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LESSON #1: 'THE ORDER OF CREATION' – GENESIS 1

The Bible makes no attempt to defend itself against all the theories that would come later, an attack about Biblical creation but simply states what God did and how the world was created. When God wrote, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,"* **Genesis 1:1**, who can dispute His account from a position of authority? Who else was present to offer a different recollection of the events. The theories that something else happened are contradictory and cannot be verified like the simple recorded facts of **Genesis 1-11**.

Is There Really a God?

But that does not mean that creation and God being the Creator are defenseless. I would like to take this time before we begin the study of *Genesis Chapter 1* to answer the question, 'Is there really a God?' And a related question, 'Is God the Creator of this universe?' One of the first things we should note is that the Bible declares the truth, 'all that begins has a cause.' This is not only true in science, but also something that the Bible recognizes and gives that 'cause' a name, God!

Psalms 106:48

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.""

The question of God's eternal presence is never questioned in the Bible, as it is written,

1Ch 16:36 NIV

36 Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the LORD." "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord."

The often-voiced question of today, "Who created God" is not a question. The Bible begins and ends with the fact that God has always been and shall always be. God just is, and all that had beginnings came from God and God was the cause of each beginning. Everything else is speculation and faith that matter is eternal, energy is eternal, and that time plus time can always produce every possibly beginning. What a foolish idea that is not backed up by practice, by any scientific experiment or by reality. Yet, it is the backbone of all the ideas that God does not exist, and God is not the Creator.

Intelligent Design

So, why can I so positively state there is a God, and he is the Creator? The proof is design. It is always with us. Just as no one would believe that time created an automobile, carved the images of four presidents on Mr. Rushmore, or built the Great Wall of China; so, there is no logic to believe that living things, plants and creatures, who show great design somehow spontaneously appeared in and on our earth. This process of life rising spontaneously from non-life is the basis for the idea that over a very long amount of time, different kinds of animals and plants were designed by chance to change the genetic information of the plant or the creature. So, the concept of evolution maintains

that fish developed into amphibians, amphibians into reptiles, reptiles into birds and mammals, and man eventually evolved from a mammal in the ape family.

Even anti-creationists claim the three-pound brain of man is the most complex and orderly arranged item of all matter know in the universe. The idea of evolution is that a computer had to have a design, but the designer of the computer had no design or designer. So, some anti-creationists agree to design but give no support for a designer. Dr. Richard Dawkins in his book defining modern evolution theory in his book, "The Blind Watchmaker" wrote, "We have seen that several living things are too improbable and too beautifully designed to have come into existence by chance." Yet, he maintains that evolution was the cause of this design.

Design implies a designer and to a Christian, that design seems to be defined in *Genesis 1:1*, "In the beginning. God created the heaven and the earth," It is also defined again in

Colossians 1:15-16

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers of authorities. All things have been created through him and for him."

When Dawkins in his book, "The Blind Watchmaker" refutes the writing of Bishop William Poker and design proves a Designer God wrote, "that is wrong, gloriously wrong. The analogy between the telescope and eye, between the watch and living organisms is false." You would think such a strong inflammatory statement would be backed with solid, scientific proof, but Dawkins just said, it is the result of what he calls, "blind forces of physics" and natural selection. A statement that lacks the ability to discern and study from a scientific standpoint and one that masks design in the murky darkness of blind forces and the shadowy concept of natural selection.

He went on to write, "blind forces of nature have no design, no foresight and no sight at all. If it can be said to play the role of watchmaker in nature, it is the blind watchmaker that must exert any design." Basically, Dawkins is saying natural selection and mutations together prove to be the mechanisms in the evolutionary process. Let's address this. Does natural selection produce design? Life is built on information. A great amount of that information is contained in the molecule of heredity, DNA, which makes up the organism. Therefore, to argue that natural selection and mutation are the basic mechanisms of the evolutionary process, one must show that their process produces the information needed. It must be responsible for the design that is evident in living things.

First, I think we would all agree that natural selection only operates on the information that is already contained in the genes. It does not produce new information. This is actually consistent with the Bible and the account of origin in Genesis. God created distinct kinds of animals and plants, each to reproduce after their kind. This does not rule out variations in species, but it does rule out new species from the created animal or plant. Natural selection will not change the molecular make-up without added genetic information. Evolutionists claim that this information came from

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mutations. But it has been proven that mutations never add any information. They only reduce genetic information. Mutations do not work as a mechanism for the evolutionary process.

Scientists have also proven that just as a plane can be up to 6,000 different parts and none of them can fly, when properly constructed, the plane will fly. Within the existing cell exist thousands of truly "biochemical machines." Each one has to be in place for the cell to function. Quite simply, evolution from chemicals to a living system is impossible. Those thousands of biochemical machines in each cell of a living organism must be in place for the cell to operate as a live cell, and these biochemical machines have been determined to be an example of 'irreducible complexity.' They cannot be broken down or changed.

The idea that time would allow the chemical concoction for a living cell to appear, fails because of the biochemistry of a cell. The logical system is what makes the order meaningful. This would have had to be in place and fully formed or the cell would never have been able to function. It would seem clear and evident that a large amount of information to produce a living cell must have originally come from an intelligence very superior to ours. Instead of dealing with this truth, Dawkins wrote, "to explain the origin of the DNA/protein machine by involving a Supernatural Designer is to explain precisely nothing, for it leaves unexplained the origin of the Designer. You have to say something like, "God was always there," and if you allow yourself that kind of lazy way out, you might as well say, "DNA was always there" or "Life was always there" and be done with it." "The Blínd Watchmaker", pg. 4.

So, who created God. By definition, an Eternal Being has always existed, therefore, nobody created God. God is the Self-Existent One, the great "I Am" of the Bible. He is outside of time. Everything that has a beginning requires a cause. The Universe has a beginning and so also requires a cause. God may be hard to grasp and understand but that does not disprove God. Yes, we accept it on 'faith', but not on blind faith. It is built on facts. It is the evolutionists who propose a creation of blind faith evidence. They must believe in some cause, literally (a source for the new information that allows new creation), they say it comes from disorder and produces 'design by chaos.' This is an absolute violation of real science.

Romans 1:20 defines their dilemma:

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without an excuse."

God states that anyone should see the design of creation, the power it took to shape all that is in our universe, and that it took something vastly superior to the ideas of man, and if they do not, they are without excuse. I would ask us all to study and apply,

Ephesians 1:18-20

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength

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he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms."

Next Lesson will address the question, "How Long was a Day."

Genesis Chapter 1 Six Days of Creation That Make the World Inhabitable

DAY 1: God created matter, energized it and spoke light into the universe.

The three forces of energy that were created, are:

- 1. **Electromagnetic Light Force**: separate from suns, stars, or any other flaming objects in the Universe.
- 2. **Gravity**: form and motion—created that which allows any one area of the earth to experience day and night.
- 3. **Nuclear Energy**: a byproduct of creation, space, mass and time in balance.

Genesis 1: 1-5

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light 'day,' and the darkness he called 'night.' And there was evening and there was morning---the first day."

DAY 2: The angels were created early, as Job tells us:

Job 38:4a, 7

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation. . .While the morning stars sang together, and all the Angels shouted for joy?"

Day 2: God created the hydrosphere for the earth and the atmosphere for living.

God notes that on day two he made the primeval hydrosphere and made an atmosphere for this earthly sphere. The first act of universal creation was for the entire earth, God created an oxygen atmosphere for earth and a hydrosphere of liquid water. These were vital for man's existence and so far, unique in the universe.

God notes that day involved the creation of a heavenly protective water vapor canopy over the atmosphere of the earth and a firmament, *'ragia'*, literally means 'spread out thinner' above the water canopy of what we call space. This would be the perfect environment for prolonged life.

Genesis 1:6-8

6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault 'sky.' And there was evening and there was morning—the second day.

DAY 3: God made the lithosphere, the solid part of the earth's crust and the plant biosphere.

God notes that under the firmament was a shoreless ocean with all materials dissolved or in suspension. First, dry land is derived from the lower water and God spoke the dry land to appear. His Word produced a chemical reaction among dissolved elements, complex minerals and rocks to make the solid crust or mantel of the earth. He altered the material to appear above the water and produced channels or reservoirs to receive the retreating water. The waters were all connected by waterways and tubes that God called 'the seas.' The foundation of the earth had been perfectly laid out and all made from 'eretz'—the matter God created in *Genesis 1:1-2*.

