pl. = 3 or more (not dual)

i) Unity of the Trinity (Deut. 6:4)

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD (יהוה Yehovah, "to be, exist") our God (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym, "gods,God"), the LORD is one (אֶחָד 'echad, "one")! ⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (Deu 6:4-5 NKJ)

ii) Eternal Trinity (Rom. 1:20; Deut 33:27)

The eternity of God: God is not limited or bound by time; with God there is no succession of events. With Him there is no distinction between present, past, and future; but all things are equally and always present to Him (Paul Enns, The Moody Handbook of Theology, p. 200).

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal (αἰδιος aidios, "eternal, everlasting") power and Godhead (θειότης theiotes, "divine nature") , so that they are without excuse, (Rom 1:20 NKJ)

²⁷ The eternal (קִדְמָה qedem, "front of time, east") God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting (עוֹלָם 'olam, "forever, everlasting, eternal") arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!' (Deu 33:27 NKJ)

iii) Eternal Father and Son (Isa. 9:6)

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting (אֲדָמָה 'ad, "perpetuity, perpetually, eternity") Father, Prince of Peace. (Isa 9:6 NKJ)

iv) Eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14)

¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb 9:14 NKJ)

D. Time is limited and purposeful

i) Time has an end – with Christ's return (Dan 8:19; 11:35; 11:40)

⁹ And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*. (Dan 8:19 NKJ)

³⁵ "And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the appointed time. (Dan 11:35 NKJ)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:11-15 NKJ)

21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Rev 21:1-2 NKJ)

E. God above (outside of) time (Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Cor. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:9)

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds (αἰών aion, "ages, worlds, universe, an unbroken age"); (Heb 1:1-2 NKJ)

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages (αἰών aion, "ages") for our glory, (1Co 2:7 NKJ)

⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time (χρόνος, chronos, "time") began, (2Ti 1:9 NKJ)

Our time is in God's hands (Ps. 31:15)

¹⁵ My times *are* in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me. (Psa 31:15 NKJ)

i) God moves in history

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

³ You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. (Psa 90:1-4 NKJ)

F. When is eternal not eternal?

i) God is eternal – From everlasting to everlasting.

¹³ Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel From everlasting (עוֹלָם 'olam, "everlasting, eternity") to everlasting! Amen and Amen. (Psa 41:13 NKJ)

ii) Man has an eternal destiny – either eternal life or eternal death.

⁴⁶ "And these will go away into everlasting (αἰώνιος, aionios, "perpetual, everlasting, eternal") punishment (κόλασις, kolasis, "punishment, torment"), but the righteous into eternal (αἰώνιος) life (ζωή, zoa, "life")." (Mat 25:46 NKJ)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:1-3 NKJ)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Joh 3:16 NKJ)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2Co 5:17 NKJ)

In the beginning, God created Space

Session 9

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym) created the heavens and the earth.

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.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was good*; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (Gen 1:1-5)

I. Gen 1:1 Tri-unity of the Universe reflects its Creator

A. Creation's first set of 3s – space, matter, & time.

1. In the beginning describes time
2. **God created the heavens and earth describes space and**
3. matter

a. God's infiniteness

- I. God alone is infinite (not-finite):
- II. Immensity is an attribute of God that says God transcends all spatial limitations, and yet is present in every point of space with His whole Being. (Paul Enns, Moody Handbook of Theology)

i) The Immensity of God (1 Ki. 8:27; Job 11:7-9; Isa. 40:12; 55:8-9; 66:1-2; 57:15; Jer 23:23-24; Acts 7:48-49)

²⁷ "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven (שָׁמַיִם, shamayim, "heavens"pl.) and the heaven of heavens cannot contain (כִּלְיָהוּ, kul, "contain, measure, sustain, hold in", intensive) You. How much less this temple which I have built! (1 Kings 8:27 NKJ)

66:1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? ² For all those *things* My hand has made, And all those *things* exist," Says the LORD. "But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word. (Isa 66:1-2 NKJ)

²³ "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. (Jer 23:23-24 NKJ)

¹⁵ For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (Isa 57:15 NKJ)

⁴⁷ "But Solomon built Him a house.

⁴⁸ "However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

⁴⁹ "Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, Or what *is* the place of My rest?

⁵⁰ Has My hand not made all these things?" (Act 7:47-50 NKJ)

III. God created space – He stretched out the heavens (Job 9:8; Ps. 104:2; Isa. 40:22; 42:5; 44:24; 45:12; 48:13; 51:13; Jer 10:12; 51:15; Zech 12:1)

⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out (נָטָה, natah, "to stretch out, extend"), Who spread forth (רָקַע, raqa, "to pound, stretch, stamp") the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath (נְשָׁמָה, n^eshamah, "breath, spirit") to the people on it, And spirit (רוּחַ, ruach, "wind, breath, spirit") to those who walk on it: (Isa 42:5 NKJ)

²⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed (יָצַר, yatsar, “to form, fashion, frame, potter”) you from the womb: "I *am* the LORD, who makes (עָשָׂה, ‘asah, “to do, make”) all *things*, Who stretches out (נָטָה, natah, “to stretch out, extend”), the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad (רָקַע, raqa, “to pound, stretch, stamp”) the earth by Myself; ²⁵ Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness; ²⁶ Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, ‘You shall be inhabited,’ To the cities of Judah, ‘You shall be built,’ And I will raise up her waste places; ²⁷ Who says to the deep, ‘Be dry! And I will dry up your rivers’; ²⁸ Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, “You shall be built,” And to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.”' (Isa 44:24-28 NKJ)

¹² "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I *am* He, I *am* the First, I *am* also the Last.

¹³ Indeed My hand has laid the foundation (יָסַד, yasad, "to found, fix, establish, lay foundation") of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out (תַּפְּחָח, taphach “to extend, spread, carry on the palms”, Intensive verb) the heavens; *When* I call to them, They stand up (עָמַד, ‘amad “to stand, remain”) together (יָחַד, yachad “union, united, together”). (Isa 48:12-13 NKJ)

¹⁰ But the LORD *is* the true God; He *is* the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. ¹¹ Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens." ¹² He has made the earth by His power (כֹּחַ, koach “strength, power, might”), He has established (כּוּן, kun, “to be firm, stable, established”, causative verb) the world (תֵּבֵל, tebel, "world, habitable") by His wisdom, And has stretched out (נָטָה, natah, “to stretch out, extend”) the heavens at His discretion. ¹³ When He utters His voice, *There is* a multitude of waters in the heavens: "And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasures." (Jer 10:10-13 NKJ)

The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out (נָטָה, natah, “to stretch out, extend”) the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms (יָצַר, yatsar “to form, fashion, frame, potter”) the spirit (רוּחַ, ruach “wind, breath, spirit, mind”) of man within him: (Zec 12:1)

Day	Formation ⁵	
One	Energizing of the physical elements of the cosmos	Heavens & earth created. Light separated from dark,
Two	Formation of the atmosphere and hydrosphere (hydro=water)	Waters separated, making clouds and ocean
Three	Formation of the lithosphere (litho=rock) and biosphere (bio=life)	Waters gathered to one place and dry land appears. Land produces vegetation
Four	Formation of the astrosphere (astro=celestial)	Sun, moon, and stars in sky
Five	Formation of all life in the atmosphere (atmo=steam&vapor) and hydrosphere	Water swarms with sea creatures. Birds fly in the sky
Six	Formation of life for the lithosphere and biosphere	Earth produces living creatures. Mankind made in the image of God

⁵ Adapted from *Henry Morris*, *Scientific Creationism* (Green Forest:Master Books, 2003), 208

In the beginning God created Matter

Session 10

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym) created the heavens and the earth. 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. (Gen 1:1-2)

I. Gen 1:1 Tri-unity of the Universe reflects its Creator

A. Creation's first set of 3s – space, matter, & time.

1. In the beginning describes time
2. God created the heavens and earth describes space and
3. matter

I. **Matter:** 1.physical substance in general, as distinct from mind and spirit; (in physics) that which occupies space and possesses rest mass, especially as distinct from energy.

2.Objects that take up space and have mass are called *matter*.

II. **energy: Total E = kinetic E + Potential E = rest energy + moving energy. $E=mc^2$**

- a. Matter -> Energy: Food transformed to energy
- b. Energy -> Matter: Sun +water + seed = plant

¹⁰ 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 (στοιχεῖον "any first thing") will melt (λύω "to loose, break up, destroy, dissolve") with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (2 Pet 3:10-12)

III. God is Spirit (John 4:24)

²⁴ "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24 NKJ)

IV. God is invisible (1 Tim. 1:17)

¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal (ἀφθαρτος "not liable to corruption or decay"), invisible (ἀόρατος not + visible), to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim 1:17 NKJ)

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (John 1:18 NKJ)

³⁹ "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." (Luke 24:39 NKJ)

V. God created matter – ex-nihilo (Ps. 33:6,9; 148:5; Heb 11:3 ; Rev. 4:11)

a) **creatio ex-nihilo (Lat. "creation out of nothing").** *Creatio ex nihilo* means before God began to create the universe, nothing else existed except God himself (Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology,p263)

b) How did God create?

i) By the Word of His mouth

⁴ For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth. ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. ⁶ By the word (דְּבַר "word") of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath (רוּחַ "spirit, breath,wind") of His mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹ For He spoke (אָמַר "to speak, say"), and it was done; He commanded (צִוָּה "command, give charge", intensive), and it stood fast. (Psa 33:4-9 NKJ)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (John 1:1-3 NKJ)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. (Col 1:15-18 NKJ)

11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. ³ By faith we understand (νοιέω "perceive with the mind, think upon, understand") that the worlds were framed (καταρτίζω down + fitted, "to render fit or sound, made perfect") by the word (ῥῆμα "that which has been uttered") of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Heb 11:1-3 NKJ)

ii) **By commanding it into existence**

148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded (הִצַּו "command, give charge", intensive) and they were created.

⁶ He also established (הִקְמַח "to stand, set, station", causative) them forever and ever; He made a decree (פֶּה "statute, ordinance, limit, a law") which shall not pass away. (Psa 148:1-6 NKJ)

iii) **By the will of God**

¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." (Rev 4:11 NKJ)

¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations ") in the presence of Him whom he believed-- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; (Rom 4:16-17 NKJ)

VI. **The Decrees of God**

- a. *Defn.* The decrees of God have been established in eternity past and have reference to God's sovereign control over every realm and over all events (Paul Enns, The Moody Handbook of Theology).

The decrees of God are the eternal plans of God whereby, before the creation of the world, he determined to bring about everything that happens. This doctrine is similar to the doctrine of providence, but here we are thinking about God's decisions before the world was created, rather than his providential actions in time. His providential actions are the outworkings of the eternal decrees that he made long ago. (Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology)

b. **The Decrees of God Presupposes the Ordered Laws**

i) **Laws of nature, Laws of conscience, Laws of society, Laws of predetermination**

²⁹ 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, (Pro 8:29 NKJ)

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹ For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast. (Psa 33:6-9 NKJ)

⁵ Since his days *are* determined, The number of his months *is* with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass. (Job 14:5 NKJ)

Incredible Creatures: The Six-Gill Shark and the Sperm Whale

Creation Day One

Session 11

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym) created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth (אֶרֶץ 'erets, "land, earth") was without form (תֹּהוּ tohu), and void (בְּהוּ bohu); and darkness was on the face of the deep (תְּהוֹם t'hom, "deep, abyss"). And the Spirit of God was hovering (רָחַף rachaph, "hover, flutter, grow soft", intensive verb) over the face of the waters.

I. Day One

³ Then God said (אָמַר 'amar, "to say" Lat. fiat), "Let there be light"; and there was light (אוֹר 'or, "light").

⁴ And God saw (רָאָה ra'ah, "to look, see, inspect") the light, that *it was* good (טוֹב tov, "good, pleasant"); and God divided (בָּדַל badal, "to divide, separate", causative verb; בֵּין beyn, "between") the light from (בֵּין beyn, "between") the darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek, "darkness, obscurity").

⁵ God called (קָרָא qara', "to call, cry out, proclaim") the light Day (יוֹם yom, "day"), and the darkness He called Night (לַיְלָה lay'lah). So the evening (עֶרֶב 'ereb, "evening, night, sunset") and the morning (בֹּקֶר boqer, "morning, break of day") were the first day. (Gen 1:3-5 NKJ)

Light

1. Literal light and dark. As is described here "...and there was light".
2. Figures of speech.
 - A. Light
 - a. Of life itself (Job 3:16,20;Ps. 56:13).
 - b. Doctrine of instruction (Isa. 2:5,49:6,, 51:4).
 - c. Of the guidance of God (Job 29:3; Ps. 112:4; Isa. 58:10).
 - d. Of Scripture (Ps. 119:105).
 - e. Of wisdom (Dan. 2:22,5:13,41).
 - f. The nature of God (1 Jn. 1:5).
 - g. Of the glory of God's dwelling place (1 Tim. 6:16).
 - h. As Jesus Christ as the illuminator of men (Jn. 1:4,5,9,3:19,8:12).
 - i. Of the gospel of salvation (Mt. 4:16; Act 26:18; Col. 1:12).
 - j. Of truth to be obeyed (1 Jn. 1:7; Eph. 5:8; Rom. 13:12).
 - k. Of those bearing truth (Mt. 5:14,16; Act 13:47).
 - B. Darkness
 - a. Spiritual ignorance and blindness (Eccl. 2:14, Isa. 9:2, Jn. 1:5, 8:12).
 - b. A day of calamity and sorrow (Isa. 8:22; Joel 2:2; 1 Jn. 2:8).
 - c. The despair of the lost is as darkness (Mt. 4:16, 6:23).
 - d. The works of darkness (Rom. 13:12, Eph. 5:11).
 - e. Of the condition of the dead apart from the light of the gospel (Job 10:21-22; Col. 1:13).

f. Final condition of the lost (Mt. 22:13,25:30; Jude 13)⁶

God divided (לָדָדַד badal, “to divide, separate”) Causative	
Gen 1:4	Light from darkness
Gen 1:6-7	Firmament
Gen 1:14,18	day from night (with the creation of the sun), light from darkness

Occasion	Event
Preface	Heavens created Earth created
Day 1	Light separated from dark
Day 2	Waters separated, making clouds and ocean
Day 3	Waters gathered to one place and dry land appears Land produces vegetation
Day 4	Sun, moon, and stars appear in sky
Day 5	Water swarms with sea creatures Birds fly in the sky
Day 6	Earth produces living creatures Man made in the image of God
Day 7	God rested

Teleological Argument. The universe appears to have been designed with some purpose in mind, therefore a designer must have designed it. Gr. Telos, “end, goal.” “Since the universe appears to be designed with a purpose, there must be an intelligent end purposeful God who created it to function this way.” (Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology)

Cosmological Argument. Everything in the universe has a cause, therefore the universe must have a cause, and the cause of the universe is the great uncaused first cause – God.

⁶ Wycliffe Bible Dictionary, Hendrickson, 1999.

Creation Day Two

Session 12

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

I. The First Day (1:2-5)

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.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it* was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

II. The Second Day (1:6-8)

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

⁷ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

1. Firmament : רָקִיעַ *raqiya'* (sg.), extended surface (solid), expanse (flat as base support), from the root verb "to spread, to beat, stamp, beat out, spread out, stretch." Considered by Hebrews as solid and supporting 'waters' above.

⁵ To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁶ To Him who laid out (רָקִיעַ "stretched out") the earth above the waters, For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁷ To Him who made great lights, For His mercy *endures* forever--

⁸ The sun to rule by day, For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁹ The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy *endures* forever. (Psa 136:5-9 NKJ)

⁶dixit quoque Deus fiat firmamentum in medio aquarum et dividat aquas ab aquis (Latin Vulgate)

LXX: στειρόωμα *streoma*, "a thing establish, firm"

a. Extent of the firmament (Gen 1:20)

²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." (Gen 1:20 NKJ)

b. Firmament synonymous with heaven (Ps 150:1)

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! (Psa 150:1 NKJ)

1. Heaven: שָׁמַיִם *shamayim*, (du.) "heavens" Dual:

- A. **visible:**(i) the sky where the birds fly and the clouds reside (Gen 8:2; Job 38:29; Is 55:10; Hos 2:18)

² The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. (Gen 8:2 NKJ)

“The atmospheric heaven. Heaven may be used to describe the troposphere – the space surrounding the earth and extending to a height of about 6 miles. “ (Paul Enns, *The Moody Handbook of Theology*)

(ii) the abode of the stars (Gen 1:14-18; Deut 4:19)

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; (Gen 1:14 NKJ)

B. invisible: heaven – the abode of God (Ps. 68:33; 102:19; Matt 6:9; 2 Cor 12:2)

³³ To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, *which were* of old! Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice. (Psa 68:33 NKJ)

¹⁹ For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth, (Psa 102:19 NKJ)

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a one was caught up to the third heaven. (2 Cor 12:2 NKJ)

2. Water: מַיִם mayim, (du.) “waters.”

3. Character of the firmament (Ezek. 1:26; Dan. 12:3)

²⁴ When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings.