God had made this solid earth with a blanket of fertile soil. God then spoke into existence all plant life that had a self-contained fertilized seed for reproduction. This mature plant life was grasses (ground cover), herbs (herbs and bushes) and trees (all large, wooded plants). Seed and kind are first mentioned, a seed with a specific DNA genetic code that would allow variation but not an evolution into a new kind of plant. They were made with seed because all pollinators were not created until Day 6.

God made land and covered it with vegetation.

Genesis 1:9-13

"9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good 11 then God said, "let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their various kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good 13 And there was evening, and there was morning-the third day."

DAY 4: God made the atmosphere, the celestial sphere of stars and planets surrounding and illuminating the terrestrial sphere.

God notes that He made light, Hebrew word "OR" on day one and now speaks creatively into place the light givers, Hebrew "ma-or". Both times of giving light were to separate the light from the darkness. They were given for signs, seasons, days and years. Probably recognition points, direction, order and calendaring. But quickly they were corrupted into pagan astrology, worship of the sun gods and moon gods.

Genesis 1:14-19

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth," And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the starts, 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

DAY 5: God makes animal life for the hydrosphere and the atmosphere.

God notes that the waters were immediately filled with mature marine life. Earth has all that is needed to sustain life; light, air (oxygen and carbon monoxide), water, soil, chemicals, food bearing plants and trees. This abundant filling of the waters is the first time the word "life" occurs. It is the word "soul" that is used for all living creatures.

God then notes that animals for the airspace occurred just as abundantly.

His marine life started with the great sea monsters (elsewhere) the word is often translated dragon and all had their gene specific DNA.

God commanded all to fill their part of the earth.

Genesis 1:20-23

"20 And God said: let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth," 23 And there was evening and there was morning-the fifth day.

DAY 6: God made the animals for the lithosphere and biosphere. God made man.

God made the land animals. God notes that He made the land animals out of the same substance He had created on day five.

Land Animals are categorized into three classifications.

- 1. All domesticated animals, called cattle.
- 2. All things that move upon the ground; called creeping things.
- 3. All wild beasts; large non-domesticated animals.

These were all made simultaneously.

Genesis 1:24-25

"24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals each according to its kind." And it was so 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

God Finalizes His Creation

God made man: Then in a recorded conversation of the Godhead, pre-set before time began and now re-recorded for the creation account the Godhead decides to make the highest, most complex, of all creatures. This creation of man who would be given dominion over all the rest of the creatures, was made like other creatures (same substance and same matter) but was created in the image of God. Evidently, the image of God needed a male and female to be complete. Man would feature all the senses that God had hearing, seeing, smell, touch, and speaking.

- God blessed His creation: they were, (Hebrew) "Adam" related to earth, and Woman, one from the man and called them to fill the earth with offspring by monogamous relationships.
- This latest creation was to subdue the earth and have dominion over it.
- God Feeds the Humans: God would feed them and all the animals on the herbs, fruit and produce of the plants and trees.

Genesis 1:26-2:1

"26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning—the sixth day. Thus, the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array."

DAY 7: God rested from His work and established the Sabbath Day of Rest.

Genesis 2:2-3

"2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing so on the seventh day, He rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

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Jesus Created the World

Let us close this session with some scriptures that show that Jesus also believed and taught that he had created the world.

Colossians 1:15-17

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

God clearly states in *Exodus 10:11* that it was six literal days:

Exodus 10:11

"For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed The Sabbath day and made it holy."

In *Proverbs 8:22-35*, it tells how the Lord God brought Jesus forth before the creation events and continues to describe how He was there through all the 6-day Creation events

Proverbs 8:22-35

22 "The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; 23 I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning when the world came to be. 24 When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; 25 before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, 26 before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth 27 I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, 28 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. 30 Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, 31 rejoicing in this whole world and delighting in mankind. 32 "now then, my children, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it. Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. 35 For those who find me, find life and receive favor from the Lord."

The Next Lesson will focus on *Genesis 2* The Perfection of Creation. An Account by Adam concerning the 6th day of creation.

LESSON #2: 'THE PERFECTION OF CREATION'- GENESIS 2

The Bible makes no attempt to defend itself against the theories that would come later, the attacks on the Time of Creation and the Time Length of the word 'Day' in *Genesis 1*. For most centuries, the phrase *"and it was evening and morning of the 'blank' day"* was sufficient. It was a common Hebrew way of saying it was a 24-hour period. But with the rise of evolution and needing to get scientific facts that would back it up, like an old earth and the age of the earth calculated in billions of years, the attack on the word 'Day' has been intense.

But even the Bible does not defend the 24-hour day, nor does it try to calculate billions of years into the time of creation, it does not mean that the Bible is defenseless in defining what happened. So, the first question we will examine is, "How Long is a Day?"

How Long is a Day?

The first two chapters of Genesis are factual accounts. Chapter 1 is an account by God concerning the Order of Creation, and Chapter 2 is an account by Adam concerning Day 6 of Creation. How does Chapter one defines the length of a day?

- Before the Reformation Period, 1500 AD, many theologians and historians considered that creation took less than 6 full days. The idea was God would not need 6 full days to create. This concept was influenced by Greek philosophy and the desire to allegorize everything.
- 2. The Reformation refocused creation as a six-day event and the reason was the example of God, this was a special focus for Marin Luther.

Exodus 20:11,

"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

They felt it was to create the Sabbath rest and worship day for humans. The 7-Day Week has no basis outside of scripture and even though some nations have tried other week configurations, the world operates on a seven-day week.

3. The long day theory is not based on any valid Scripture,

Romans 3:3-4 says,

"What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

Basis for Attack on 6-Day Creation Story

Since the "Age of Enlightenment," the attack against six-days for creation is that it's too short of a time period.

- 1. Alleged proof the world is billions of years old, but this timeline is based on man's fallible methods and unproven assumptions. None have stood even on a scientific basis as valid proof of an old earth.
- 2. There could not have been days because the sun was not created until Day 4. The sun is not needed to have days, all that is needed is light from one direction and a rotating earth.
- 3. The fact that God is not limited by Time.

II Peter 3:8 says,

"With the Lord a day is like a thousand years," but the passage goes on to say, "and a thousand years are like a day."

The passage speaks of the second coming of Christ and shows God is outside of time and therefore not limited by time. It has no reference to creation.

- 4. Ordinary days limit God and billions of years does not limit God. Behind this argument is an unwillingness to believe the Bible and allow as an option that creation has naturalistic explanations.
- 5. Adam would not have had time to name all the animals in one day. Adam only named the animals God brought to him: livestock, birds of the air, and beasts of the field and he did it with perfect mind and perfect memory.

Does It Matter How Long the Days Were?

- 1. Yes, because elongated days allow death, bloodshed, disease, suffering, and sweat-filled work before any sin and its consequences.
- 2. The age of the earth is determined by man's fallible methods; with unsupported assumptions, so it is not proven by any method that the world is billions of years old. The phrases, day & morning and evening are used 43 times in the Bible, and all speak of a 24-hour day. 15 times the word day is used with the phrase night and day, and it is always 24-hour days. The Bible uses the Hebrew word 'yom' 53 times in the Bible and every one of them speaks of 24-hour days.
- 3. Yes, because to allegorize any passage in any context will ultimately try to make the Bible fit human interpretation.
- 4. If science determines our understanding of Scripture at this point, then the virgin birth, resurrection of Christ, and other unduplicated miracles become fables or myths.

"Do we listen to God speak to us through His Word or do we arrogantly tell God what He really meant?"

Genesis 1 and 2 are not unbelievable in word or logic but are thought unbelievable because of outside assumptions.

The leading humanist of Darwin's day was Thomas Huxley. His acclaimed desire was to remove the Bible, Christian faith and a belief in God from society. At first, it did seem like the Christian world would just add evolution to its teachings of Christianity, but Huxley argued that to accept the creation account or millions of years and a time of evolution would mean that Paul's theology and the teaching of Jesus, both who took Genesis as real as the true creation account, would have been teaching based on lies.

It is true that one can be saved without believing in a literal 6-day creation, but before we decide that a billion(s) year creation and God as creator are compatible, we must ask,

"Is this based on anything proven or disproven in Scripture?"

"Is it based on the acceptance of a 'multi-billion-year-old planet?"

Failing to accept it makes the Bible seem like an outdated, scientifically incorrect holy book. Without a full in-depth argument of creation and evolution, let's just take a sample look at the logic of the laws the universe points out:

- 1. **Logical Order** The logical orderly state of the universe would seem to be more the effect of a logical lawgiver and not an act of random selection.
- 2. **Laws of Nature** If creation is a more obvious embrace of the laws of nature, how can that be demonstrated?
- 3. Law of Biogenesis the law of biogenesis states that 'life always comes from life.' Louis Pasteur disproved spontaneous generation and showed that all life comes from previous life.

We have seen this law is universal, there are no known exceptions. This is the explanation of *Genesis 1 and 2* and not the concept of 'molecules to man," evolution violates the law of biogenesis, but biogenesis and a creator are compatible.

4. Law of Chemistry. Our bodies are powered by chemical reactions and depend on the laws of chemistry, operating in a uniform fashion. Every living being has an information strand, a long molecule called DNA. Life as we know it would not be possible if the laws of chemistry were different. All chemicals react in traceable ways to make up the various elements, and each one is either a type of atom or a compound of two or more types of atoms bonded together. They are not arbitrary. They can be logically organized in a periodic table based on physical properties. This is made possible because the laws of quantum physics allow the compound to hold. It is a much more logical pattern, more like Divine creation, than that matter, and energy create a table spontaneously.

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5. **Other Laws**. A quick glance shows the following laws: planetary motion, the law of physics, universal constants, the anthropic principle of physics (allowing human life); the law of mathematics, the laws of logic, and the uniformity of nature. All these can be grouped, studied, charted and formulated because the laws of nature are consistent and interlocking. This is consistent with the Bible but not with random selectivity through evolution.

The Bible continues in *Genesis 2* to give a description of creation on Day Six from the viewpoint of humanity. It compliments and does not contradict *Genesis 1 - Genesis 2:4a*. This is the account of creation by Adam. Adam probably recorded this, and Moses compiled it in the Book of Genesis.

Genesis Chapter 2 Account of Creation by Adam, Viewpoint of Humanity

Genesis 2 answers questions that many people ask:

- 1. Why am I here and what am I to do?
- 2. What makes me unique from everything else that was created.

Genesis 2:4-17

"This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. 5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, 6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. 7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground, trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters, 11 The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 (The gold of that land is good, aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Question 1: Why Am I Here and What Am I To Do?

Adam begins with the background for the primary task God has given him to do, he wrote how God made the Garden of Eden and commanded him to care for it.

1. The story begins before any plants were made and explains the first hydrologic cycle: water vapor above and below the earth, a slight night time temperature change and

morning mist to water the earth, all started on Day 2 and 3. This is different than our post flood hydrologic system which is based on evaporation of water into the air, precipitation, and the transitioning of that water to the oceans. Originally the earth had no rainfall.

- 2. God made an adult man to care for the earth and gave him life; "the breath of life" that exists in every living creature. This is not an account of the making and creating of man, Genesis 1:27. All life exists of various amounts of base earth particles: nitrogen, oxygen, calcium, etc. I Corinthians says the first man was from the earth, "Literally earthly". Life must come from life, the Law of Biogenesis. God, the self-existent one, gave a transfer of life to Adam.
- 3. God made a special Garden, Eden, which means "delight". The geographical location of it is impossible to trace today. The garden was planted and organized by God and was much more productive and beautiful than the rest of the earth which had just received the impersonal command to produce vegetation.
- 4. Adam was created outside of the garden and then God placed him in the garden.
- 5. Adam draws attention to two special trees that grew exclusively in the garden: Tree #1— This tree taught men evil and was called the 'Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.' It was good for food and appealing to the eye, *Genesis 3:6*, but eating it would enlighten mankind to evil and would break the intense fellowship with God because it would break the reciprocal love relationship between God and Man.
- 6. God designed the Garden with an artesian spring fed river and that river divided into four streams that flowed from the Garden. The names of the rivers are historical but do not match the Tigris and Euphrates rivers today.
- 7. Adam had the same life we have; a steward of God; he had a time where he was without sin or guilt; had a period of probation; and sinned later deliberately.
- 8. Adam's job as steward of the garden only prohibited him and Eve from eating of the one tree that would expose all evil to them. Because it would break or change fellowship with God, God stated the result of their eating it was literally "dying, you shall die."

Question 2: What Makes Me Unique from Everything Else That Was Created?

Genesis 2:18-25, The LORD God said,

18 "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." 19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them, and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. 23 The man said,

"this now is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

- God's work was incomplete until woman was made. All animals had been made, male and female, and had been instructed to multiply and bring forth after their kind. God set out to make a 'helpmeet' for Adam. He had personally formed man's body, and He would personally form woman's body. Even in creation God set out to teach men and women their dependence upon each other and to recognize that dependence started at creation. Eve became the only human ever created out of man.
- 2. God demonstrated to Adam what it would mean to have dominion over the animals and creation. He bought the animals to man so he would have the most contact with them and he named them. He demonstrated and defined for man his responsibilities of dominion. He allowed man to see that he would rule over the animals but not have fellowship/intimate relations or a life with them.
- 3. God demonstrated to Adam how He would make a woman; so, Adam never questioned the unified role he and Eve would have to complete their duties and begin to fill the earth with humans. God anesthetized Adam and took a part of his "side" and created woman. She was the only creation not made from dust of the ground but was made from a fleshy chunk of man. Adam recognized their compatibility. She was the helpmate he had needed, and he named her, a name that represents her special creation. She was called *"Isha"* or woman, derived from *"Ish"* a man.
- Although there is only one human couple at this first marriage ceremony, God taught Adam and Eve the God-directed principles of marriage. It was to be permanent. Monogamous marriage was God's plan to fill the earth.
- 5. This passage became the basis of the teaching of Jesus about marriage, *Mark 10:2-12 & Matthew 19:3-9* The teaching of Jesus about divorce rests on two truths of Genesis. A man will leave father and mother and be united with his wife and the two will become one flesh. Second, what God has joined together, let man not separate. Adam and Eve lived in total bliss, and they had no shame or embarrassment.

Application:

Once again, our world has retained much of the information of *Genesis 1 & 2*. The obvious things include a seven-day week: the name categories of man and women. Ethnologists and anthropologists find evidence that monogamous permanent marriage has been everywhere and at all ages been considered as the ideal and preferred form of family life. This would not be the results you would expect from natural selection: a uniform system for time; names that distinctly say a woman was taken (created) out of man, and monogamous stable marriage where both parent raise and train very vulnerable young.

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Natural selection cannot explain these results. In fact, natural processes cannot explain the origin of life. The Miller-Urey experiment performed in the 1950's is used to explain how amino acids could have formed without life to make them.

However, the experiment was not by chance but intelligent decisions based on scientific knowledge. We do not know the make-up of the atmosphere millions of years ago. Free oxygen was omitted in this experiment because it is lethal to newly created amino acids; a lack of free oxygen would mean no ozone layer and ultraviolet rays would destroy all biological molecules. This merely proves if there is no oxygen, life could not start and if there was oxygen life could not be self-generated. The answer has been that life began in water. However, water works against the process of building amino acids by hydrolysis or water splitting. The half-life of any created amino acids in water would have disappeared in days or months. Scientists do not have a workable, let alone duplicatable, formula for how life could have been chemically evolved on earth. But creation eliminates every problem of the Miller-Urey experiment: it proved livable amino acids could not form on their own; proof that oxygen always exists in created matter; and proof that no scientist has produced only same homochirality of amino acids necessary for life.

We have not even dealt with the fact that all cells carry inert information that causes life to function. Where did that information originate? The common answer by science is contained in this Nobel Prize winning scientist George Wald's writings:

"However improbable we regard this event (evolution) or any of the steps which it involves, given enough time it will almost certainly happen at least once. Time is in fact the hero of the plot. Given much time, the 'impossible' becomes possible, the possible probable, the probable virtually certain. One has only to wait; time performs the miracles."

"Origin of Life, George Wald, 1954

Life is made of 2,000+ enzymes and the chance of obtaining them all by random trial is 10 to 40,000 power. Enough said.