²⁵ A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

²⁶ And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.

²⁷ Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around.

²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking. (Eze 1:24-28 NKJ)

² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

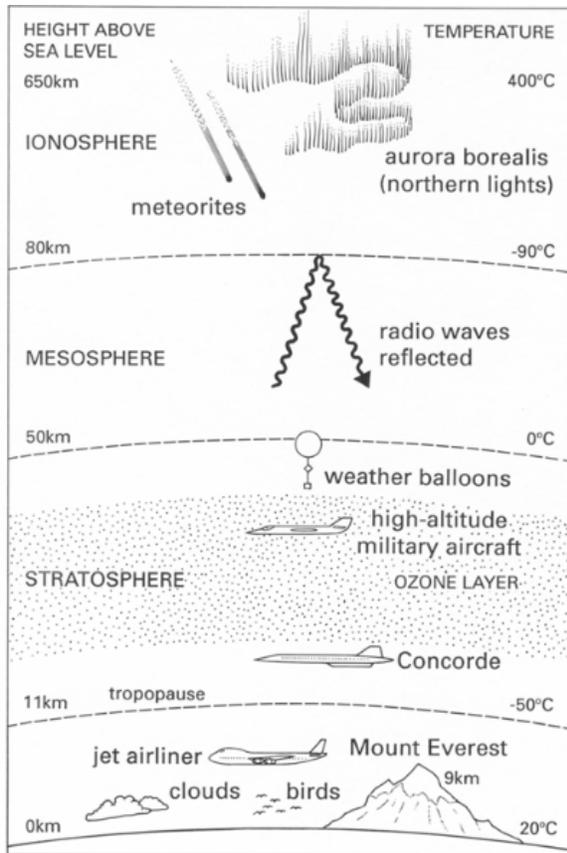
³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. (Dan 12:2-3 NKJ)

Northern lights from space (images from NASA)

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. (Psa 19:1 NKJ)

¹⁸ can you join him in spreading out the skies, hard as a mirror of cast bronze? (Job 37:18 NIV)

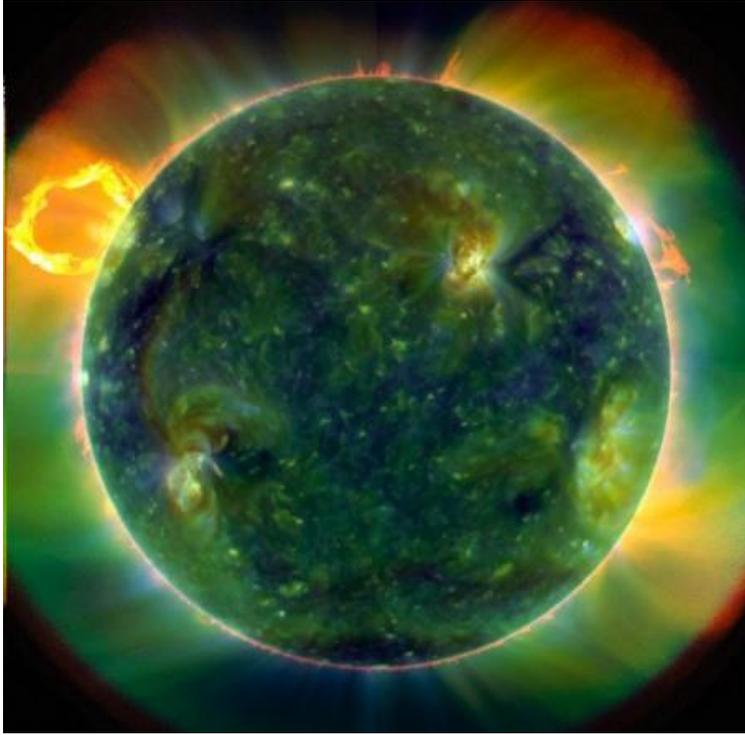




Earth is surrounded by invisible gases that form a thin protective blanket that we call the **atmosphere**. It contains the oxygen that we breath as well as other important gases such as nitrogen, carbon dioxide, water vapor, and ozone. It protects us from the Sun's harmful rays, burns and destroys meteors that are headed toward Earth, and it keeps our planet from having extreme temperature changes. Without this protective blanket we would have very hot days and freezing nights.

The atmosphere is divided vertically into four layers based on temperature: the *troposphere*, *stratosphere*, *mesosphere*, and *thermosphere*. Most of the atmosphere is in the troposphere which starts from ground level to about ten miles. We live in the troposphere were most of our weather conditions, like clouds, rain, and storms are produced in the troposphere.





pH

As this diagram shows, pH ranges from 0 to 14, with 7 being neutral. pHs less than 7 are acidic while pHs greater than 7 are alkaline (basic). Normal rainfall has a pH of about 5.6—slightly acidic due to carbon dioxide gas from the atmosphere. You can see that acid rain can be very acidic, and it can affect the environment in a negative way.

Creation Day Three

Session 13

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

III. The First Day (1:2-5)

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. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

IV. The Second Day (1:6-8)

⁶ Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." ⁷ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

V. Third Day (1:9-13)

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

¹⁰ And God called the dry *land* Earth (עֲרֶצַת 'erets, "land, earth"), and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

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A. Order of Creation

Order of Creation ⁷	Order of Evolution
Matter was created by God	Matter is eternal
Earth was created before the sun and stars	The sun and stars existed before the earth
The ocean was formed before land	Land existed before the ocean
Light was created before the sun	The sun was the earth's first light
Land plants were earth's first life	Marine organisms were earth's first life
Plants were created before the sun	The sun existed long before the plants
Fruit trees were created before fish	Fish existed long before fruit trees
Birds were created before insects	Insects existed long before birds
Birds were created before reptiles	Reptiles existed before birds
Man lived before there was rain	Rain fell before man existed
Man was created before the woman	A female <i>Homo sapiens</i> developed first
Man was uniquely formed in perfection	Man took ages to develop from apes
The creation is completed	Evolutionary development is ongoing

4. Water: מַיִם mayim, (du.) "waters."

a. Major properties

Water exists as a solid (freezing point = 32 deg F, 0 deg C), liquid, gas (212 deg F; 100 deg C). **Liquid water evaporates.** When liquid water meets dry air that is not in equilibrium with, it evaporates off the surface until the amount of water vapor pressure in the air is in equilibrium.

⁷ Henry Morris III, *Exploring the Evidence for Creation* (Eugene: Harvest House, 2009), p. 181

Hydrologic Cycle: (Ecc. 1:7; Is 55:10; Ps. 135:7; Jer 10:13; Job 26:8; 37:16)

⁷ All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea *is* not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again. (Ecc 1:7 NKJ)

¹⁰ "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, (Isa 55:10 NKJ)

⁷ He causes the vapors (נַשִּׁימָה) nasiy, "one lifted up, rising mist, vapor") to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries. (Psa 135:7 NKJ)

¹² He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

¹³ When He utters His voice, *There is* a multitude of waters in the heavens: "And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasuries." (Jer 10:12-13 NKJ)

⁸ He binds up the water in His thick clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken under it. (Job 26:8 NKJ)

¹⁶ Do you know how the clouds are balanced, Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge? (Job 37:16 NKJ)

b. Composition of Atmosphere.

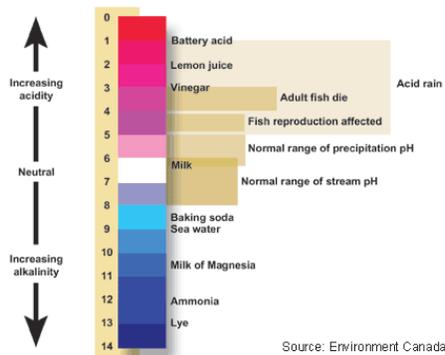
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Major driver of earth's temperature is water.

c. Water is essential for distributing life essential nutrients in the body.

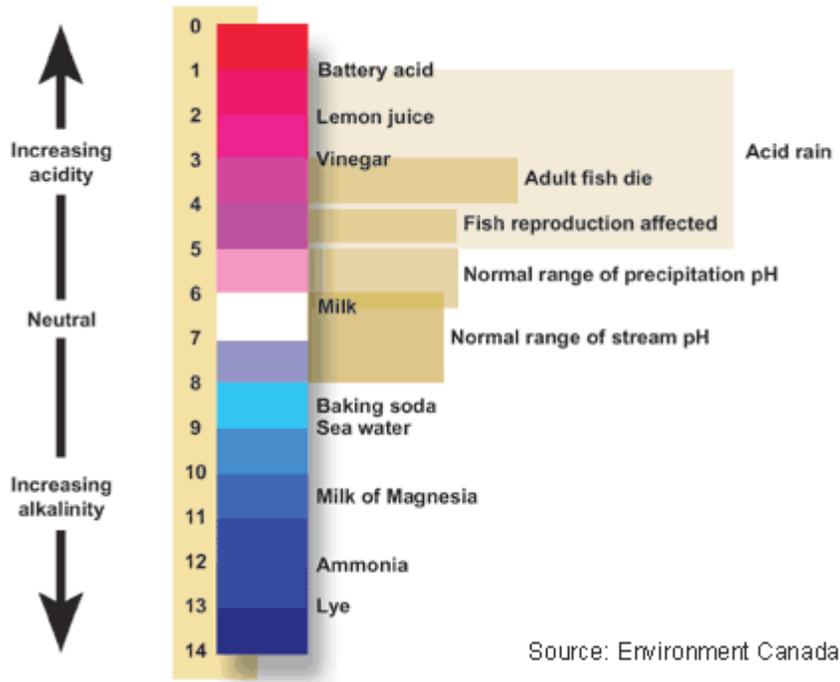
d. pH

As this diagram shows, pH ranges from 0 to 14, with 7 being neutral. pHs less than 7 are acidic while pHs greater than 7 are alkaline (basic). Normal rainfall has a pH of about 5.6—slightly acidic due to carbon dioxide gas from the atmosphere. You can see that acid rain can be very acidic, and it can affect the environment in a negative way.



- 5. **Jesus is the essential water of life** (Is. 12:3; 55:1-2; John 4:10-14; 7:39 (Spirit); Rev 22:1-2). Water as a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Is. 44:3; John 7:38-39). The Word is the rain that produces fruit (Is 55:10-11)

Occasion	Event
Preface	Heavens created Earth created
Day 1	Light separated from dark, division of day from night
Day 2	Waters separated, division of atmosphere from ocean
Day 3	Waters gathered to one place and dry land appears Land produces vegetation
Day 4	Sun, moon, and stars appear in sky
Day 5	Water swarms with sea creatures Birds fly in the sky
Day 6	Earth produces living creatures Man made in the image of God
Day 7	God rested



Teleological Argument. The universe appears to have been designed with some purpose in mind, therefore a designer must have designed it. Gr. Telos, “end, goal.” “Since the universe appears to be designed with a purpose, there must be an intelligent end purposeful God who created it to function this way.” (Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology)

Cosmological Argument. Everything in the universe has a cause, therefore the universe must have a cause, and the cause of the universe is the great uncaused first cause – God.

Creation Day Three Biogenesis

Session 14

I. Third Day (1:9-13)

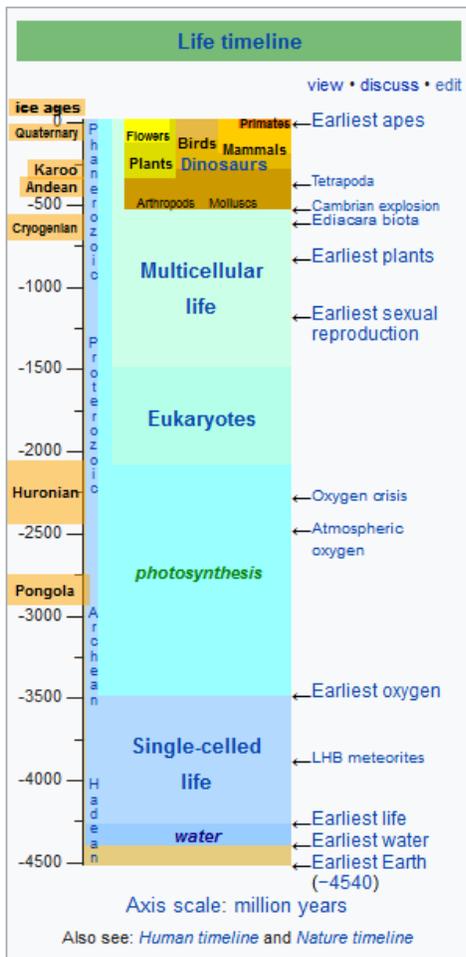
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a. Composition of Atmosphere.

Lower Atmosphere contents: Nitrogen = 78%, Oxygen 21%, Argon 0.93%, Co2 0.03%, Water Vapor ~ 1-4% at the surface, 0.4% at high altitudes.

Dr. Morris says, "an atmosphere containing free oxygen would be fatal to all origin-of-life schemes. Oxygen is necessary for life, but free oxygen would oxidize and thus destroy all organic molecules required for the origin of life. We have much evidence that the earth has always had a significant quantity of free oxygen in the atmosphere, but evolutionists persist in declaring that there was no oxygen in the earth's early atmosphere. However, this too would be fatal to an evolutionary origin of life. Without oxygen, there would be no protective layer of ozone surrounding the earth. The deadly ultraviolet light from the sun would pour down on the surface of the earth unimpeded, destroying the organic molecules required for life, reducing them to simple gases, such as nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and water." (Henry Morris, III, *Exploring the Evidence for Creation*, p. 111)

b. God is the active agent of life (Gen 1:10; Ps. 104:30; 147:8-9; Job 33:4; 12:9-10)

³⁰ You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth. (Psa 104:30 NKJ)

⁸ Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. ⁹ He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry. (Psa 147:8-9 NKJ)

⁴ The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4 NKJ)

⁹ Who among all these does not know That the hand of the LORD has done this, ¹⁰ In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind? (Job 12:9-10 NKJ)

II. Periodic Table: Inorganic Chemistry

a. Spontaneous generation disproved

Redi (1688), Spallanzani (1780), Pasteur (1860), Virchow (1858).

b. Law of Biogenesis: Louis Pasteur (1864) life comes only from preexisting life and will only perpetuate its own kind. (Scott Huse, *The Collapse of Evolution*, p. 51) = Gen. 1:10.

Lat. *Omne vivum ex vivo*, Latin for "all life [is] from life." A related statement is *Omnis cellula e cellula*, "all cells [are] from cells;" this conclusion is one of the central statements cell theory. Pasteur summarized: 'La generation sponanee est une chimere' "Spontaneous generation is a dream"

abiogenesis: Name given to the lie of life from non-living materials (Thomas Huxley)

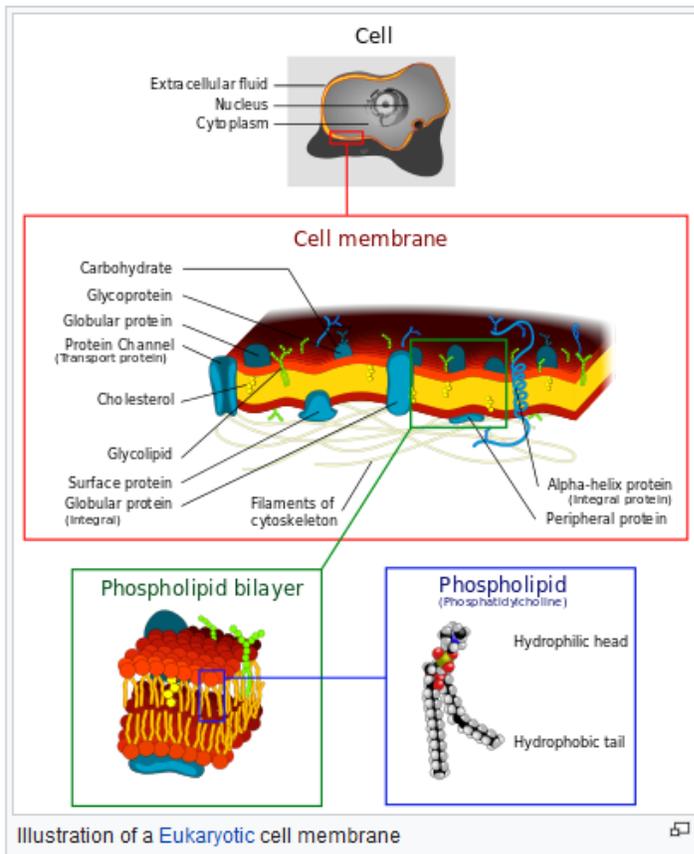
III. Evolutionist Assumptions

"All of the 'molecules-to-man science' is built upon these assumptions, but you rarely, if ever, see them listed in a high school or college textbook.