The Next Lesson will focus on Genesis 3 "The Beginning of Decline"

LESSON 3: 'THE BEGINNING OF DECLINE'- GENESIS 3

Idea of Evolution and the "Old Earth" Theory

Many theologians and other intellectuals bought into the idea of evolution and the 'Old Earth' (millions of years old, at first and now billions of years old); as a result, many theories arose to prove that an old earth and evolution could fit quite compatibly with the Bible. One of the first theories was what is called the 'Gap Theory' and it maintained that there was a tremendous number of years between **Genesis 1:1**- "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth;" and **Genesis 1:2** "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

This was one of the first attempts to show that the Bible did not teach a young earth, thousands of years old, but an old earth that allowed for the evolution process to have occurred. However, the Gap Theory is not consistent with God creating everything in a time period and especially six days as it clearly states in

Exodus 20:11 NIV

For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

It also puts death, disease, and suffering before the first sin of any human and make the reactions of God to that sin ludicrous and wrong. The effect of sin would have been present for billions of years and there would not have been a perfect Garden of Eden.

Romans 5:12 would be a lie when it says:

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came-to all people, because all sinned. "

God would have arbitrarily punished one couple while death, sin and destruction would have been present for billions of years. How could all be perfect as God says and still show killing, death, and destruction?

It is logically inconsistent because it evolves a concept of continual destruction that would climax in the creation of perfect people.

Also, we have much evidence of a young earth:

- 1. The rapid removal of the earth's magnetic field.
- 2. The amount of salt in the ocean
- 3. The wind-up of spiral galaxies.
- 4. The fact that 'super-natural events' rapidly change the topography of the land disproves the idea of standard 'uninformative geology', an essential belief to validate the billions of years theory of the age of the earth.

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5. This concept undermines the foundation of the Bible and all that was accepted as truth by Moses, Jesus, Paul and other writers or speakers of the Bible's message.

We will continue looking at other ideas that have been advanced to prove the "Old age of the Earth" and how valid they have proven to be in the next lesson.

How Did Sin Originate?

As we examine *Chapter 3 of Genesis* we must ask the basic question, "How did sin originate?" The facts about the origin of sin are not hard to understand. Adam and Mrs. Adam, the woman, both took from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and disobeyed God. Paul writes in:

Galatians 3:6 "Sin entered the world through Adam."

This is because Adam was responsible for Eve and was present when she sinned without stopping her.

Romans 5:12

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned."

However, a host of questions remain about the origin of sin.

- 1. How did Satan enter the picture?
- 2. Why would God create Satan?
- 3. How is the serpent involved and is he evil?
- 4. Did Adam sin first or was Satan first, then Eve and finally Adam?

Satan's Role in the Origin of Sin

Let's look first at Satan's role in the origin of sin. Satan was disobedient to God sometime after his creation and before he tempted Eve. His sin was two-fold.

1. Satan took great pride in his beauty.

Ezekiel 28:14-16

"14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So, I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones."

2. He tried to ascend to the Godhead.

Isaiah 14:12-14

"12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

The result of this rebellion and attempted coup of God Jehovah left Satan in a different environment.

- 3. He was cast out of heaven.
- 4. He was never given dominion over anything, so his sin did not affect creation, just himself.
- 5. As a new enemy of God, he attacked God's creation and shortly after his fall went after those who had dominion over the earth.

How Does the Serpent Become Involved?

Revelation 12:9 says,

"9 The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him."

Revelation 20:2 says,

"He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years."

"Satan, the Old Serpent" used his demonic power to inhabit (possess) the body of the serpent. Just as seen in:

Luke 8:32-33

"32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned."

The animal kingdom would have been quite different created in perfection and that might explain the ability of a possessed serpent to both speak and to carry on a meaningful conversation without frightening the woman. Two things are obvious:

- 1. Satan used and continues to use creations of God as the means to produce temptation and enlarge his power.
- 2. Temptation and sin are always based on an altering of the Word of God or questioning the authority of God.

The result of this pair, the "Old Serpent" and the "New Serpent" was an attempt to gain dominion over those given the dominion of creation. The result was the origin of sin, which leads to our next question.

Genesis Chapter 3 Did Adam Sin First, Was Satan First, Then Eve & Finally Adam?

Genesis 3:1-13,

"1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die," 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "for God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.," 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so, they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." 11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with meshe gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "the serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Through disobedience, Lucifer (meaning Day Star) became Satan (meaning adversary or accuser) and became "the Old Serpent" who entered the "most clever" of all the wild animals and approached Eve with his temptation. Satan initiated the conversation by doing something Adam and Eve had never witnessed, that a creation could question the word of God. He began literally, *"Did God really say you are not to eat of every tree in the garden?"* A slightly, superior condescending tone highlighting the "naïve" acceptance of God's command by Eve, inferring that God was not as good as He seemed because He was willing to withhold something from them.

Eve responds in what seems a good defense of God; however, her reply shows the questioning of the serpent had a deadly effect on her.

- 1. God had said, "From any tree of the garden you may freely eat," but Eve said, "from the fruit of the trees you may eat."
- 2. God had said, "but from the tree of knowledge of good and evil," but, Eve said, "but from the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden."
- 3. God said, "You shall not eat," Eve said, "you shall not eat or touch it."
- 4. God said, "for in the day that you eat it you shall surely die," Eve said, "Lest you die."

It is dangerous to alter God's Word by additions or deletions. Now that Eve questioned God's authority and goodness, Satan presses on. He said to Eve, *"You shall surely not die."* The fact that God had told Adam, and Adam had warned Eve, did not keep Satan from pressing his point, *"You*

were not allowed to eat the fruit because God feared you would learn too much." He tells her, "You will be as gods if you eat this." This was very parallel to his own downfall.

As Eve allowed her mind and emotions to be influenced by the satanic suggestions of doubt and pride, the fruit seemed more beautiful and delectable all the time. It possessed the characteristics of every temptation.

- 1. Appealed to some physical bodily appetite.
- 2. Appealed to her emotions and it was esthetically pleasing.
- 3. Appealed to her pride of knowledge and insight.

Like all sinners, Eve felt impelled to lead Adam to participate in the same sin. Adam seems to be fully aware of what he was doing.

I Timothy 2:13-14

"13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 and Adam was not the one deceived, it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner."

Adam's sin was as deliberate, wicked and inexcusable as Eve's. The difference was Adam was the true head of the race. All humans would come from him, including Eve and his sin started the decay that leads to death. Because of God-like knowledge, they became overwhelmed by what they had done. The divine command to *"multiply and fill the earth"* let them focus on their distance from God and they suddenly desired to hide their procreative organs, from each other and God. The fellowship with God was broken and they hid from his sight.

When Adam refused to fellowship with God because he was naked, he exposed his sinful disobedience. God asked an open-ended question where Adam could have confessed his sin and asked for forgiveness, but he did not. Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent and neither acknowledged any personal guilt. This was a question to encourage repentance, not gain information.

Sin Has Severe Consequences

Genesis 3:14-19

"14 so the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly, and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 25 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers, he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." 16 To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe, with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." 17 to Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until

you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

This set of sins had five consequences, called curses:

- 1. **The Consequence for the Animal Kingdom:** The serpent, the vehicle of temptation, would glide on its belly and be an object of fear and even loathing. Along with the curse upon the serpent and now because sin brought death, everything, even all animal life would die.
- 2. **The Consequence for Satan:** The woman, who had seemed an ally would become an enemy and the woman who seemed to rule over her husband, would not continue to have universal power.
- 3. **The Consequence for Woman:** Her original command, to multiply, because of her 'lust' for withheld knowledge would be marked by unique suffering. Her independent decision would mean her independence would be lost.
- 4. **The Consequence for Man:** The earth, which had been his perfect friend would now produce thorns and noxious weeds. This would require sweat and tears to remove these new growths. All life would end in death and decay.
- 5. **The Consequence for the Land:** Everything made from the earth would decay and disintegrate. The earth would rebel and be reluctant to yield food. So, plants began to change, animals began to change, and micro-organisms created for good became harmful and lethal and helpful organisms became parasites and viral systems. God created a system of consequences that was marked by pain, crying, sorrow and death.

All Consequences removed in His final Heaven and Earth.

Revelation 21:4

"4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed aways."

Sin Never Causes God to Quit Seeking a Person

Genesis 3:20-24

"20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. 21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the LORD God said, "the man has now become like one of us, knowing good an evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever." 23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life."

When God pronounced the consequences of sin (curses) Adam and Eve saw that God would help them to be victorious over beings like Satan. They accepted this promise and Adam (literally "mans

man") named his wife Eve (literally means "life"), and Moses added later the statement that explains why she had that name. God did not immediately destroy the Garden but did send Adam and Eve out so they would not be able to eat the medicinal, miraculous fruit of the Tree of Life.