1. The first assumption is that non-living things gave rise to living material, i.i. spontaneous generation occurred.
2. The second assumption is that spontaneous generation occurred only once.
3. The third assumption is that viruses, bacteria, plants and animals are all related.
4. The fourth assumption is that protozoa (single-celled life forms) gave rise to metazoan (multiple-celled life forms).
5. The fifth assumption is that various invertebrate phyla are interrelated.
6. The sixth assumption is that the invertebrates gave rise to the vertebrates.
7. The seventh assumption is that within the vertebrates the fish gave rise to amphibia, the amphibia to reptiles and the reptiles to the birds and mammals." (Jobe Martin, The Evolution of a Creationists, p. 33)

IV. God's wonder of creation - The Cell

Jobe Martin (The Evolution of a Creationists p. 36-37)



“Scientists do not talk vary much about the evolution of the cell membrane. The membrane that provides the outside wall (or skin) of the cell is highly complex. This membrane permits specific concentrations of certain chemicals and solutions into and out of the cell. If the concentrations of some of these chemicals vary by even 1/100% the cell will die. At a microscopic spot in the universe, how did those chemicals all get together in the correct configurations and concentrations and at the same instant? In addition, how did the cell membrane form around them at just the right moment permitting only specific concentrations of chemicals in and out of the cell (“knowing,” of course, what those chemicals must and must not be?) And how could all of this somehow know how to reproduce itself and not die in the process?

The God of the Bible said He created, created, created! His creation defies the speculation of the evolutionist. Creation necessitates a designer. It demands fully functional life from the beginning. Biology acknowledges this with its most well-proven law, the law of Biogenesis: Life generates life. If something is alive, it is alive because something else alive produced it. The Bible tells us the living God is the Creator of life, and that statement agrees with what we see in biology. Life always comes from life.” (Jobe Martin, p. 36-37)

The Cell⁸

The cell membrane, also known as the plasma membrane, is a double layer of lipids and proteins that surrounds a cell and separates the cytoplasm (the contents of the cell) from its surrounding environment. It is selectively permeable, which means that it only lets certain molecules enter and exit. It can also control the amount of some substances that go into or out of the cell. All cells have a cell membrane.

Function of the Cell Membrane

The cell membrane gives the cell its structure and regulates the materials that enter and leave the cell. Like a drawbridge intended to protect a castle and keep out enemies, the cell membrane only allows certain molecules to enter or exit. Oxygen, which cells need in order to carry out metabolic functions such as cellular respiration, and carbon dioxide, a byproduct of these functions, can easily enter and exit through the membrane. Water can also freely cross the membrane, although it does so at a slower rate. However, highly charged molecules, like ions, cannot directly pass through, nor can large macromolecules like carbohydrates or amino acids. Instead, these molecules must pass through proteins that are embedded in the membrane. In this way, the cell can control the rate of diffusion of these substances.

Another way the cell membrane can bring molecules inside it is through endocytosis. This includes phagocytosis (“cell eating”) and pinocytosis (“cell drinking”). During these processes, the cell membrane forms a depression and surrounds the particle that it is engulfing. It then “pinches off” to form a small sphere of membrane called a vesicle that contains the molecule and transports it to wherever it will be used in the cell. Vesicles are also created from the cell membrane when endocytosis is not occurring, and are used to transport molecules to different areas within the cell. Cells can also get rid of molecules through exocytosis, which is the opposite of endocytosis. During exocytosis, vesicles come to the surface of the cell membrane, merge with it, and release their contents to the outside of the cell. Exocytosis removes the cell’s waste products— parts of molecules that are not used by the cell.

The cell membrane also plays a role in cell signaling and communication. Receptor proteins on the cell membrane can bind to molecules of substances produced by other areas of the body, such as hormones. When a molecule binds to its target receptor on the membrane, it

⁸ The Cell from biologydictionary.net

initiates a signal transduction pathway inside the cell that transmits the signal to the appropriate molecules. Then, the cell can perform the action specified by the signal molecule, such as making or stopping production of a certain protein.

Phospholipids are a main component of the cell membrane. These are lipid molecules made up of a phosphate group head and two fatty acid tails. The properties of phospholipid molecules allow them to spontaneously form a double-layered membrane. When in water or an aqueous solution, which includes the inside of the body, the hydrophilic heads of phospholipids will orient themselves to be on the outside, while the hydrophobic tails will be on the inside. The technical term for this double layer of phospholipids that forms the cell membrane is a phospholipid bilayer. Eukaryotic cells, which make up the bodies of all organisms except for bacteria and archaea, also have a nucleus that is surrounded by a phospholipid bilayer membrane.

In addition, the cell membrane contains glycolipids and sterols. One important sterol is cholesterol, which regulates the fluidity of the cell membrane in animal cells. When there is less cholesterol, membranes become more fluid, but also more permeable to molecules. The amount of cholesterol in the membrane helps maintain its permeability so that the right amount of molecules can enter the cell at a time, not too many or too few.

The cell membrane also contains many different proteins. Proteins make up about half of the cell membrane. Many of these proteins are transmembrane proteins, which are embedded in the membrane but stick out on both sides. Some of these proteins are receptors which bind to signal molecules, while others are ion channels which are the only means of allowing ions into or out of the cell. Scientists use the fluid mosaic model to describe the structure of the cell membrane. The cell membrane has a fluid consistency due to being made up in large part of phospholipids, and because of this, proteins move freely across its surface. The multitude of different proteins and lipids in the cell membrane give it the look of a mosaic.

Creation Day Four

Session 15

Fourth Day (1:14-19)

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights (מְאֹרִים ma'or, "light, luminary") in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

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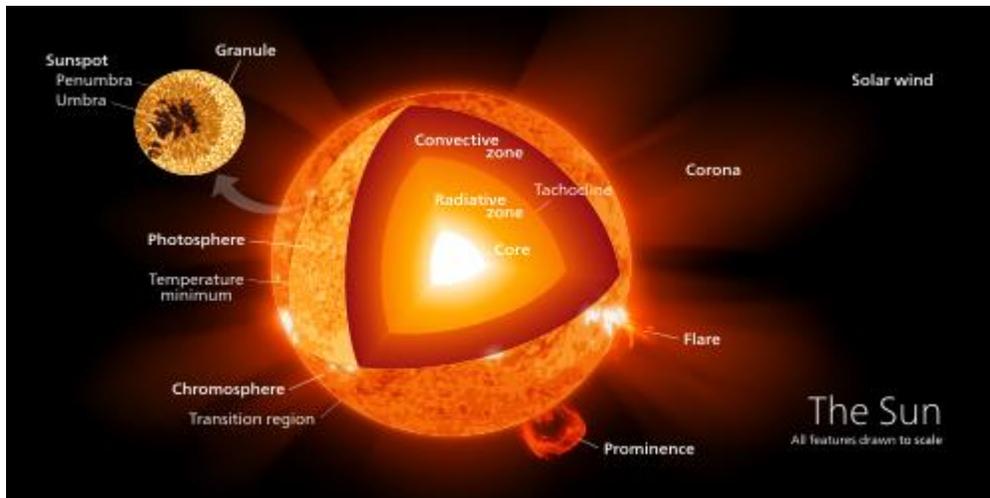
¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was good*.

¹⁹ So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. (Gen 1:14-19 NKJ)

- a. **Days:** Heb. יוֹם yom, "day," from root "to be hot" = earth's rotational axis = 24 hour cycle of night then day.
- b. **Years:** Heb. שָׁנָה shanah, "year", from root "to repeat" = earth's rotation around the sun.
- c. **greater light** = sun; Heb. שֶׁמֶשׁ shemesh, "from an unused root meaning to be brilliant"; Gr. ἥλιος helios.

"Sunlight at the top of Earth's atmosphere is composed (by total energy) of about 50% infrared light, 40% visible light, and 10% ultraviolet light. The atmosphere in particular filters out over 70% of solar ultraviolet, especially at the shorter wavelengths. Solar ultraviolet radiation ionizes Earth's dayside upper atmosphere, creating the electrically conducting ionosphere." [Wikipedia]

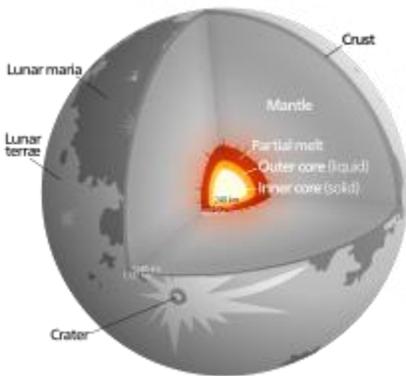
It is by far the most important source of energy for life on Earth. Its diameter is about 1.39 million kilometers, i.e. 109 times that of Earth, and its mass is about 330,000 times that of Earth, accounting for about 99.86% of the total mass of the Solar System.^[47] About three quarters of the Sun's mass consists of hydrogen (~73%); the rest is mostly helium (~25%), with much smaller quantities of heavier elements, including oxygen, carbon, neon, and iron. [Wikipedia]



- d. **lesser light** = moon; Heb. יָרֵחַ yareach, "moon, month (lunar cycle)"; Gr. σελήνη selene

The **Moon** is an astronomical body that orbits planet Earth and is Earth's only permanent natural satellite. It is the fifth-largest natural satellite in the Solar System, and the largest among planetary satellites relative to the size of the planet that it orbits (its primary). [Wikipedia]

The Moon is in synchronous rotation with Earth, and thus always shows the same side to earth, the near side. The near side is marked by dark volcanic **maria** that fill the spaces between the bright ancient crustal highlands and the prominent impact craters. After the Sun, the Moon is the second-brightest regularly visible celestial object in Earth's sky. Its surface is actually dark, although compared to the night sky it appears very bright, with a reflectance just slightly higher than that of worn asphalt. Its gravitational influence produces the ocean tides, body tides, and the slight lengthening of the day.



- e. **stars:** Heb. כּוֹכָב kokab ; Gr. ἀστήρ aster
- f. **rule over:** Heb. מְשָׁלָה memshalah, “to rule, have dominion, reign”

I. The heavens declare the glory of God (Ps. 19:1; Rom. 1:20)

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. (Psa 19:1 NKJ)

a. The sun controlled by God (Ps. 19:4-6)

² Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. ³ *There is no speech nor language Where* their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle (לְאֹהֶל o'hel, “dwelling, tent, home”) for the sun, ⁵ Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *And* rejoices like a strong man to run its race. ⁶ Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. (Psa 19:2-6 NKJ)

b. Quality of brightness and glory (1 Cor. 15:41)

³⁹ All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds. ⁴⁰ *There are* also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. ⁴¹ *There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory. (1Co 15:39-41 NKJ)

i) stability and endurance (Ps 72:17)

¹⁷ His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And *men* shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed. (Psa 72:17 NKJ)

ii) Of judgment and purification (Is 13:10-11;

¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

¹¹ "I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. (Isa 13:10-11 NKJ)

c. Of God (Ps 84:11)

¹¹ For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. ¹² O LORD of hosts, Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You! (Psa 84:11-12 NKJ)

d. Of Christ (Mal 4:2; Matt. 17:1-2; Acts 26:12-14; Rev 10:1)

² But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. (Mal 4:2 NKJ)

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. (Mat 17:1-2 NKJ)

¹² "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

¹³ "at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

¹⁴ "And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the goads.' (Act 26:12-14 NKJ)

I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. (Rev 10:1 NKJ)

e. Of the future glory of believers (Matt 13:43)

⁴¹ "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! (Mat 13:41-43 NKJ)

II. Different kinds of celestial bodies (1 Cor.15:40)

³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

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⁴² So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. (1Co 15:38-43 NKJ)

Creation Day Four Part II

Session 16

Fourth Day (1:14-19)

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Young earth or Old earth?

Main problem: Some stars are billions of light-years from earth, therefore the universe must be old.

Answer: The universe was created fully functional and mature. The stars were visible on the 4th day.

Seven Astronomical Facts⁹:

1. Earth is rotating at ~1,000 mph at the equator.
2. Earth is revolving around the sun ~ 67,000 mph.
3. Earth is moving around the nucleus of the Milky Way Galaxy at ~ 500,000 mph.
4. The Milky Way galaxy itself is traveling at ~ 1.1 million mph.
5. The Milky Way galaxy is about 500,000 million million miles across and contains ~ 300 billion stars.
6. The Milky Way is part of a local cluster of galaxies containing 32 galaxies extending 3,260,000 light-years in diameter.
7. There are ~150 galaxies close enough for us to see stars within them.

I. Stars

“The Hebrews grouped all heavenly bodies except the sun and moon under the term, ‘star’” (Wycliffe Bible Dictionary)

a. Uncountable (Gen. 15:5; 22:17; 26:4)

⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. (Gen 15:4-6 NKJ)

b. The Lord numbers and names them (Ps. 147:4)

⁴ He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

⁵ Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding *is* infinite. (Psa 147:4-5 NKJ)

c. They have ordinances (Jer 31:35; 1 Cor. 15:40-41)

³⁵ Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances (חֻקִּים chuqqah, "statute, ordinance, limit, law") of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts *is* His name): (Jer 31:35 NKJ)

⁹ Adopted from Scott Huse, *The Collapse of Evolution* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008), pp. 104-105

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d. Metaphoric usage for stars

i. Angles (Rev. 1:16,20; 12:4)

ii. The Patriarchs (Gen. 37:9)

iii. Princes and rulers of the earth (Dan. 8:10; Rev. 6:13; 8:10-12; 9:1; 12:4)

iv. Satan is called a fallen morning star "Lucifer" Latin (Isa. 14:12)

¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. (Isa 14:12-15 NKJ)

v. Messiah

1. Prophecy of (Num 24:17; Isa 60:3)

¹⁷ "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult. (Num 24:17 NKJ)

2. Christ the Morning Star (Rev. 22:16)

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." (Rev 22:16 NKJ)

3. A star in the east announces the Messiah's appearance (Matt. 2:2)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." (Mat 2:1-2 NKJ)

Historical description:

1. Close approaches of two or three planets (Venus, Mars & Saturn) on Jan 22, 12 BC or Venus and Jupiter within 3 arc minutes on June 17, 2 BC.
2. Comets. Ancient Chinese records indicate notable comets in 12 BC, 10 BC, and 4 BC. An object appeared in March or early April of 5 B.C in Capricornus and remained for over 70 days.
3. A Supernatural star (single star) which appeared every night during the journey to Bethlehem. An unknown star which they would recognize as not belonging.

Star of Bethlehem animation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_afOP5kQfk

Creation Day Five

Session 17

Fifth Day (1:20-23)

²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."

²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it* was good.

²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. (Gen 1:20-23 NKJ)

Notes:

1:20 :

- abound: Heb. שָׂרַץ *sharats*, "to teem, swarm, move." Intensely swarm.
- an abundance: Heb. שֶׂרֵץ *sherets*, "a swarming, teeming things"
- Soul, living, Heb. נֶפֶשׁ *nephesh*, "soul, life, living being, that which breathes"
- Birds: Heb. עוֹף *'oph*, "flying creatures, that which has wings"
- fly: Heb. עוֹף *'uph*, "to fly." intensely fly.

1:21:

- whales: Heb. תַּנִּינִי *tanniyn*, "dragon, serpent, sea monster," from root, "elongate," either land or sea monster.
- kind: Heb. מִינֵי *miyn*, "kind, groups of living organisms belong in the same created kind."

1:22:

- fruitful: Heb. פָּרָה *parah*, "bear fruit"

Kinds¹⁰

Horse	+	Donkey	→	Sterile Mule
Zebra	+	Horse	→	Sterile Zebrokey
Lion	+	Tiger	→	Sterile Liger

1 Cor. 15:38-39

³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

³⁹ All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds. (1Cor 15:38-39 NKJ)

¹⁰ Scott Huse, *The Collapse of Evolution* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2008), pp. 83-85

Creation Day Six

Session 18

I. Day Six (1:24-31)

²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

³⁰ "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is life*, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so.

³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Gen 1:24-31 NKJ)

Notes:

1:24 :

- a. living: חַי chay, "adj., living, alive." נְפֹשׁ nephesh. "soul, life, breathing"
- b. cattle: בְּהֵמָה b^ehemah, "beast, cattle, animal," from the verb, "to be mute," i.e. dumb animal.
- c. creeping thing: רֶמֶס remes, "creeping things, moving things" i.e. snakes, worms, insects.
- d. beasts of the earth: lit. "the living of the land."

Day	Created thing
1	God created the heavens & earth. Light separated from dark,
2	God created the firmament. Waters separated, making clouds and ocean.
3	Waters gathered to one place and dry land appears. God creates vegetation on land.
4	God created sun, moon, and stars in heaven.
5	God created the sea creatures and birds of the sky.
6	God created the living creatures of the

land. Mankind made in the image of God
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II. What came first?

Evolution	Creation
Reptiles came before birds	Reptiles created after birds
Evolution Model: simple sea life -> fish -> amphibians -> reptiles -> mammals	
The Facts: There is no direct evidence that any major group of animals or plants arose from any other major group. Species are observed only going out of existence (extinctions), never coming into existence. (Walt Brown, <i>In the Beginning</i> , p. 8)	
Symbiotic Relationship (life form dependencies): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Animal life depends upon plant life for oxygen.2. Plant life depends upon animal life for carbon dioxide.3. The relationship of the bee with the fruit bearing plant, & etc.	

III. Sexual Reproduction

1. Both the unique and complex development of man and woman would have to evolve at the same time and place for the evolutionist theory to be true – impossible!
2. The physical, chemical, and emotional systems of the male and female would need to be compatible at the same time.
3. The millions of complex products of a male reproductive system (pollen or sperm) must have an affinity for and a mechanical, chemical, and electrical compatibility with the eggs of the female reproductive system.
4. The many intricate processes occurring at the molecular level inside the fertilized egg would have to work with fantastic precision.

Spiritual Aspects to Creation

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. (1 Co 3:6-7 NKJ)

³⁰ You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth. (Psa 104:30 NKJ)

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because "All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. (1Pe 1:22-25 NKJ)

Creation Day Six Part II

Session 19

I. Day Six (1:24-31)

²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so.

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³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Gen 1:24-31 NKJ)

Notes:

1:26.

- let us make: עָשָׂה ('asah), "to do, make, fashion, labor, produce."
- man אָדָם ('adam), "man, mankind."
- image צֶלֶם (tselem), "image," from an unused root meaning "to shade."
- likeness דְּמוּת (d^emuth), "likeness," from verb "to be like, resemble."

1:27.

- created בָּרָא (bara'), "to create, shape, form."
- male זָכָר (zakar) "male," from root meaning "to remember."
- female נִקְבָּה (n^eqebah) "female," from root meaning "to pierce, to curse"

1:28.

- blessed בָּרַךְ (barak) "to bless, kneel" Intensive verb.
- bear fruit פָּרָה (parah) "bear fruit"
- multiply רָבָה (rabah) "to be or become great, multiply, increase."
- fill מָלֵא (male) "to fill, be full." Imperative verb.
- subdue כָּבַשׁ (kabash) "to subject, subdue, force, keep under." Imperative
- have dominion רָדָה (radah) "to rule, dominate, tread down." Imperative

Made in the image of God – 3 views

1. Corporal view. Both physical and immaterial aspects of God.
2. Non-corporal view. The immaterial aspects of God (reason, will, emotions, morality, etc)
3. Combination view. Some combination of the physical and immaterial aspects of God.

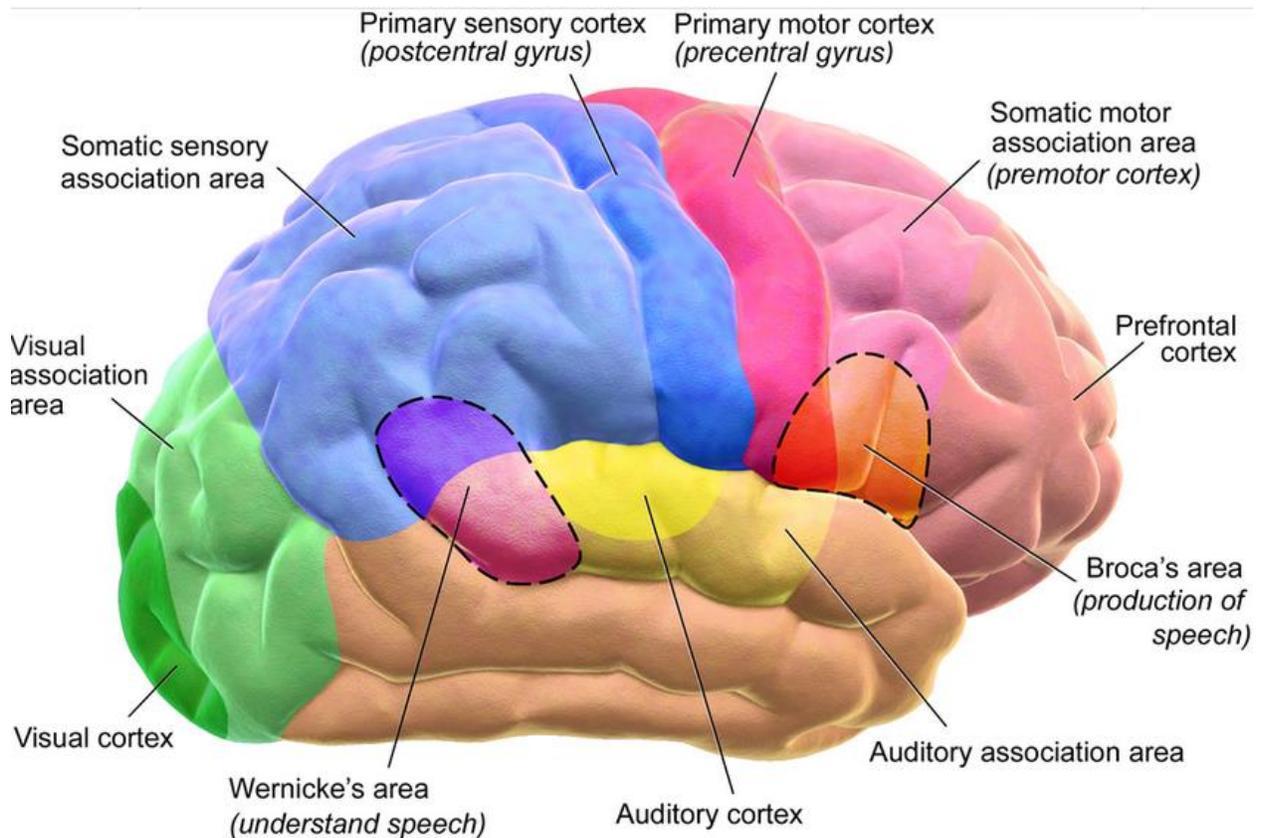
II. Nonmaterial Part of Man

a. Reason, emotion, will, morality

A. The 5 Senses (Material-to-nonmaterial sensors)

1. 2 eyes for sight
2. 2 ears for hearing
3. 2 nostrils for smell
4. 2K-8K taste buds for taste
5. Uncountable nerves for: feeling touch (Mechanoreceptors), heat/cold (Thermoreceptors), pain (Nocireceptors), personal presence (Proprioceptors- location of body, muscle tension, etc).

B. The Brain



Creation Day 7 & Intro to history

Session 20

I. The 7th Day Made Holy (2:1-3)

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 2:1-3 NKJ)

II. The Generations (History) of Creation (2:4-7)

⁴ This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

⁵ before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground;

⁶ but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷ And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Gen 2:4-7 NKJ)

Notes:

2:1. finished: כָּלָה (kalah), “to end, accomplish, cease, complete” Intensive, pass.

2:2. rested. שָׁבַת (shabath), “to cease, rest (from labor)”

2:3. sanctified. קִדְּשׁ (qadash), “to set apart”

2:4. history. תּוֹלְדוֹת (tol’dah), “generations, descendants, results,” from verb “to bear, begot”

2:6.

a. Mist. אָד (‘ed), “mist, vapor”

b. water. שָׁקַח (shaqah), “to give drink, irrigate,” causative verb.

c. ground. אֲדָמָה (‘adamah), “land, ground, soil.”

2:7.

a. form. יָצַר (yatsar), “to form (squeezing into shape), mold (as a potter).”

b. dust. אֶפְרָח (‘aphar) “dust, dry earth, power, earth.”

c. ground. אֲדָמָה (‘adamah), “land, ground, soil.”

d. breathed. נָפַח (naphach), “to breathe, blow.”

e. nostrils. אֵף (‘aph) “nostril, nose, anger.”

f. breath. נְשָׁמָה (n^eshamah) “breath, spirit, soul, wind.”

g. life. חַי (chay), “life”

h. man. אָדָם (‘adam) “man”

i. soul. נֶפֶשׁ (nephesh), “soul, life, that which breathes.”

III. God works in man

a. Gives understanding (Luke 24:45)

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

⁴ 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. (2Co 4:3-4 NKJ)

⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (Luk 24:45 NKJ)

¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. (2Co 3:14 NKJ)

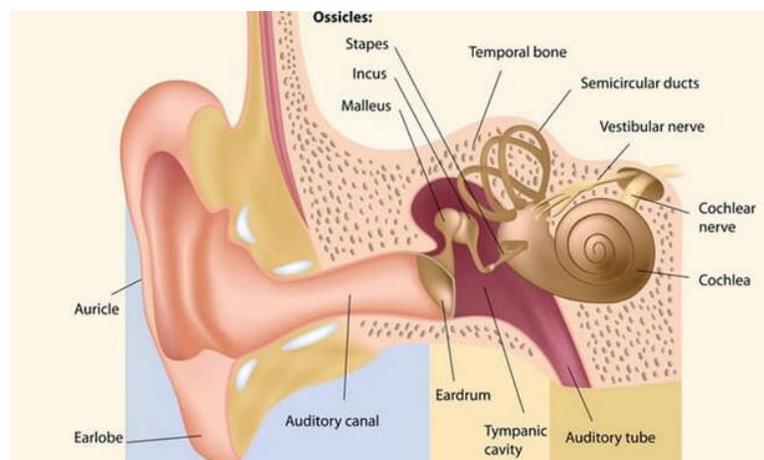
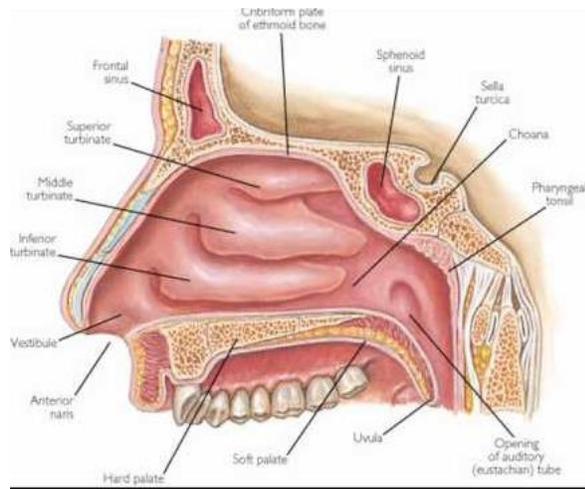
⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phi 4:6-7 NKJ)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

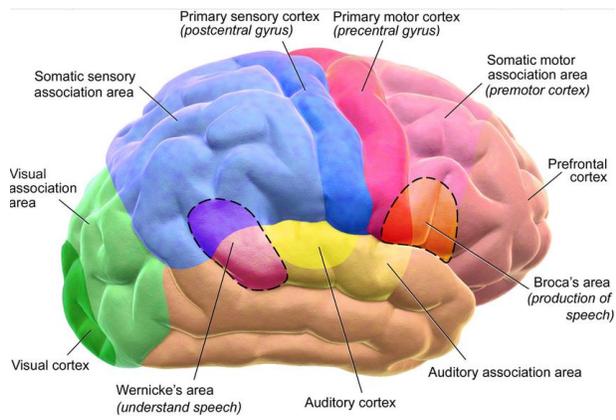
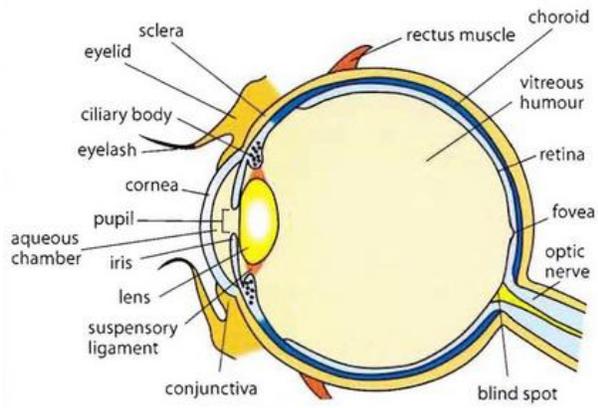
⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. (Rom 8:5-9 NKJ)



Internal structure of the eye



Generations of Creation Part 2

Session 21

I. The Generations of Eden (2:8-25)

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

II. The location of the garden of Eden (2:10-14)

¹⁰ Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

¹² And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.

¹⁴ The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

III. Man was created to be a responsible moral agent (2:15-17)

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

IV. The Creation of Woman (3:18-23)

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ 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."

V. The institution of marriage between 1 man and 1 woman (2:24-25)

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Gen 2:8-25 NKJ)

Notes:

2:8. a) **garden** גַּן (gan), "garden, enclosure" from the verb "to defend."

b) **Eden** עֵדֶן ('eden) "pleasure, luxury, delight."

2:9. a) **Tree of life** עֵץ חַיִּים (and tree of the life)

i) **Metaphor. Tree of Life** (Wisdom Pr. 3:18; righteousness 11:30; hope 13:12; wholesome tongue 15:4)

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;

²⁰ By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

²¹ My son, let them not depart from your eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

²² So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck. (Pro 3:18-22 NKJ)

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise. (Pro 11:30 NKJ)

ii) Literal Tree of Life (Gen 2:9; 3:17; Rev 2:7; 22:2, 14)

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. (Rev 22:1-3 NKJ)

b) **Tree of knowledge of good and evil** וְעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרָע (and tree of the knowledge of good and evil)

Language:

Dr. Henry Morris provides a quote from Ralph Linton, one of the foremost anthropologists who says, “Writing was also a Near Eastern invention and one whose contribution to civilization has been even greater than that of metal ... Writing appears almost simultaneously some 5000-6000 years ago in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Indus Valley.”¹¹

2:18. Helpmate (Heb. עֲזָרָה ‘ezer, “help, support”. Gen 2:18; Ps 115:9,10)

⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

¹² The LORD has been mindful of *us*; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

¹³ He will bless those who fear the LORD, *Both* small and great.

¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children.

¹⁵ *May* you *be* blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

¹⁶ The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence.

¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD! (Psa 115:9-18 NKJ)

2:22. a) **made** בָּנָה (banah) “to build, establish.”

b) **rib** צִלְעָה (tsal’ah) “rib, curve, side,” from the verb “to curve.”

2:23. a) **woman** אִשָּׁה (‘ishshah) “woman.”

b) **man** אִישׁ (‘iysh)

2:24. a) **father** אָב (‘av) “father, chief.”

b) **mother** אִמָּה (‘em) “mother.”

c) **cleave** דָּבַק (dabaq) “cleave, cling, stick, stay close.”