Mankind now called God, "the LORD God," not only the omnipotent God of creation but the unchanging Lord of grace and mercy. Cherubim, the highest of God's Creation came from the throne of God to guard the Garden entrance. It was the place God met Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, etc. Satan was a cherub until wickedness was found in him. Remember.

Ezekiel 28:14-15

"14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God, you walked among the fiery stones. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you."

What are the truths we should take from the sharp decrease in the perfection of the creation and the decline that it set in motion?

Even though Satan was the first sinner, we cannot use his influence as our excuse for sin. Sin comes from our desires. The woman was convinced by her desire and the man by the woman's asking. We see:

- 1. God is not the author of sin, our desires are.
- 2. God did not trick or deceive Satan to be full of pride. God hates pride. Since Satan's own desires caused his pride, evil did not enter the world through God but through Satan.
- 3. Sin and death entered the world because of mankind but salvation and redemption also entered the world through a new man 'Jesus!'
- 4. Satan will not rule the Lake of Fire, Hell, but will be a captive in it.

The earth would never be the same until God renews it.

The Next Lesson will focus on Genesis 4 "The Breakdown of Relationships"

LESSON 4: 'THE BREAKDOWN OF RELATIONSHIPS'- GENESIS 4

This lesson will continue to look at and examine *Genesis 1-11* from a creationist viewpoint. Because many theologians and other people bought into the idea of an "Old Earth", millions of years old at first and now billions of years old, there have been many theories and "supposed truths" to prove that the earth is old. We will take one more look at the "Old Earth" theory and see what is offered as proof and if the theories hold up in larger tests of their validity.

Do Proofs that Validates the "Old Earth" Theory Hold Up?

Young Earth Worldview

Where did the idea of a "Young Earth" worldview come from? Simply put, it came from the Bible. Of course, the Bible doesn't say explicitly anywhere, 'The Earth is 4,000 years old.' Good thing it doesn't; otherwise, it would be out of date the following year. But we would not expect an allknowing God to make that kind of a mistake. God gave us something better. In essence, He gave us a 'birth certificate.' For example, using a personal birth certificate, a person can calculate how old he is at any point. It is similar to the earth. *Genesis 1* says that the earth was created on the first day of creation *Genesis 1:1-5*. From there, we can begin to calculate the age of the earth. This means take the days of creation, and then the genealogies from Adam to Abraham, *Genesis 5 & 11*, then adding in the time from Abraham to today. Universally, Abaraham was considered to have lived about 2,000 BC. These calculations have been done for many millenniums and by hundreds of scholars and theologians and the age has ranged from 6984 by the Spanish to 5270 by the Vatican.

Old Earth Worldview

Well, then where did the idea of an 'Old Earth' originate? Prior to 1700, few believed in an old earth. The approximate 6,000-year age for the earth was challenged only rather recently, beginning in the late 19th century. These opponents of biblical chronology essentially left God out of the picture. Three of the first old-earth advocates included Cante de Buffon, who thought the earth was at least 75,000 years old. Piere LaPlace imagined an indefinite but very long history, and Jean Lamarch also proposed long ages.

But the idea of millions of years really took hold in geology when men like Abraham Wener, James Hutton, William Smith, Georges Cuvier, and Charles Lyell used their interpretations of geology as the standard, rather than the Bible. Wener estimated the age of the earth at about one million years. Smith and Cuvier believed untold ages were needed for the formation of rock layers. Hutton said he could see no geological evidence of a beginning of the earth; and building on Hutton's thinking, Lyell advocated 'millions of years.'

Then was formed the pivotal thought of determining the age of the earth, namely, these men and others came to the consensus view that the geologic layers were laid down slowly over long periods of time based on the rates at which we see them accumulating today. Hutton said, "The past history of our globe must be explained by what can be seen to be happening now. No powers are to be

employed that are not natural to the globe, no action to be admitted except those of which we know the principle." (*Theory of the Earth, pgs. 43-44*)

This viewpoint is called 'Naturalistic Uniformitarianism', and it excludes any major catastrophes such as Noah's flood. Though some believed in multiple catastrophes separated by long periods of time, the uniformitarian concept became the ruling dogma in geology.

Global Flood Impact

Thinking biblically, we can see that the global flood in *Genesis 6-8* would wipe away the concept of millions of years, for this Flood would explain massive amounts of fossil layers. Most Christians fail to realize that a global flood could rip up many of the previous rock layers and redeposit then elsewhere, destroying the previous fragile contents. This would destroy any evidence for alleged millions of years anyway. So, the rock layers can theoretically represent the evidence of either millions of years or a global flood, but not both. Sadly, by about 1840, even most of the Church had accepted the dogmatic claims of the secular geologists and rejected the global flood and the biblical age of the earth. This number continues to increase in our day, and it is not uncommon to hear 60-120 billion old Earth mentioned even on secular news shows, like "60 Minutes".

Other Dating Ideas

One of the great proofs of Uniformitarianism was radiometric dating; however, radiometric dates often disagree with one another, and the data obtained from other uniformitarian dating methods for the earth, such as the influx of salts in the ocean, the rate of decay of the earth's magnetic field, and the growth rate of human population are not consistent with the idea of Uniformitarianism.

We have already spoken to the fallacy of Carbon dating, because at 10,000 years of age, all carbon should be gone, and the item only be composed of nitrogen. However, wood trapped by lava flows, oil and diamonds trapped between layers of rock supposedly millions if not billions of years old, still have carbon in them. Even the least expert of jewelry buyers in this room knows that we still search for carbon in most of the gems that are mined from the earth. The make-up of what is taken from the earth does not match what Carbon 14 dating says.

One last thought, when all the major volcanic eruptions are dated by (K-Ad) radiometric dating from Mt Etna, in 122 BC to Kilauea Iku basalt in Hawaii in 1959, all show new rock formed by the molten lava using radiometric dating to be 170,000 to 15.3 million years old.

Biblical Dating View

In conclusion, when we start our thinking with God's Word, we see that the world is about 6,000 years old. When we rely on man's fallible and often demonstrably false dating methods, we can get a confusing range of ages from a few thousand to billions of years, through most methods do not give dates even close to billions.

Cultures around the world give an age of the earth that confirms what the Bible teaches. Radiometric dates on the other hand have been shown to be wildly in error. The age of the earth ultimately comes down to a matter of trust, it is a worldview issue. Will you trust what an all-knowing God says on the subject, or will you trust imperfect man's assumptions and imagination about the past that regularly are changing.

Genesis Chapter 4 Breakdown of Relationships

Genesis Chapter **4** shows the breakdown of relationships as God had created them. It seems the original relationship choice was 'who and what to worship?' Modern anthropologists have had to reassess their former views. It is a clear pattern that even in the cultures cut off from monotheistic beliefs, there is a consciousness of a Supreme Being lying behind all their animistic and polytheistic ideas. Worship of a Supreme Being seems to be one of the threads that holds cultures together.

Adam and Eve worshipped God and kept a relationship with God that included offerings or sacrifices to God as well as conversations at the times of interaction. This was their norm and became the norm of their first two named sons: Cain, meaning "I gained a man from the Lord" and Abel meaning "breath or vanity". They began their careers, Cain, a farmer like his father and Abel, a keeper of sheep like many in the Old Testament. They always met God at an appointed time for worship and sacrifice, but these two men highlight the two extreme choices all can make when they approach and worship God.

- 1. Do I accept God's Word, approach Him in faith, and trust that His guidance is right?
- 2. Do I distrust and revise God's Word, try to earn salvation, and become in charge of me?

Able was a man of faith, a prophet and a martyr for his faith. Cain revised God's teaching, let his anger fly high and responded out of hate, jealousy and worldliness. They both went and worshipped God the day they had their crisis! The question for us is: Who and what do you worship?

Worship Must Be to Someone Greater Than Self!

Genesis 4:1-7

"1 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, 'With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.' 2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 And Abel also brought an offering, fat portions from some of the first born of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering. 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So, Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. 6 Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.'"

Adam and Eve conceived two sons as the first of their children. They continued to raise more children, *Genesis 5:4* Only one other child from their family will be singled out. His name was Seth, "the replacement son for Abel." Jewish tradition tells us that Adam and Eve had 57 children, 27 boys and 30 girls.