¹¹ Henry Morris, *Scientific Creationism* (Green Forest: Master Books, 2003), p. 193

Missing Links are Still Missing

Session 22

I. The Creation of Mankind is Supernatural (Gen. 1-2)

A. Similarities

1. Both man and woman created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27)
2. Both man and woman were to have dominion responsibilities over the earth (1:26)

B. Differences

1. Man created from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7)
2. Woman created from the rib of man (Gen. 2:21-22)

C. Oneness in Union

1. Man is to stick by woman's side (Gen. 2:24)
2. Become one flesh (Gen 2:24)
 - i. Unity of mind, purpose, will, & love = help mate (Gen 2:18)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." (Eph 5:22-31 NKJ)

ii. Be fruitful and multiply – fill the earth and subdue it (Gen. 1:28)

iii. Both were not ashamed

II. Evolution of Man = Slime plus Time = Man

A. Transitional creatures are missing

1. *The Great Deception of Piltdown Man.* "The remains of Piltdown Man were allegedly discovered in 1912 by Charles Dawson, an amateur fossilologist. He produced some bones, teeth, and primitive implements, which he said he found in a gravel pit at Piltdown, Sussex, England. .. The remains were acclaimed by anthropologists to be about 500,000 years old. ..All was well until October of 1956 when the entire hoax was exposed. .. Using a new method to date bones based on fluoride absorption, the Piltdown bones were found to be fraudulent. Further critical investigation revealed that the jawbone actually belonged to an ape that had died only fifty years previously. The teeth were filed down, and both teeth and bones were discolored with bichromate of potash to conceal their true identity." (Scott Huse, *The Collapse of Evolution*, p. 136)
2. *Nebraska Man – Imagination from a tooth.* "Nebraska Man was discovered in 1922 by Harold Cook in the Pliocene deposits of Nebraska. A tremendous amount of literature was built around this supposed missing link that allegedly lived a million years ago. But what exactly was the scientific proof for Nebraska Man? The answer is a single tooth." That's right; they found one tooth! The top scientists of the world examined this tooth and appraised it as proof positive of a prehistoric race in America. ...Years later, the entire skeleton of the animal from which the initial tooth came was found. As it turns out, the tooth on which Nebraska Man was constructed belonged to an extinct species of pig." (Scott Huse, *The Collapse of Evolution*, p. 135)
3. Java Ape-Man. Dr. Eugene Dubois found the top of a skull, a fragment of a left thighbone, and three molar teeth in 1891 in a riverbed. The result was the creation of the now famous

Pithecanthropus erectus (erect ape-man). Evolutionists claimed Java Ape-Man lived 750,000 years ago. When the fragments were examined by the experts there was no consensus of the find. Even Dr. Dubois himself later reversed his own opinion. His final conclusion was the bones were the remains of some sort of gibbon.

III. God creates every man and woman

⁴ The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

⁵ If you can answer me, Set *your words* in order before me; Take your stand.

⁶ Truly I *am* as your spokesman before God; I also have been formed out of clay. (Job 33:4-6 NKJ)

⁷ Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." (Isa 43:7 NKJ)

² Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb, *who* will help you: Fear not, O Jacob My servant; And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. (Isa 44:2 NKJ)

²⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I *am* the LORD, who makes all *things*, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; (Isa 44:24 NKJ)

⁵ "And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength), (Isa 49:5 NKJ)

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (Jer 1:4-5 NKJ)

¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?"

²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

²² *What* if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

²⁴ even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? (Rom 9:18-24 NKJ)

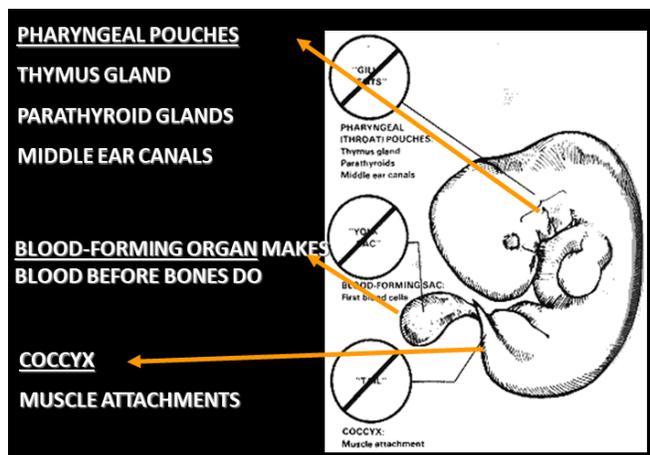
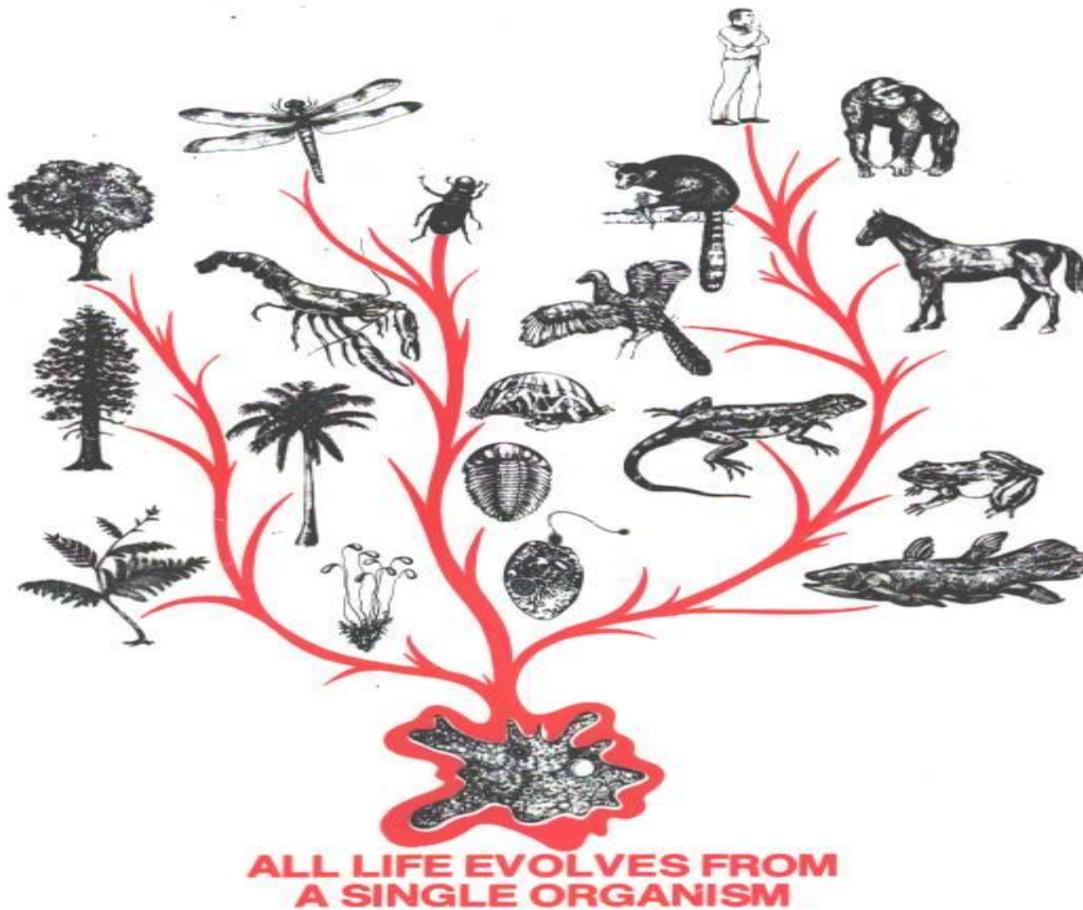


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From The Life and Letters of Charles Darwin,
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1898, Vol. II, p. 210.

Darwin's Letter to G. Bentham (May 22, 1863):
intelligible point of view a host of facts. **When
we descend to details we can prove that no one
species has changed (i.e., we cannot prove that
a single species has changed): nor can we
prove that the supposed changes are beneficial,
which is the groundwork of the theory.** Nor can
we explain why some species have changed
and others have not. The latter case seems to
me hardly more difficult to understand precisely
and in detail than the former case of supposed
change."

Life in the Garden Age

Session 23

I. The Creation of Mankind is Supernatural (Gen. 1-2)

D. Similarities

3. Both man and woman created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27)
4. Both man and woman were to have dominion responsibilities over the earth (1:26)

E. Differences

3. Man created from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7)
4. Woman created from the rib of man (Gen. 2:21-22)

F. Oneness in Union

3. Man is to stick by woman's side (Gen. 2:24)
4. Become one flesh (Gen 2:24)
 - iv. Unity of mind, purpose, will, & love = help mate (Gen 2:18)

Natural Man's Self-love

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. (Rom 1:22-27 NKJ)

II. Life in the Garden (Gen 1-3)

1. Characteristics of primitive earth.

- a. No rain (Gen 2:5), a mist watered the earth (2:6)
- b. No need to till the earth (2:5)
- c. Food was provided by plant life – fruit of the trees (2:9)
- d. Rivers were present (2:10)
- e. Gold was good and abundant (2:11-12)
- f. Precious stones (Bdellium and Onyx) were there (2:12)

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. (Eze 28:13-14)

- g. Man was to tend (work) the garden (2:15)
- h. A family unit was planned (2:24)
- i. Temperature is mild (naked)
- j. God is present and speaks openly with mankind

Genesis 3. The Fall

- a. Mankind is innocent (not knowing evil).
- b. After eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 - i) Spiritual change:
 - fear (3:10), shame (in nakedness) (3:10); separation (3:8), lack of responsibility (3:12,13), cover up (3:7)
 - ii) Physical change: curse (3:14) – serpent (3:14), ground (3:17), mankind’s physical makeup resulting in death (3:19)
 - iii) Legal immediate judgment declared against mankind:
 - Change in relationship between God and mankind. From holy communion to separation. – loss of holy intimacy.
 - Change in relationship between man and woman - loss of holy intimacy.
 - iv) Legal immediate recompense declared:
 - A proper temporary substitutionary blood covering (atonement) – animal skin (3:21)
 - Future permanent substitutionary blood covering (propitiation) provided not by them, but by God through the seed of the woman. The virgin birth identifies the redeemer (3:15). The first Adam was a unique special creation of God. The Second Adam was a unique special creation of God through woman (Rom. 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:45-49).
 - v) Theological:
 - Mankind must have a substitutionary blood covering to approach God (3:21)
 - Woman cannot teach God’s Word to man (1 Tim. 2:13-14)
 - vi) Man:
 - Work in hardship (עֲצָבוֹן ‘itstsabon, “labor, pain”) for food (3:17-19)
 - Man names wife Eve (חַוְּוָה chavvah, “living, life”) (3:20)
 - vii) Woman:
 - Pain (עֲצָבוֹן ‘itstsabon, “labor, pain”) in childbirth (3:16)

The result of the Fall

Session 24

A. The Result of the Fall

I. Physical Change for the worse

1. Thorns and thistles (Gen. 3:18)

2. The earth groans (Rom. 8:22)

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (Rom 8:20-22 NKJ)

3. Natural Laws Changes for the Worse

a. Before the fall – Conservation of energy 1st Law of Thermodynamics. God rested (Gen. 2:3). Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but change from one form to another.

b. After the fall – 2nd Law of Thermodynamics – Entropy: Order to increasing Disorder and process is irreversible. Dying you shall surely die (Gen. 2:17). To dust you shall return (Gen. 3:19).

II. Mankind

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor. 2:14).

1. The total depravity of Mankind

a. Defn. Depravity:

Man is in his raw, natural state as he comes from the womb is morally and spiritually corrupt in disposition and character. Every part of his being – his mind, his will, his emotion, his affections, his conscience, his body – has been affected by sin (this is what is meant by the doctrine of total depravity). His understanding is darkened, his mind is at enmity with God, his will to act is slave to his darkened understanding and rebellious mind, his heart is corrupt, his emotions are perverted, his affections naturally gravitate to that which is evil and ungodly, his conscience is untrustworthy, and his body is subject to mortality.¹²

It is clear that the Bible affirms of fallen mankind total (that is, pervasive) depravity. By this I do not mean that people act bad as they really are by nature, since they are prevented from doing so by several manifestations of God's common restraining grace such as their innate awareness of God and his judgments (*sensus deitatis*) (Rom. 1:20-21, 32), the works of the law written on their hearts and consciences (Rom. 2:15), and civil government (Rom. 13:1-5). I mean rather that all men are corrupt throughout the totality of their being with every part, power, and

¹² Robert L. Reymond, *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998, 450

faculty of their nature – mind, intellect, emotions, will, conscience, body – being affected by the Fall.¹³

Waterhouse notes, “Adam and Eve’s sin resulted in death, but also in a universal and total depravity. Universal refers to the scope and total to man’s entire hopeless condition without the Lord Jesus Christ.”¹⁴ Waterhouse continues, “Depravity does not mean that every man is as extremely gross and wicked as he can be. There is such a thing as relative human good (e.g., Cornelius in Acts 10:1-2 where he is called devout though unsaved, and Romans 2:14-15). Depravity means that every unsaved person is a rebel, and therefore, even his good displeases God for it is done with a rebellious heart (Prov. 15:8; 21:4; 21:27). Even human good is filthy before God (Isa. 64:6).”¹⁵

- i. **All have sinned** (1 Kings 8:46, Rom. 3:23, 5:12, Ps. 14:1-3, Ps. 130:3, Ps. 143:2, Ecc. 7:20, 1Jn. 1:8, 1Jn. 5:19)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Rom 3:23 NKJ)

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10 NKJ)

- ii. **Natural man desires sin** (Rom. 7:5, 7:18, Eph. 2:3, Tit. 3:3)

⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. (Rom 7:5 NKJ)

iii. Every aspect of mankind has been affected

a. **Flesh, the body (Rom 7:14-15; 8:4-5; 13:14; Gal. 5:16; 6:8)**

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal (σαρκικός “fleshly, carnal, having the nature of flesh”), sold under sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. (Rom 7:14-15 NKJ)

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts. (Rom 13:14)

b. **Conscience (Rom 2:15; 1 Cor. 8:7; Heb. 10:22; 1 Tim 4:2)**

¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) (Rom 2:15 NKJ)

²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb 10:22 NKJ)

c. **heart - The thoughts of his heart is said to be evil**

- **All the time** (Gen. 6:5-6, Ecc. 9:3; Matt. 15:19)

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. (Gen 6:5 NKJ)

- **From childhood/birth (Gen. 8:21, Ps. 51:5, Ps. 58:3)**

²¹ And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. (Gen 8:21 NKJ)

¹³ Robert L. Reymond, *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, Nashville:Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998, 452

¹⁴ Steven W. Waterhouse, *Not by Bread Alone, An Outline Guide to Bible Doctrine*, Amarillo:Westcliff Press, 2000, 67

¹⁵ Ibid

³ The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies. (Psa 58:3 NKJ)

- **Who can understand its deceitfulness (Jer. 17:9)?**

⁹ "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (Jer 17:9 NKJ)

- d. Mind (Rom. 1:28; Rom. 12:2)**

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers,

³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

(Rom 1:28-32 NKJ)

- e. Soul (Prov. 8:36; Ezek 25:15; 27:31; Prov 21:10; Heb 10:39; 1 Pet 1:9)**

¹⁰ The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes. (Pro 21:10 NKJ)

Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

⁹ receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of *your* souls. (1Pet 1:8-9 NKJ)

- f. Spirit (Ps. 34:18)**

¹⁸ The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. (Psa 34:18 NKJ)

The Result of the Fall II

Session 25

A. The Result of the Fall

I. Life Changes for the worse

1. Could Adam and Eve live forever before the fall or was their life limited?
 - a. Augustine (354-430 AD):
 - i. Could live forever through eating of the tree of life.
2. Satan
 - a. God gives Adam & Eve dominion over all creation (Gen 1:26-28)
 - b. Because of fall, man works for his food in physical and spiritual hardship
- i. Satan is the ruler of this world (Luke 4:4-8; John 12:31-33; 16:8-11; 2 Cor 4:3-4; Eph 2:1-2; 1 John 5:19)
 - a. world. Defn. "The whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ" (TDNT)

⁸ "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

⁹ "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (John 16:8-11 NKJ)

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ 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. (2Co 4:3-4 NKJ)

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, (Eph 2:1-2 NKJ)

¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one. (1Jo 5:19 NKJ)

- ii. How Satan works (ἑχέμωχος satan, "adversary, opponent", devil Gr. διάβολος diabolos, "false accuser, slander")
 - a. **His names:** (i) the accuser (Zec 3:1; Rev 12:10). (ii) the devil (Mat 4:1; Rev 12:9). (iii) the tempter (Matt 4:3; 1 Thes 3:5; Matt 6:13). (iv) the evil one (1 John 2:13-14; Matt 12:24). (v) Beelzebub (Matt 12:24). (vi) Belial (2 Cor 6:15). (vii) a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). (viii) the father of lies (John 8:44). (ix) the prince of this world (John 12:31, 14:30). (x) leader of the kingdom of evil (Eph 2:2). (xi) the angel of the Abyss (Rev 9:11). (xii) the ancient serpent (Rev 12:9).
 - b. **How Satan works:** (i) Rules a kingdom opposed to God (Matt 12:25-26, 25:24). (ii) controls the present sinful world (1 John 5:19; Rev 12:9). (iii) Afflicts people with illness (Job 2:7; Luke 13:16; Act 10:38; 2 Cor 12:7). (iv) tempts believers to sin (1 Chron 21:1; Matt 16:23; Act 5:3; 1 Thes 3:5). (v) tries to keep people from true worship (Matt 13:19; 1 Pet 5:8-9). (vi) thwarts the spread of the gospel (Matt 13:19; 2 Cor. 4:-3-4' 1 Thes 2:18). (vii) wants people to worship him (Matt 4:9). (viii) Masquerades as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14). (ix) uses many schemes (2 Cor 2:11;

Eph 6:11). (x) Persecutes God's people (Rev 2:10; 12:13-17). (xi) holds the power of death (Heb 2:12-15).