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These first two men, Cain and Abel, develop and grew. Surrounded by a loving mother and father and younger brothers and sisters, they pursue their occupations and regularly worship God.

One day they come at the time for worship and sacrifice: a Sabbath, at harvest or the end of a time, or even at a time God had appointed. It was a worship attended at least by God, Cain and Abel. Since God had shown that a blood sacrifice was needed to cover sins (animal skin garments) it is very possible that Cain regularly traded produce to Abel to secure a sheep to sacrifice. At this worship, Cain was neither willing to worship correctly or not right in his heart about worship. God accepted Abel's offering, (the usual Biblical way was to consume it with fire) and rejected the offering of Cain. Cain began to pout and became very angry. God lovingly explained the offering situation to Cain and gave Cain a chance to redo! When it was obvious that Cain was unwilling to discuss this with God. God warned Cain about the power of sin and how close it stayed near each person.

Relationships With God are Built on the Concept That Worship Must Soften, Not Harden Your Heart!

Genesis 4:8-15,

"8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field.' While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' 'I don't know,' he replied. 'Am I my brother's keeper?' 10 The LORD said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work it the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.' 13 Cain said to the LORD, 'My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.' 15 But the LORD said to him, 'Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.' Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.' 16 So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.'"

The unrepentant Cain, still angry at God, enticed his bother to leave the worship area and go out into the open field. Abel, a prophet of God:

Luke 11:50-51

"50 Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be responsible for it all."

Abel argued on behalf of God for Cain not to rebel against God and died as a martyr because of his faith. *Matthew 23:35*, says this was not a crime of passion or even a crime of anger, *I John 3:12* tells us he was following Satan and became exposed for his intense jealousy.

God left the worship area and came right out into the field with Cain and asked an open-ended question. Cain does not blame someone else as Mom or Dad had done, no he lied. God cannot speak words of mercy to a lie but only words of judgment. Cain may have stopped the convicting words of the prophetic voice of Abel, but he did not stop the voice of his blood. The consequences for Cain were immediate.

- 1. The curse would come from the ground that Cain would farm.
- 2. Cain would wander all the remaining days of his life.

Cain does not repent, no words of regret for Abel but he does plan that his family does not find him and take revenge. God promises that He will protect Cain and creates a sign or mark so that Cain will not be harmed by his family. Cain must have reasoned, if I can kill, so can they.

Worship Means Repent and Return, Never Sin and Reject God

Genesis 4:17-26,

"17 Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methuselah and Methuselah was the father of Lamach. 19 Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who played stringed instruments and pipes. 22 Zilah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Canin's sister was Naamah. 23 Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. 24 If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.' 25 Adam made love to his wife again and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying,' God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him; 26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD."

Cain took the wife he had already married, either his sister or his niece, and they went away from Eden to a land called "Nod" or "Wandering" where Cain and his wife had a baby boy and began building a settlement (city) that he named after his son Enoch. The lineage after Enoch included very creative men who helped usher in a golden age, pre-flood civilization. They were highly technical and invented metal tools, forged metal, animal husbandly (the breeding and the raising of animals,) musical instruments, (stringed and woodwind) and metallurgy.

The linage of Cain was talented and inventive but did not focus on serving God with their talents. There never was a repent and return time and by the 7th generation from Cain, a man arose Lamech, who created his own rules.

Lamech started polygamy. Lamech took the words of God about protecting his ancestor, Cain, and turned them into words of boastful arrogance. Everything Lamech's sons invented could have been a useful part of subduing the earth, but his spirit of rebellion did not let that happen.

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Jude 1:11,

"Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion."

Godly Son Seth

God used the Godly son Seth, appointed or substituted, and recognized by Eve as a God given replacement for Abel, to further his line. The seed of Woman was still alive, and Seth would be one more ancestral step towards the birth of Jesus. Seth had a Godly son, Enoch, and at that time men began to call on the Name of Jehovah. The "repent" and "return" needed for true worship occurred in the family of Seth. This would have been a time of prayer and public worship. Seven generations after Seth, his line bore a son named Enoch, a Godly man who was so close to God that God translated him straight to heaven. It was from that line that God chose to culminate in the birth of His son Jesus Christ.

Common Questions About Relationships

This breakdown of relationship with God and therefore with other humans has led to questions that blur the clear teaching of God in this chapter.

Using our modern-day standards imposed over the time period studied, people have asked:

Question #1: "Where did Cain's wife come from?" and "Who did Cain marry?"

God told Adam and Eve to procreate and fill the earth. The only option would be that he married his sister, or if he had waited a bit longer, it could have been a niece. Don't forget how long people lived in those days, over 900 years. Adam and Eve could have had many children even within the first 100 years. This was his only option. There was no one to say this was not right. It did not become a moral issue for over two millennium when Moses issued restrictions (given by God) regarding marriage and sexual relationships. There were no genetic issues at that time, unlike today where marrying a close relative can lead to serious health issues. These health issues are due to generations of genetic mutations that began to occur after the original sin.

Question #2: "How could people live over 900 years?

God designed something called "telomeres" which are caps on the end of our chromosomes (each person has 23 pairs of these chromosomes.) The telomere caps get shorter every time a cell reproduces. Once the caps are gone the cell cannot reproduce. Human genetics were slightly different before the flood. There is something called 'genetic load' which is a reference to the number of mistakes (mutations) we have in our genes. These mistakes keep accumulating and it can't be stopped. We now have increasing amounts of diseases in the human population. Another big factor was the Pre-Flood environment was very different than the environment of today. There was less harmful radiation and higher oxygen levels.

Question #3: "Just how many people are on the earth at this time?

When one looks at the population between Creation and the Flood, you must consider the number of years (approximately 1660 yours, the life span of humans during that time (800-900 years) and *Author: Dr. Thomas Haney*

the likely population rate. Taking these factors into consideration, estimates vary between 750 million and 4-5 billion, depending on the assumed population rate. It is very likely that the present population on earth did not match the pre-flood population until last century.

Question #4: "Does God have a plan or is He just having to react to each new crisis?"

God has a plan, and it is revealed in various ways throughout the Bible. One indication of God's plan is revealed in the *Genealogy of Genesis 5*. Someone took a deeper look into the Names and their meanings and came up with the following hidden message.

"Man is appointed mortal sorrow, but the Blessed God shall come down teaching that His Death shall bring the despairing rest."

Adam	Man	Gen 1:27
Seth/Sheth	appointed	Gen 4:25; 1Ch 1:1
Enosh	mortal	Gen 4:26; 1Ch 1:1
Cainana/Kenan	sorrow	Gen 5:9; 1Ch 1:2
Mahalaleel	the blessed God	Gen 5:12; 1Ch 1:2
Jared/Jered	descending	Gen 5:15; 1Ch 1:2
Enoch/Henoch	to train/teach	Gen 5:18; 1Ch 1:3
Methuselah	his death shall bring	Gen 5:21; 1Ch 1:3
Lamech	despairing	Gen 5:25; 1Ch 1:3
Noah	comfort/rest	Gen 5:29; 1Ch 1:4

From *Genesis 3* to the end of *Revelation*, God continues to tell of His plan for humans and eternity. The devil may look like he is in the details in some cases but here the details all point to a careful plan by God.

Man destroyed relationships and God will restore where possible.

The Next Lesson will focus on Genesis 5 - "Principles of Creation from Adam to Noah"

LESSON 5: 'PRINCIPLES OF CREATION FROM ADAM TO NOAH'- GENESIS 5

Who Are Our Ancestors?

This is one of the important questions that help determine how we live, what we do and how we regard ourselves. The evolutionists have taught us that humanity has a variety of ancestors:

- Ameba to reptiles, reptiles to land animals and dinosaurs, to birds and later some land animals became humans.
- Ape-like creatures, are said to be the true ancestors of humanity.
- Humans and chimp DNA strands show similarities that are a supposed link of origin.
- The idea that intelligent life from outer space seeded life on earth is getting much attention today.

Why has the argument shifted from chimpanzees being the source of humans and that outer space life (extraterrestrial) seeding of the earth has become popular among certain groups of scientists?

COMPLEXITY: The fact that the probability percentages are so small to allow life through evolution is compounded by the complexity of life here on earth. Bacteria are the simplest forms of life. The smallest bacteria are the 'candidatuls carsonells rudi' that live inside the cells of the psyllid insect, 'pachyprylla venusta.' This smallest of bacteria has 159,662 pairs of DNA which encodes 182 genes. They produce amino acids vital to the life of the insect which the host insect cannot get from its diet. Life forms seem too complex to have developed on their own.