- c. **The Spiritual affects the Physical. Satan afflicts people with illness** (Job 2:7; Luke 13:16; Act 10:38; 2 Cor 12:7).

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

² And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

³ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

⁴ So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

⁵ "But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

⁶ And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life."

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁸ And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes. (Job 2:1-8)

¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up.

¹² But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

¹³ And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it?"

¹⁶ "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound-- think of it-- for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" (Luke 13:11-16 NKJ)

³⁶ "The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ-- He is Lord of all--

³⁷ "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

³⁸ "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Act 10:36-38 NKJ)

3. Angels (Heb. מַלְאָכִים mal'ak, "messenger, angel." Gr. ἄγγελος *aggelos*)

a. Created by God (Ps 148:2,5; Col 1:16)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. (Psa 148:1-5 NKJ)

b. Spirit beings (Heb 1:14)

¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool "?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? (Heb 1:13-14 NKJ)

c. demons – fall angels (2 Pet 2:4)

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; (2Pe 2:4-5 NKJ)

d. Satan, as leader, has his host (army) of evil angels (Rev 12:7-9)

⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev 12:9 NKJ)

e. Spiritual battle (Eph 6:10-16)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

(Eph 6:10-16 NKJ)

4. Man is responsible and fallen man is totally depraved

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. (Gen 6:5 NKJ)

5. The first offspring – Cain and Able (Gen. 4)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."

² Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

⁷ "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

⁸ Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where *is* Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. *Am* I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

¹¹ "So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹² "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

(Gen 4:1-12 NKJ)

The Result of the Fall III

Session 26

A. The Result of the Fall

1. Adam and Eve's Freedom

a. Augustine (354-430 AD)

- i. *Before the Fall:* Adam and Eve were created innocent having a good will and thus possessed the ability not to sin (*posse non peccare*).
- ii. *After the Fall:* Mankind is under bondage to sin whose ability is only to sin always. (Gen 6:15; Ps. 58:3; Rom. 3:10-12)
- iii. *After regeneration:* One is free from the bondage of sin and has a new ability to accept the things of God. The new man returns to the ability not to sin (*posse non peccare*) and overcome sin through the Spirit (Luke 4:18; John 8:34-36; Rom. 6:17-18, 20-23; 8:2; Gal. 5:1)
- iv. *In heaven:* All will have the inability to sin (*non posse peccare*). True liberty is enjoyed in heaven.

2. Sin = Heb. חַטָּאת (chattaah) "sin, miss the way," Gr. ἁμαρτία (hamartia) "to sin, miss the mark")

- i. Sin has 8 words in Hebrew and 12 words in Greek to characterize it.
- ii. Defn. sin is a lack of conformity to the moral law of God, either in act, disposition, or state (Strong). Sin is anything against or contrary to the holy character of God.
- iii. Sin resulted from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Good is a theological term expressing God (Good = God), therefore Good is conforming to the character of God. Evil is sin and is not conforming to the character of God.

3. Saved = σώζω (sozo) "to save, rescue, deliver." From obsolete word saos "safe"

- i. Saved from the penalty of sin (Christ's death is the propitiation – we are declared righteous, legally acquitted based on the belief of substitutionary atonement of Christ)
- ii. Saved from the dominion (power) of sin (Christ's death secures our victory over sin and death – we are redeemed from the slave market of sin).
- iii. Saved from the presence of sin (Christ's death burial and resurrection secures our final redemption).

4. Death (מָוֶת maveth, "death" Gr. θάνατος thanatos).

Defn: "Being, as it is, a penalty for sin, death in its varied forms is foreign to the original creation as it came from the hand of God. Being a penalty, such portion of it as may be removed will be dismissed forever; other portions of it, being eternal, cannot be removed... To Adam God had said as a threatened penalty for the sin of disobedience, Dying thou shalt die (Gen. 2:17, Hebrew). This judgment, which later fell upon Adam, would have included all the forms of death, even second death – had he not been saved from it by divine grace." (Chafer, Systematic Theology, vol 7, p. 112).

i. **Physical death. Defn. Separation of the soul and spirit from the body.**

a. **The promise of physical death.**

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19 NKJ)

b. The fulfilment of the promise.

⁵ So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died. (Gen 5:5 NKJ)

c. The separation of the physical from the spiritual.

⁷ Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. (Ecc 12:7)

d. Physical Life is in the blood.

¹¹ 'For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.' ¹² "Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'

¹³ "Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; ¹⁴ "for *it is* the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.' (Lev 17:11-14 NKJ)

e. Life for life – just restitution.

⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. (Gen 9:6 NKJ)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (Rom 5:6-10 NKJ)

f. Christ's blood had to be shed.

²¹ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

²² And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. ²³ Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another-- ²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. (Heb 9:21-10:1 NKJ)

ii. Spiritual death. Defn. Separation of the soul and spirit from God (Rom 6:23; Eph. 2:1,5. Col. 2:13; 1 John 5:12)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:23 NKJ)

¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. (James 1:15 NKJ)

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (Eph 2:1-5 NKJ)

¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (Col 2:9-15 NKJ)

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. (Eph 2:13-16 NKJ)

a. Spiritual life is in the Spirit.

¹⁴ "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*," says the LORD." (Eze 37:14 NKJ)

⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:5-8 NKJ)

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Rom 8:11 NKJ)

iii. Second death. Defn. Eternal separation of those perishing to the lake of fire.

⁴⁶ "And these will go away into everlasting (αἰώνιος, "eternal, forever") punishment, but the righteous into eternal (αἰώνιος) life." (Matt 25:46 NKJ)

a. Shut out from God's presence

⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2Th 1:9-10 NKJ)

b. Not Annihilationism (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 14:9-11)

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. ⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Rev 20:4-10)

c. Eternal life. Defn. Believing and being reconciled to God.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (John 3:16-19 NKJ)

³ "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3 NKJ)

² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, (Tit 1:2 NKJ)

Eternal Punishment	
Matt 8:12	Darkness
Matt 8:12; 13:50; 22:13; 24:51	Weeping and gnashing of teeth
Matt 13:50	Furnace of fire
Matt 25:41	Eternal fire
Luke 3:17	Unquenchable fire
Rev 9:1-11	Bottomless pit
Rev 14:10-11	Torment forever, no rest day or night
Rev 19:20; 21:8	Lake of fire
Jude 13	Black darkness

Views on the 2nd Death	
Rationalism	"There is no God, and therefore there is no hell."
Ridicule	"There may be a God, but it is silly to speculate about multitudes of disembodied spirits frying in some literal lake of fire somewhere."
Liberalism	"There is a God, but he is a God of Love, and therefore would not and could not send anyone to hell!"
Annihilationism	"Hell is not eternal punishment but destruction meaning annihilation."

From Fall to Flood I

Session 27

A. The Events leading up to the Flood (Gen 4-6)

- a. God makes Adam and Eve a covering made out of animal skins (3:21)
 - i. First substitutionary death (4:4)

B. First murder (Gen 4)

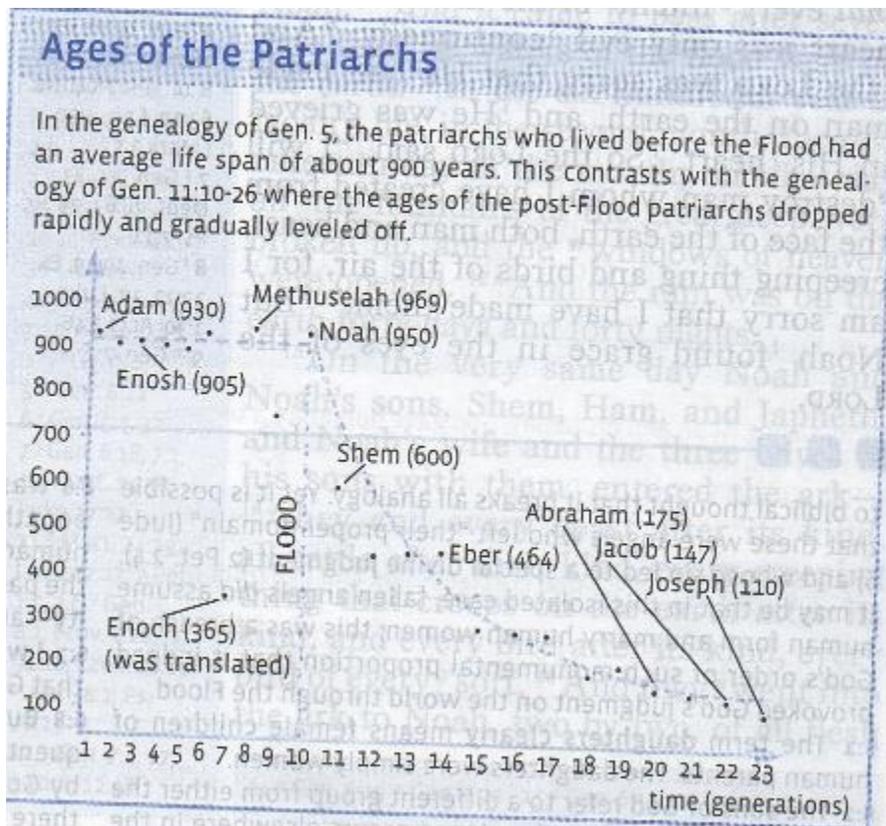
- i. Man approaches God with a blood sacrifice until Christ blood is shed
- ii. Sin lies at the door and its desire is for you (4:7) = Satan is behind it.
- iii. But you should rule over it – We are responsible moral agents.
- iv. Cain is cursed = the ground will not produce for him.

C. Cain's family line (Gen 4)

- i. Cain dwells in the land of Nod (“wondering”) (4:18)
- ii. First metal working (4:22)
- iii. Makes musical instruments (4:21)
- iv. Polygamy introduced (4:19)
- v. 2nd known murder (4:23-24)

D. Adam's family line (4:25-5:32)

- i. They walked with God (4:26; 5:24)
- ii. Adam dies at 930 years old (5:5)



- iii. Archbishop James Ussher used the Biblical genealogies to calculate the age of the earth in 1650 (Annales Veteris Testamnti). Age of the Genesis 1 is 4004 BC.
- iv. First rapture – Enoch walked with God and was not (5:24)

42. Sons of God in Genesis Six

Position	Angelic Creatures	Apostate Sethites	Ambitious Despots
Persons	Fallen angels cohabit with beautiful women	Ungodly Sethites marry depraved Cainites	Despotic chieftains marry plurality of wives
Perversion	Perversion of human race by intrusion of angels	Pollution of godly line by mixed marriage	Polygamy of Cainite princes to expand dominion
Progeny	Monstrous giants	Wicked tyrants	Dynastic rulers
Proofs	The reference to angels as "sons of God"	The emphasis on men in the context	The antiquity of this interpretation
	The New Testament references to the angelic sin of Genesis 6 in 2 Peter 2:4-5 and Jude 6-7	The basis for human sin as the reason for the Flood	The biblical usage of "god" for rulers and judges
	The antiquity of the view	The thematic development of Genesis 4 and 5	The reference in the context to the development of wicked dynasties
	The satisfactory explanation that some angels are bound and others are not	The aversion in Genesis and elsewhere to intermarriage between the godly and ungodly	The Near Eastern practice of calling kings "sons of God"
Problems	The psychological and physiological impossibilities of angelic marriages	The textual difficulty in making "men" of Genesis 6:1 different from "men" in verse 2	The lack of evidence that such a system was established in the line of Cain
	The likelihood that "sons of God" refers to men, since it is used elsewhere of men	The absence of exact terms "sons of God" for believers in the Old Testament	The lack of evidence that "sons of God" was borrowed from contemporary literature
		Failure to explain the origin of the giants and mighty men through simply religiously mixed marriages	The fact that no writer of Scripture ever considered kings to be deities
Proponents	Albright, Gaebelein, Kelly, Unger, Walke, Deitzsch, Bullinger, Laikin, Pember, West, Gray, Torrey, Meyer, Mayor, Plummer, Alford, Ryrie, Smith	Hengstenberg, Keil, Lange, Jamieson, Fausset, Brown, Henry, Scofield, Lincoln, Murray, Baxter, Scroggie, Leupold	Kaiser, Birney, Kline, Cornfield, Kober

From Wayne House, Charts of Theology and Doctrine

- v. Giants Heb. נָפִילִי (n^ephiyl). from verb "to fall, be cast down, fall short" Nephilim.

From Fall to Flood II

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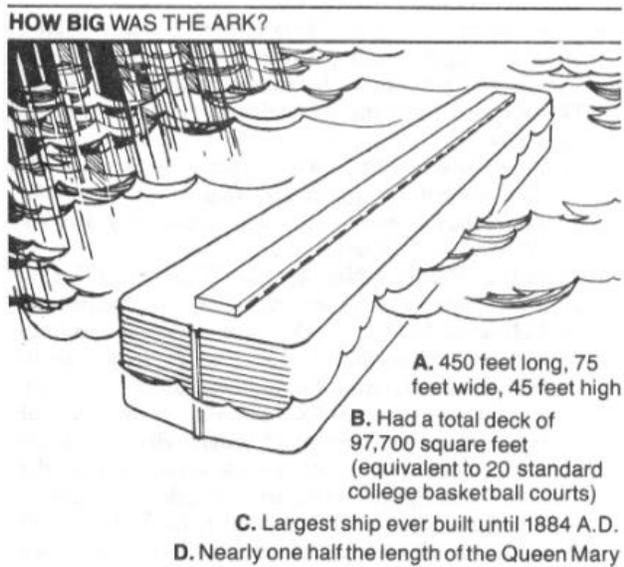
I. Dispensation: God's Law, Man's Failure, God's Grace...

Dispensation	House-Law	Man's failure	God's judgment	God's provision
Innocence (Gen 1:28-3:6)	¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Gen 2:15-17)	⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree <i>was</i> good for food, that it <i>was</i> pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make <i>one</i> wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (Gen 3:6)	The Fall. 1.Cursed is the serpent, 2.Cursed is the ground, 3.Woman's pain in child birth, 4.Man's labor in toil, 5.Death, 6.Removal from the garden (2:14-20,24)	God provided a sin covering with a substitutionary animal death (2:21)
Conscience (Gen. 4:1-8:14)	Man gained the knowledge of good and evil – This is the house law. Man's conscience ruled his life - ¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves <i>their</i> thoughts accusing or else excusing <i>them</i>) (Rom 2:14-15)	1.Man failed to bring a proper blood sacrifice to approach Him (Gen. 4:3-7; Heb. 11:4), 2.Man murders man (Gen. 4:8; 23) Man takes multiple wives (Gen. 4:19; 6:2) 3. ⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man <i>was</i> great in the earth, and <i>that</i> every intent of the thoughts of his heart <i>was</i> only evil continually. (Gen 6:5)	The flood.	Through the ark, God saved mankind ()

B. The Events leading up to the Flood (Gen 4-6)

1. Every intent of the heart is evil continually. Heb. כָּל-הַיּוֹם “all the day” i.e. all day long and every day = all the time.
2. The earth was corrupt (Gen. 6:11).

- a. corrupt שָׁחַת (shachath), “corrupt, decayed, ruin, morally: pervert, corrupt.”
3. Noah makes an ark תֵּבָה (tebah), “a box, ark.”



- HOW DID NOAH FIND ROOM FOR ALL THE ANIMALS?**
- A.** Total animal population would not have exceeded 35,000 vertebrates
- B.** Average size would be that of a sheep
- C.** Modern train of 150 boxcars could carry this
- D.** Ark had carrying capacity of over 520 boxcars!

From: Willmington’s Guide to the Bible

Chronology of the Flood			
	Event	Date	Reference
Waiting in the ark 7 days (7:7, 10)	1. Noah entered the ark	Month 2, day 10	7:7-9
	2. 7 days later: Rain began falling	Month 2, day 17*	7:10-11
Water continued for 150 days (7:24)	3. 40 days later: Heavy rains stopped	Month 3, day 27	7:12
	4. 110 days later: Prevailing waters receded and the ark rested on an Ararat mountain	Month 7, day 17*	7:24; 8:4
Water receded in 150 days (8:3)	5. 74 days later: Tops of mountains visible	Month 10, day 1*	8:5
	6. 40 days later: Raven sent out, and a dove sent out and returned	Month 11, day 11*	8:6-9
	7. 7 days later: Dove sent out again and returned with a leaf	Month 11, day 18*	8:10
	8. 7 days later: Dove sent out a third time and did not return	Month 11, day 25	8:12
	9. 22 days later: Water receded	Month 12, day 17	8:3
Earth dried in 70 days	10. Noah saw dry land	Month 1, day 1*	8:13
	11. Land completely dry, and Noah exited the ark	Month 2, day 27*	8:14-19
377 days		1 year and 17 days in the ark	

*Dates specified in the Scriptures; other dates are implied.

From: The Bible Knowledge Commentary.

From Fall to Flood III

Session 29

1. God repented of making man (Gen. 6:6)

⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."
(Gen 6:6-7 NKJ)

- i. Repent Heb. נָחַם (nacham) "to be sorry, regret, be comforted" Nif. "to be sorry, be moved to pity, suffer grief, be comforted." See Gen 5:29.

²⁹ And he called his name Noah, saying, "This *one* will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." (Gen 5:29 NKJ)

2. Salvation (Gen 6:14)

¹⁴ "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.
(Gen 6:14 NKJ)

- i. pitch Heb. כֹּפֶר (kopher) "to cover, make an atonement, make reconciliation."
- ii. Enoch is a type of the church, being saved from the Flood judgment. The church will not go through the great tribulation.
- iii. Noah is a type of Israel, being saved through the Flood judgment. Israel will go through the great tribulation. (Willmington's Guild to the Bible)

3. Noahic covenant (8:21-22; 9:9-17).

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

⁹ "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you,

¹⁰ "and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

¹¹ "Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." (Gen 9:8-11 NKJ)

- i. God would never destroy all flesh through a flood, but will destroy the earth and everything in it by fire (2 Pet. 3:1-13)
- ii. The sign of the covenant is the rainbow that comes out if the clouds = reflecting the glory of God from His throne and His presence and grace is near.

¹² And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

¹³ "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

¹⁴ "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;

¹⁵ "and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶ "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth." (Gen 9:12-16 NKJ)

- iii. Remember God and His glory (Rev. 4:2-4)

² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. (Rev 4:2-3 NKJ)

4. Change in dispensation:

a. From conscience to Governmental (Gen. 8:20-11:32):

i. God would require life of a man who murdered another man – capital punishment (9:6)

⁵ "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. (Gen 9:5-6 NKJ)

ii. Human conscience continues to rule the individual in this dispensation of government

iii. Man is to multiply and populate the earth (9:1-17)

iv. Fear of animals – a new order within the animal world (9:2)

b. Environmental

i. Introduction of rain to water the earth – the hydrologic cycle: evaporation, cool air condenses the vapor in clouds which in turn comes down as rain (Ecc 1:7; Isa 55:10).

ii. Seasons (8:22)

²² "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease." (Gen 8:22 NKJ)

- cold season = winter = seed time
- hot season = summer = harvest time

iii. Eating of animal flesh permitted (9:3)

² "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

³ "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

⁴ "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. (Gen 9:2-4 NKJ)

iv. An advance of the aging process (9:21)

²⁰ And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

²¹ Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. (Gen 9:20-21 NKJ)

- grape juice turned to wine – fermentation as a decay process advanced by reduced water canopy which block alpha and beta radiation penetration.
- Age of mankind reduced from ~1000 years to ~100 years. Reduced atmospheric pressure and increased harmful radiation from the sun.
- Die off of large creatures due to reduced atmospheric pressure by as much as half. Oxygen from 32% to 20% (Jobe Martin, The Evolution of a creationists, p. 164)

v. Dinosaurs:

- Dinosaurs were vegetarian- even Tyrannosaurus Rex.
- Were dinosaurs warm blooded? (Jobe Martin, p. 170)
- Quick frozen animals? (Jobe Martin, p. 178)

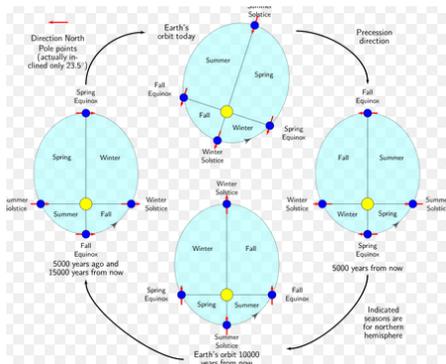
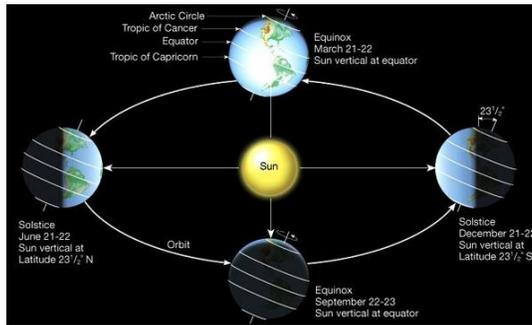
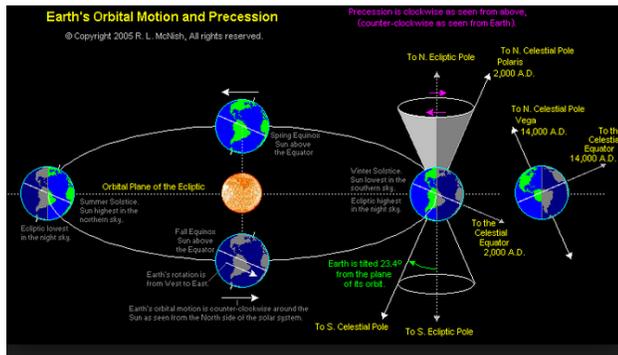
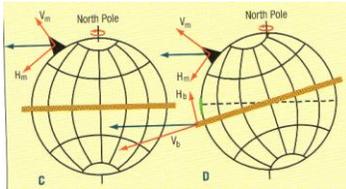
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II. Tilt of the Earth





Baby Woolly Mammoth

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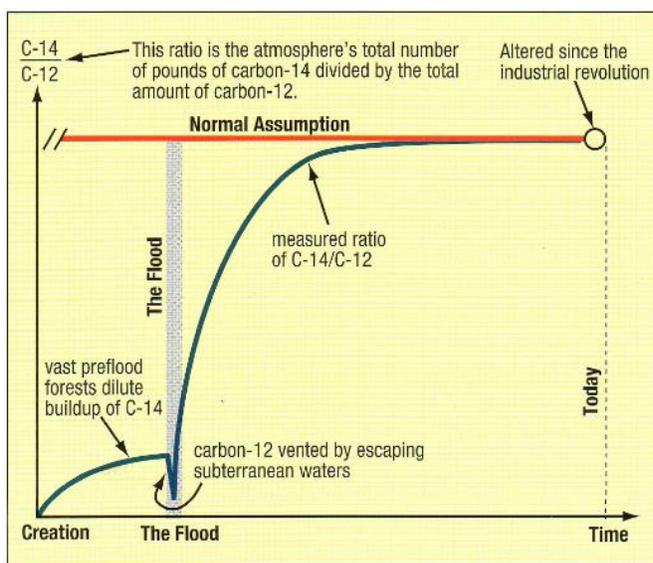
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- Carbon 14 would have been negligible before the flood due to the great canopy.

Time - Rock Units of the Geologic Column	Time Units of the Geologic Time Scale (numbers are assumed millions of years ago)			Characteristic Life According to Evolutionary Model	Possible Characteristics According to Creation Model	Relative Lengths of Geologic Eras			
	ERAS	PERIODS	EPOCHS						
	CENOZOIC	QUATERNARY	(Recent)						Post-flood world characterized by modern processes. Ice Age. Effects of post-flood glaciation and pluviation. Volcanism and tectonism subsiding.
Pleistocene			2						
TERTIARY		Pliocene	7						
		Miocene	26						
		Oligocene	40						
		Eocene							
		Paleocene	70						
		MESOZOIC	CRETACEOUS	135		Intermediate stages of flood, with mixtures of marine and continental deposits. Land submerged completely. Extinction of all land creatures, including dinosaurs. Oceans begin to deepen or widen at end of this phase.			
			JURASSIC	190					
			TRIASSIC	225					
PALEOZOIC	PERMIAN	270		Water nearing maximum height. Primarily upper marine and shelf-type deposits and fossils. Some mixing with land plants and animals.	Precambrian				
	PENNSYLVANIAN	310							
	MISSISSIPPIAN	350							
	DEVONIAN	400							
	SILURIAN	430							
	ORDOVICIAN	500							
	CAMBRIAN	600							
	PRECAMBRIAN						Mostly pre-flood marine sedimentation. Simple, non-mobile fossils trapped in quartz waters between the crust and the flood. Fossil-free sedimentary rock dating from before the creation of life. Origin of crust dating from the first day of the creation week.	4500 Presumed Origin of the Earth	

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IV. Radiocarbon dating.

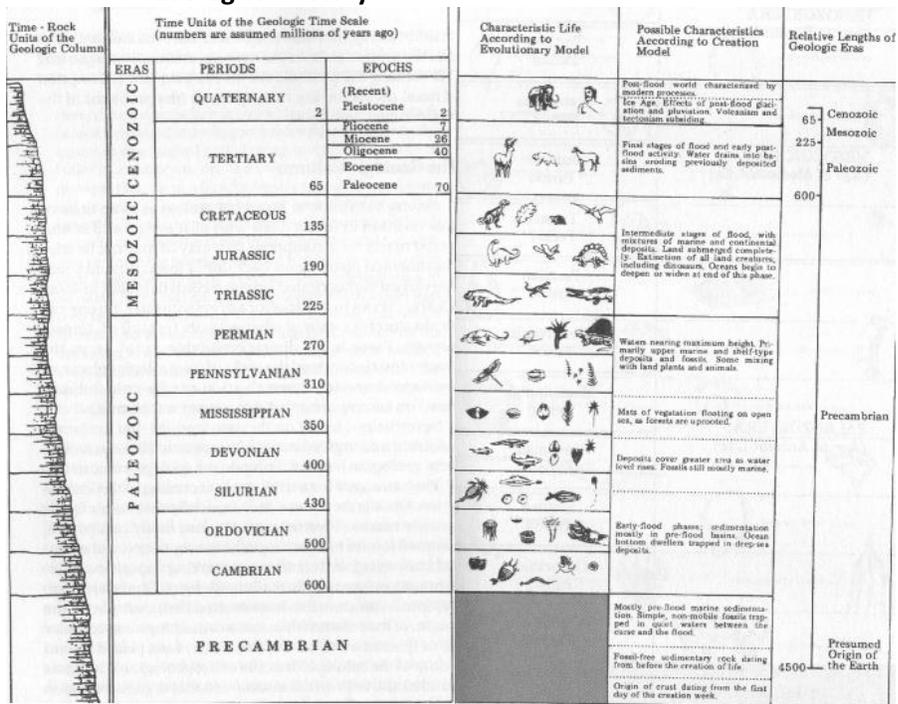


Walt Brown, In the Beginning, p. 343

The Historical Ages

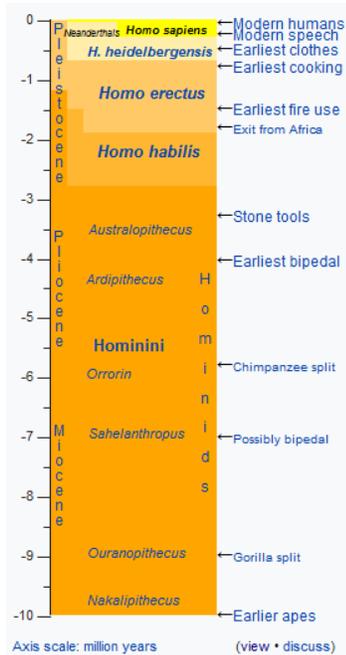
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I. Geological History:



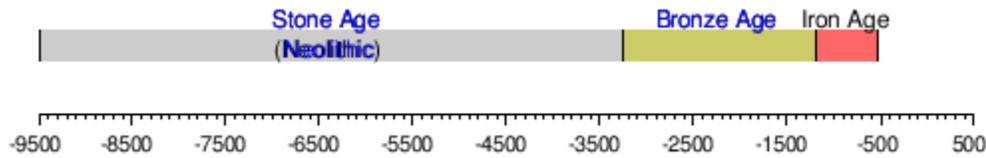
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II. Evolutional History



III. Archeological History: Three Age System

Stone Age → Bronze Age → Iron Age



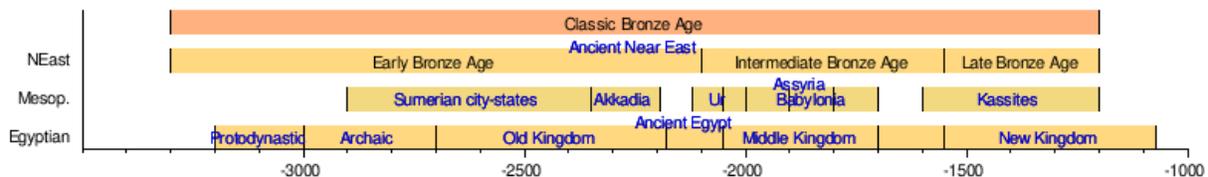
“It was early realized that the threefold division of culture into Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages adopted in the nineteenth century for Europe had no validity in Africa outside the Nile valley.” (Wikipedia: Stone Age; 2018)

“The problem of the transitions in archaeology is a branch of the general philosophic continuity problem,... The Stone Age of Europe is characteristically in deficit of known transitions. The 19th and early 20th-century innovators of the modern three-age system recognized the problem of the initial transition, the "gap" between the Paleolithic and the Neolithic.”

1. Stone Age:

- i) Old Stone Age (Paleolithic). From the first production of stone artefacts, about 2.5 million years ago, to the end of the last Ice Age, about 9,600 BC.
- ii) Middle Stone Age (Mesolithic). Begins at the end of the Ice Age to Agriculture Age (different for different regions), Southeast Europe ~7,000 BC, Central Europe ~ 5,500BC, Northern Europe ~ 4,000 BC, Near East ~ 9,000 BC
- iii) New Stone Age (Neolithic). Begins with the introduction of farming, 9,000 BC-6,000 BC East Asia, to the development of Cooper which brings in the Bronze Age (c 3300BC).

2. Bronze Age:



- i) Early Bronze. Begins in Egypt 3150 BC .
- ii) Middle Bronze Age. Begins in Egypt in the Middle Kingdom ~2055 to 1650 BC.
- iii) Late Bronze Age. Begins with Egyptian New Kingdom ~16th-11th century BC.

3. Iron Age: 1200 – 600 BC.

IV. Real Archaeological Problems:

1. Metal is found with the earliest generation of man (5th generation of Cain).

¹⁷ And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And **he built a city**, and called the name of the city after the name of his son-- Enoch. (Gen 4:17 NKJ)

²⁰ And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

²¹ His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute.