TIME: A common 'Old Earth' thought is the earth is 4.5 million years old and other parts of the universe are up to 15 billion years old. Evolution works by random choice and even the simplest of life forms are not simple. It would require an extremely long-time line for evolution. So, the origin of life must have come from outer space. Billions have been spent in this search for extraterrestrial life. Mars probes and probes to the Jovian planet moons (Jupiter and Saturn) of Europa, Titan, and Enceladus, were thought to have interior oceans where there is some organic life, but none have been found.

It is good to remind ourselves that organic molecules and energy do not produce life. It requires DNA (organized information) and an intelligent source to create a life that is active and working. Remember the law of Nuclear Dynamics, 'life comes from life.' In the movie 'Expelled,' Ben Stein asked Richard Dawkins, a very prominent evolutionary biologist, the question: "What do you think is the possibility that intelligent design might turn out to be the answer to some issues in genetics or in evolution?"

Dawkins, reply: "Well, it could have come about in the following way; it could be that at some earlier time, somewhere in the universe, a civilization evolved by, probably by. . .Some kind of Darwinian means to a very, very high level of technology and designed a form of life that they seeded onto perhaps this planet. Now that is a possibility, an intriguing possibility. And I suppose it is possible

that you might find evidence for that if you look at the, at the detail . . .detail of our chemistry molecular biology, you might find a signature of some sort of designer."

Burchell stated, "At present Panspermia can neither be proved nor disproved. Nevertheless, Panspermia is an intellectual idea which holds strong attraction." Sadly, this is true for many who want to exclude God and the history presented in His Word in deference to their own ideas about the past, no matter how outlandish.

The scientific argument for this is the similarity of the genetic code in all living things. So, a prominent evolutionary biologist states; "life on earth would represent a clone derived from a single extraterrestrial organism." When we begin with God's Word, we see that the university of the genetic code follows naturally from a common designer who created all living things from the same substance matter by the Word. God did not want us to live in a delusional world or a Godless world. He clearly taught us that our ancestors were the Patriarchs of the Old Testament and God directed them.

Genesis Chapter 5 Principles of Creation

God's promise in Eden is kept alive through the patriarchs, Godly Men who followed God and produced hope.

Genesis 5:1-20

1 This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them 'Mankind' when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died. 6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years and then he died. 9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. 10 After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 Altogether Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died. 12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. 13 After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived and had other sons and daughters. 14 Altogether, Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died. 5 When Mahalalel lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. 16 After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years, and then he died. 18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. 19 After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years and then he died.

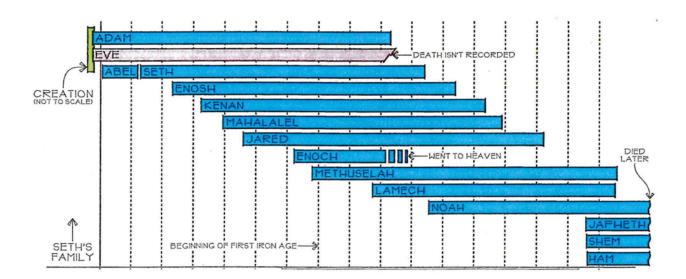
God had Adam record the 10 pre-flood patriarchs that were in the divinely ordained 'Seed of Women Line.' The chart below will detail how these 10 patriarchs interacted with each other.

Genesis 5:21-32

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. 24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more because God took him away. 25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. 26 After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. 27 Altogether, Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died. 28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. 29 He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed," 30 After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. 31 Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died. 32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth."

Passage	Individual	Birth Date After Creation	Age When Key Son Was Born	Date of Death After Creation
Genesis 5:1-4	Adam	0	130	930
Genesis 5:4-8	Seth	130	105	1,042
Genesis 5:9-11	Enosh	235	90	1,140
Genesis 5:12-14	Kenan	325	70	1,245
Genesis 5:15-17	Mahalalel	395	65	1,290
Genesis 5:18-20	Jared	460.	162	1,422
Genesis 5:21-24	Enoch	622	65	987
Genesis 5:25-27	Methuselah	687	187	1,656
Genesis 5:2831	Lamech	874	182	1,651
Genesis 5:28-29	Noah	1,056	500	2,005

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Preflood Patriarchs Demonstrate How God will Keep His Promise Alive

The lives of the last few pre-flood patriarchs demonstrate how God will keep His promise alive for us to see and share.

Promise Evidence # 1:

Enoch is the 7th generation from Adam through Seth, **Jude 14-15** and is the exact opposite of Lamech the 7th generation from Adam through Cain. Seth walked with God, was a prophet for God and predicted the second coming of God. He was such a vital prophet that he named his son, Methuselah *"when he dies, judgment."* We can have the same walk as Enoch and become like Jesus.

Promise Evidence# 2:

Methuselah was living evidence of God's warning that he would destroy all the unrepentant. In fact, some believe he died one week before the flood, *Genesis 7:4* and Noah and his righteous sons grieved His death one week before the flood started. He is proof that God holds out this promise until everyone who will accept Him is saved, *I Peter 3:20*.

Promise Evidence # 3:

Lamech was also a prophet and prophesied about his son Noah. He saw his son as the God given source of comfort for those living under the curse of sin. He is proof that God will not leave the world void of a witness as long as people will listen and respect.

Promise Evidence # 4:

Noah is the proof that God will not abandon a faithful follower. Noah preached a message of warning for 125 years, he and three of his sons built the ark, but great numbers of his family and others from the line of Seth refused to believe him. He was 500 years old before faithful children were born into his family.

God will put the message in the lives of everyone who will listen, and God will never forget His faithful followers.

Application:

We will continue to see more and more films that set out to prove "Extraterrestrial Life." It is not just Hollywood or television that encourages us to believe in extraterrestrial life. The project SETI, (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) scans the heavens with powerful radio telescopes that listen for signals from intelligent aliens. Many secular scientists and Christians believe they will be found. But the basis for such belief is really an outgrowth of accepting the theory of evolution. It is a belief based on this hypothesis:

- Earth is 'just another planet' so life could and should be on many planets.
- Somewhere else, life must have spontaneously evolved just like on earth. BUT---Remember the world is unique and God designed it for human life.

Isaiah 45:18

"18 For this is what the LORD says 'he who created the heavens, he is God, he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it, he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited' he says, 'I am the Lord and there is no other.'"

Other planets had entirely different purposes and they were designed differently. God gave dominion of the earth to man, but He kept dominion of the heavens for himself.

Psalms 115:16 16

"The highest heavens belong to the LORD; but the earth he has given to mankind."

We negate the special promises God made to humans when we automatically accept alien life.

- 1. The Promise of redemption from our sins by following Jesus Christ.
- 2. The Promise that Christ died once for all, *I Peter 3:18*. Jesus was a man, not an alien.
- 3. The Promise that God would redeem a corrupt world with a New Heaven and New Earth.
- 4. The Promise that God would teach us all we need to know.
 - All evidence, so far, points to a Biblical world and universe.
 - UFOs are simply that, an unidentified flying object, not identifiable to the ones who saw it, took pictures, or tried to interpret the pictures. There are a host of natural and even unnatural spiritual reasons for UFOs but no reliable evidence they are alien crafts.
 - Secularists have rejected the idea of God and with that goes; healing, securing divine wisdom, knowledge, the reason for our existence and the gift of eternal life. How easy to accept the idea that a technologically superior and benevolent alien life-form would bring us all those items and remove our fears and questions.
- 5. The Promise that we must worship the Creator and not the creation to receive God's greatest blessings.

Genesis 5 is a Chapter of promise that proves that God keeps His word and raises up the right righteous people needed to make it happen.

The Next Lesson will focus on Genesis 6 & 7 "The Flood Explains the Earth"

LESSON # 6: 'THE FLOOD EXPLAINS OUR EARTH'- GENESIS 6 & 7

The flood is one of the greatest explanations of our earth and how it is today. But the key to the flood was the faithful patriarchs and especially the Godly man Noah.

Noah was a faithful man who lived in a world flooded wvil. He was the last hope to avoid the complete destruction of the world and humankind. God blessed Noah and his life because he was faithful. When Jesus was asked what the sign would be for His Second Coming, one sign taught was the times would resemble the days of Noah.