²² And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah (Gen 4:20-22 NKJ)

- i. Dwell in tents (not cavemen)
- ii. Have livestock (not grunting hunter-gathers)
- iii. Musicians play the harp or lyre (i.e. to pluck), & flute (i.e. breathing instrument)
- iv. Teachers, school (instructor of every craftsmen)

- v. Bronze Heb. נְחֹשֶׁת (n°chosheth), “copper, brass, bronze”
 - vi. Iron Heb בַּרְזֶל (barzel), “iron”
 - vii. Instructor = language.
2. Man and Dinosaurs lived at the same time.
- i) Glen Rose cretaceous rock strata of the Paluxy River reveals human and dinosaur tracks crisscrossing. If dinosaurs became extinct 60 to 70 million years ago how could these prints exist (They are not the only ones in existence – Also found in China). Evolutionist tried to destroy them!
 - ii) Dinosaur and dragon legends?
 - iii) Utah dinosaur petroglyph?
 - iv) Human and dinosaur bones found buried together in Florida?



Baby Woolly Mammoth

1. The Woolly Mammoths, dire-wolves, and saber-tooth cat remains are found in warm climates like Los Angeles, Costa Rica (Columbian mammoth dated to the Pleistocene epoch). Ice Age in Costa Rica?
2. Human, mammoth, mastodon, giant ground sloth bones found buried together in Vero Beach, Florida?

Archaeological Period	Chronological Date	Historical Events	Biblical Historical Event
Early Bronze I	ca. 3300–2950 BC ±150	Early Dynastic Period in Egypt (ca. 3100 BC); urbanization, city-states, cuneiform and hieroglyphic writing	Period of the patriarchs (ca. 2275–2000 BC); destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in 2067 BC at end of EB III period; nomadic lifestyle, transient culture
Early Bronze II	ca. 2950–2700 BC ±125	Canaanite settlement, worship centers	
Early Bronze III	ca. 2700–2176 BC ±50	Beginning of Egyptian Old Kingdom	
Early Bronze IV	ca. 2176–1973 BC	Population decrease, cities destroyed in Canaan; end of Egyptian Old Kingdom	
Middle Bronze I (IbA)	ca. 1973–1750 BC ±10	Egyptian Middle Kingdom	Patriarchs (ca. 2000–1700 BC, Hoffmeier's dating; ca. 1900–1600 BC, Kitchen's dating); Egyptian sojourn (ca. 1876–1446 BC, early date)
Middle Bronze II (IbB)	ca. 1750–1615 BC ±10		
Middle Bronze III (IbC)	ca. 1615–1483 BC ±10		
Late Bronze I	ca. 1483–1400 BC	Egyptian New Kingdom (1539–1096 BC)	Exodus 1446 BC; wilderness wanderings (ca. 1446–1406 BC); conquest (ca. 1406 BC, early date)
Late Bronze II	ca. 1400–1290 BC	Amarna Period, ca. 1386–1334; campaign of Seti I (ca. 1290 BC)	Period of the Judges (ca. 1400–1050 BC, early date); Egyptian sojourn (ca. 1400–1270 BC, late date)
Late Bronze III	ca. 1290–1177 BC	Rameside Egyptian period (ca. 1292–1069 BC); Philistine invasion in 8th year of Ramesses III (ca. 1177 BC); invasion of Sea Peoples (ca. 1200 BC)	Exodus (ca. 1270 BC); conquest (ca. 1230 BC); Judges (ca. 1200–1050 BC, late date)
Iron IA	ca. 1177–1100 BC	Collapse of Bronze Age civilizations	United Israelite Monarchy (ca. 1050–930); Saul (ca. 1050–1010 BC); David (ca. 1010–970 BC); Solomon (ca. 970–930 BC)
Iron IB	ca. 1100–1000 BC	Rise of smaller chiefdoms and kingdom-states	
Iron IC	ca. 1000–925 BC	Invasion of Pharaoh Shishak (ca. 925 BC)	
Iron IIA	ca. 925–800 BC	Neo-Assyrian Empire (ca. 911–612 BC)	Divided Monarchy (ca. 930–587/6*)
Iron IIB	ca. 800–722 BC	Fall of Samaria and exile of Northern Israelite Kingdom to Assyria (ca. 722 BC)	
Iron IIC	ca. 722–587/6 BC	Neo-Babylonian Empire (ca. 911–612 BC)	
Babylonian Period	587/6–538 BC	Judean exile in Babylon	Exilic Period (587/6–538 BC); return to Judah (538 BC)
Persian Period (Iron III)	538–330 BC	Persian hegemony over Israel	Second Temple (Zerubbabel) rebuilt (538–515 BC); Nehemiah rebuilds walls (444 BC)
Hellenistic Period	330–149 BC	Alexander conquers Persian Empire; division by generals (Ptolemaic and Seleucid Empires); Antiochus IV desecrates Jewish Temple (168 BC)	Hellenization of Jews; Maccabean Revolt (167–163 BC)
Hasmonean Period	167–37 BC	Second Jewish Revolt: ends Greek rule over Israel and establishes Jewish state with rulers and priests from Hasmonean (Maccabean) Dynasty.	Purification of Second (Zerubbabel) Temple; Beginning of Qumran Community (c. 134 BC)
Roman Period (Byzantine Period)	149 BC–AD 637	Roman conquest: General Pompei enters Jerusalem Temple (63 BC); Herod the Great builds Second (Herodian) Temple (20 BC)	Jesus and early church, New Testament; destruction of Second Temple (AD 70); Jewish Diaspora, Byzantine Christian rule (AD 325–637)

Universal Flood Stories

Session 32

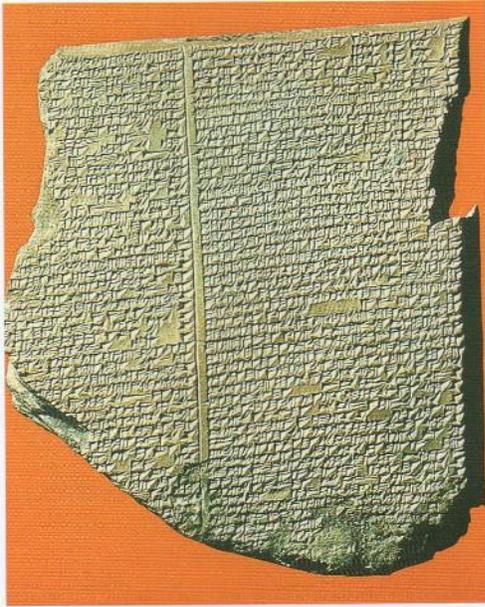
I. Universal Flood Stories

1. **Biblical account (Gen. 6-8).** It flood is described to be universal with all flesh dying except Noah, his family and occupants of the boat:

¹⁷ Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. ¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²² All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry *land*, died. ²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. (Gen 7:17-23 NKJ)

2. **Babylonian flood story.** The Babylonian flood story is preserved in the eleventh book of the famous Assyrian-Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh, unearthed at Kuyunjik (Nineveh) in 1853. It describes a boat about five times larger than Noah's ark with a displacement of some 228,500 tons and cubical in structure. In both the Babylonian and the biblical accounts, bitumen or pitch to close up the seams of the vessel appears prominently. Both accounts hold that the catastrophe was divinely planned. But in striking contrast to the monotheistic Hebrew accounts, the Babylonian is polytheistic and has no adequate moral concept of the cause of the Flood. Both accounts assert that the hero of the deluge (Noah, Utnapishtim) was divinely instructed to build a huge boat to preserve life. Of all extra biblical parallels that have come down to us from the vast cuneiform literature of the Tigris-Euphrates Valley of antiquity, the most striking remains the Babylonian account of the Flood." (Unger Bible Handbook, p. 44) Dated ~2600 BC.



A flood account on tablet XI of the Assyrian version of the Epic of Gilgamesh.

Unger's Bible Handbook

3. Summary of flood tales

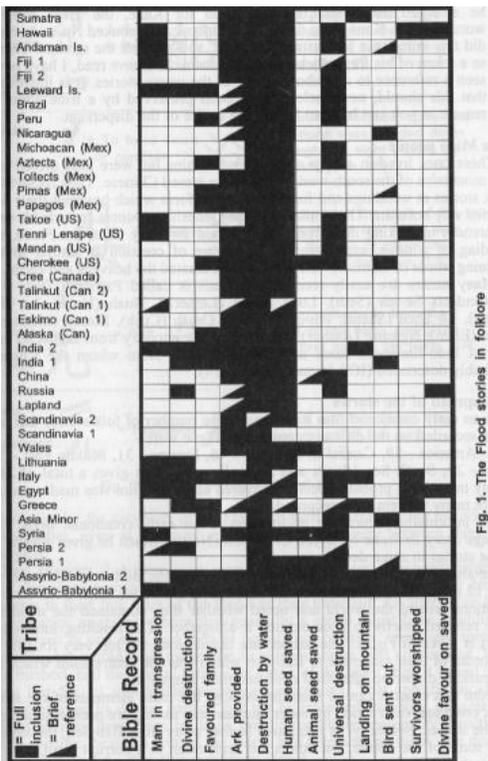


Fig. 1. The Flood stories in folklore

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Section 3.5 - Flood Stories in Folk Tales

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHICS (Ideograms)	BIBLICAL RECORD
Vessel 舟 + eight 八 = Boat 船 + mouth or person 口	Eight people (Noah, three sons and their wives) were saved in the Ark in the Flood (Gen. 7).
Water 氵 = To hand down or continue 沿 + eight persons 召	All ancient records, skills and traditions were handed down through the eight people on the Ark (Gen. 9ff).
Two trees 林 = to covet 婪 + woman 女	Eve coveted the fruit of the tree of good and evil which was with the tree of life in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:6).
Life 丩 + dust 土 = first 先 + man 人	Adam was made from the dust of the earth and given the first human life (Gen. 2:7).
Two 二 +persons 儿 = beginning 元	Adam and Eve began the population of the earth (Gen. 4:1-2).

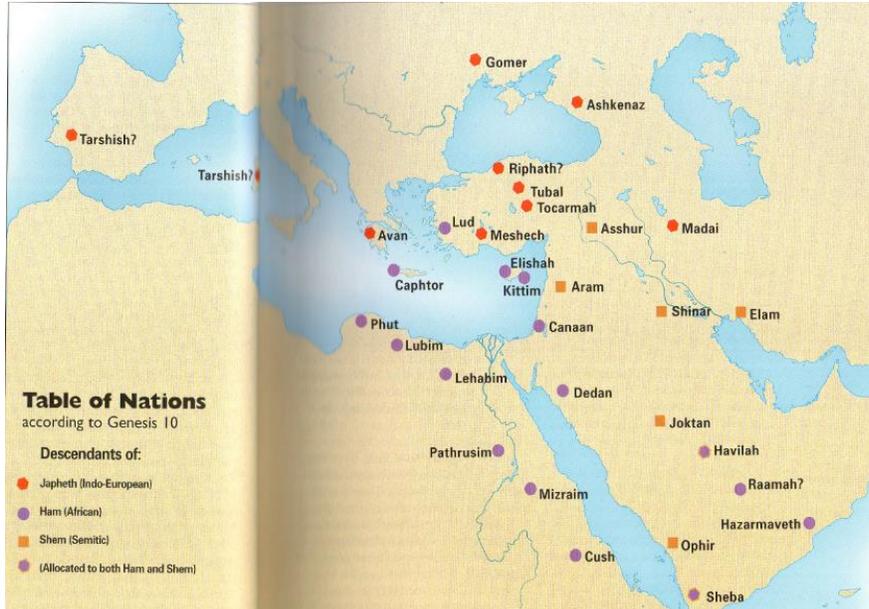
Fig. 2. Chinese pictograms and the Bible

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Table of Nations & Tower of Babel

Session 33

I. The Families of the earth (Gen. 10)



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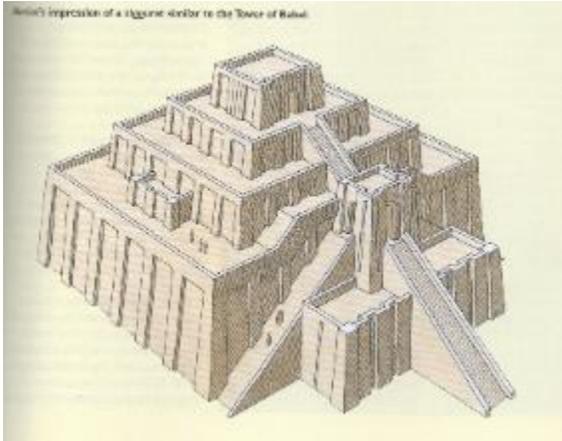
1. Descendants of Japheth (10:2-5)¹⁶
 - a. Gomer (Germany)
 - b. Magog, Tubal, and Mechech (Russia)
 - c. Madai (Persia)
 - d. Javan (Greece)
 - e. Tiras (Italy)
 - f. Togarmah (Armenia)
 - g. Tarshiah (Spain)
 - h. Kittim (Cyprus)
2. Descendants of Ham (10:6-20)
 - a. Cush (Ethiopia)
 - b. Mizraim (Egypt)
 - c. Phut (Africa)
 - d. Canaan
 - e. Nimrod (Babylon and Assyria) נִמְרוֹד (nimrod) "rebellion" or "the valiant"
 - f. Sidon (Phoenicia)
 - g. Heth (Hittites)
 - h. Jebus (Jebusites, the occupants of Jerusalem prior to David's reign)
 - i. Pilistim (the Philistines)
 - j. Sin (possible founder of the oriental peoples, China, Japan, India, etc)
3. Descendants of Shem (10:21-32; 11:10-32)

¹⁶ This list is from Willmington's Guide to the Bible

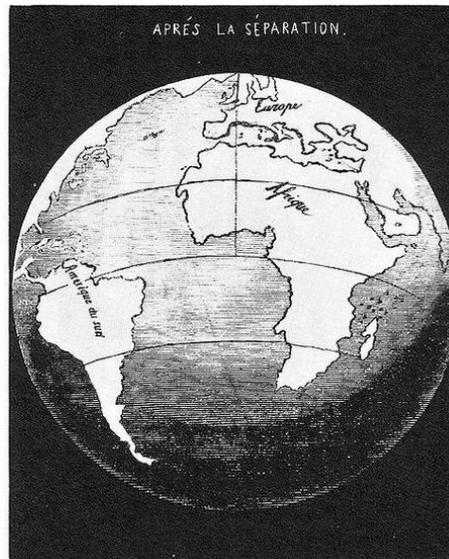
- a. Children of Eber
- b. Israel (through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob)
- c. Arab (through Abraham, Ishmael, and Esau)

II. Tower of Babel (Gen. 11)

1. They had one language (11:1)
2. Let us make a name for ourselves (11:4)
3. They built a tower, a ziggurat “mountain top” (11:4)



4. The Lord went down a confused (בָּלְלָהֶם 'babal') their language (11:7)
5. The Lord scattered them over the face of all the earth (11:8)
 - a. Earth's plate tectonics
 - b. Start of earthquakes



Antonio Snider-Pellegrini's Illustration of the closed and opened Atlantic Ocean (1858) (Wikipedia)

New Creation

Session 34

I. God calls one family out of the families of the earth creating a people to Himself (Gen. 12) 1. Abraham called out of Ur of the Chaldees ~ 1800-2000 BC (12:1-3)

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (Gen 12:1-4 NKJ)

a. God created Israel (Is. 42:5)

⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: ⁶ "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles,

⁷ To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. (Isa 42:5-8 NKJ)

II. God creates the new man of the church age (Eph. 2:10; 4:24)

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10 NKJ)

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:20-24 NKJ)

a. Made Alive in Christ (1 Cor. 15:22)

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (1Co 15:20-26 NKJ)

b. By His shed blood (Col. 1:20)

¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- (Col 1:19-22 NKJ)

c. The washing of the Holy Spirit (Tit 3:5)

⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Tit 3:4-7 NKJ)

d. The washing of the Word of God (Eph 5:26)

²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:26-27 NKJ)

III. New heavens and earth (Rev 21)

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Rev 21:1-4 NKJ)

a. Why is it necessary for the earth to be destroyed (Gen. 3:17-18)

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.(Gen 3:17-18)

b. Prophesied in the OT (Isa. 66:22; 65:17)

²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make (Heb. *bara*, "create") shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.

²³ And it shall come to pass *That* from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD. ²⁴ "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh." (Isa 66:22-24 NKJ)

c. Prophesied in the NT (2 Peter 3:7,9-14)

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of which* I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), ² that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; (2 Pet. 3:1-14 NKJ)

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