Matthew 24:37-39

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Noah's day was, and will be, like the time when the Antichrist/Satan controls the world, the righteous are gone and evil is everywhere. The second blessing of Noah's life is that it preserved some of the best evidential arguments for Creation and a young earth.

The flood is often described as a fable or myth because it seems unreasonable, and it holds the keys to rendering many evolutionary assumptions invalid. Before we explore these assumptions, we need to examine the reliability of an ark and a flood.

Arguments Against a Real Ark and a Flood Include:

- 1. No one built boats like the ark in the time of Noah. Where did his workers, his supplies and his knowledge originate?
- 2. How did Noah round up the animals and get them on board?
- 3. What about dinosaurs? Did Noah forget to take them on the ark?
- 4. How could all the animals fit on the ark?
- 5. How did the flood destroy every living thing?
- 6. How could the ark survive?
- 7. What was the source of the water?
- 8. Was the flood global?
- 9. Where did the water go after the flood?
- 10. Why would God destroy the earth?

In what is often couched as a Science vs. Religion debate, the real issue is the presupposed assumptions that evolutionists and creationists bring to the discussion. If you presuppose evolution or creation, the evidence will be used to support your view. However, it is clear.

Genesis Chapter 6 The Signs of The Times of Noah are Faithful Witnesses!

Noah lived in an evil, unrepentant world. It was bent on destructive violence so that was the reason for a global flood.

Genesis 6:1-8

1 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, 'My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal, their days will be a hundred and twenty years.' 4 the Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. 5 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the LORD said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground, for I regret that I have made them.' 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

The people were interested in satisfying self-interests. Powerful men, directed by demonic influences took whatever women they desired in marriage. This could have included angels, all angels were male, and probably produced a series of polygamous relationships and the result was an evil, corrupt and oppressive culture. As a result, giants nine and ten feet tall developed from these relationships and they were renown heroes of corruption. These groups of people: powerful people influenced by the devil and corrupt giants influenced all of their world. The world became a horrible place, incapable of repentance or redemption and God addressed this issue. Man was created for fellowship with God but now only desired fellowship with the devil. God through His prophet gave a 120-year warning and said Noah and his righteous sons were to be saved. Their faithfulness had led to God giving them favor, grace.

Noah Faithfully Followed the Plan of God!

Genesis 6:14-22

14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood, make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high. 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening 1 cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle, and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters to the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them' 22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

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Noah Built the Ark, A Huge Barge, To Preserve Human and Earthly Life.

It was designed for capacity and stability, not speed or navigability.

- Size: 438 feet long, 72.9 feet wide and 43,8 feet high
- Capacity: 1,4000,000 cubic feet or 522 standard livestock railroad cars.
- Three floors (at least fifteen feet high) with waterproof pitch, inside and outside.
- A window (literally opening) for light and ventilation.
- Only one door.

God assembled all the terrestrial life and brought them to the Ark.

Genesis Chapter 7 Noah Enters the Ark with His Family & the Animals

Noah Entered the Ark on a Rainless Earth, With His Righteous Family and God was Responsible for the Animals.

Genesis 7:1-5

"1 The LORD then said to Noah, 'go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. 2 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. 4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.' 5 and Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

- Noah spent 100 years completing the ark. When it was finished, God assembled the animals and commanded Noah, his righteous family and animals to board, *Hebrews 11:7a*.
- God specified the animals and the number that would be on board. Three pairs of 'clean' animals, birds and insects would be those that could later be used for food or sacrifice, and all other unclean animals, birds and insect life were a single couple.
- God gave them seven days to settle themselves and get the animals in place, to prepare emotionally for the experience and perhaps, to mourn the death of Methuselah.
- Noah is still operating on faith. It had not ever rained because the water system was still on evening cooling which produced the morning mist.
- It is impossible with our present atmospheric conditions to have a worldwide forty-day rain. This would be a once in a world-time flood. It would destroy all life; animal or plant, not on board the ark.

God Chose the Animals to Be on the Ark, and Noah Cared for Them as Commanded.

Genesis 7:6-9

"6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 and Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. 8

Pairs of clean and unclean animals of birds, and all creatures that move along the ground. 9 Male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah."

The animals were chosen by God as juvenile animals. It would be a year before they would actively reproduce. They had innate skills not needed in their previous world, but needed in their new world—migration, hibernation, and estivation.

God Destroyed the World of Noah and Recreated It!

Genesis 7:10-24

"10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened 12 and rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, together with his wife and wives of his three sons, entered the ark. 14 They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. 15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. 16 The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in. 17 For forty days, the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. 18 The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. 19 They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. 10 The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than 15 cubits. 21 Every living thing that moved on land perished, birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything on dry land that had breath of life in its nostrils died. 23 Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out, people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. 24 The waters flooded the earth for 150 days."

On the appointed day, known only to God and the passengers on the ark, the world changed. The first reservoir of *Genesis 1:6* broke, the water under the expanse. The second reservoir of *Genesis 1:6*, the water above the expanse came through the porous opening of the canopy of the heavens, called 'windows.' The first reservoir had been the source of pre-flood rivers and seas because there was no water run-off. They were interconnected. The Bible calls them collectively "the great deep" and they generated movement by the subterranean heat of the planet. The thermal dynamics of this great system overheated, and the Bible says they "burst forth," literally cleaving open. This triggered volcanoes, tidal waves, erosion of mountains and the leveling of the land of the earth as huge quantities of magma (lava) surface. The second reservoir could have opened with holes in the canopy by as simple of a procedure as this enormous first volcano dust combined with the atmosphere turbulence forcing the new practice of condensation that began to empty the water vapor canopy. The reservoirs were not shut off for 150 days and only then did the waters begin to

recede. Most modern geologists believe the majority of geological formations were produced in local floods or local catastrophes. This flood described in the bible was marked by 150 days of global eruption and constant down pouring rain. Such a flood would have destroyed every earlier physiographic feature on or near the earth's surface and would have re-deposited the eroded materials all over the world in stratified sedimentary rocks that would make up the earth's crust.

Application:

The nature and history of the Great Flood is of immense importance to believers. It is the pivotal point in the entire conflict between Christianity and non-Christianity. If the principle of innate evolutionary development formed by 'uniformity' can fully explain the universe and all its inhabitants, then there is no need for a Creator. Chief evidence of this is the geological record documented by fossils embedded in the sedimentary rocks of the earth's crust. The hypothesis of uniformity never allows for a flood.

If the flood actually occurred, the assumptions of uniformity and evolution as the way to interpret earth's history are proved non-reliable. Realize one thing, fossils are the remains of animals and plants that were buried in sedimentary layers that later hardened into rock strata. They are not the record of life in the past. Rather, they are the record of the death of billions of animals and plants.

We are taught that the order of fossil strata teaches the order of evolution but they only verify the order in which plants and animals are fossilized. The evidence is clear, sedimentary rock levels were developed rapidly to form a geological column. Many fossils are preserved showing rapid burial, virtually alive before the sediment covered them. The flood explains mass extinctions, while other theories; large asteroid impact, volcanic eruptions, etc. are simply theories. The order of deposited fossil matches the description in the Bible.

- Marine fossils in sedimentary levels stretching over large areas and continents.
- The sediments washing to shore from massive underground and underwater explosions would have brought first shallow marine invertebrates, then fish, then amphibians, reptiles, then dinosaurs and large land animals and finally birds, climbing mammals and humans.
- Waves of destruction, not undefined mass extinctions, would be the process involved in a yearlong global flood.

The Next Lesson will focus on Genesis 8 "The Restart of the Earth - Part 1"

LESSON # 7: 'THE RESTART OF THE EARTH, PART I' – GENESIS 8

The flood is one of the greatest explanations of our earth and how it is today, and the way God restarted the earth matches what we see today. God never gave up but continued to give humankind the ability to see useful options as God restarted the world.

We looked at the flood in our last lesson to see how God's version of the flood is a much better explanation than what we now have advocated by evolutionists. Let's continue with some more applications of the facts:

More Facts About the Flood that Support Creation

Sedimentary Rock Evidence

- The formation of sedimentary rocks with levels formed in a rapid and continuous process and conformable columns showing subsequent stratum deposited immediately after the preceding one; favor creation because there are no worldwide uniformity concepts of geological columns. This would call for a catastrophe not a uniformitarian explanation.
- The average thickness of the sedimentary rocks around the world is about one mile, the average rate of deposition during flooding conditions is one inch of compacted sediment every five minutes or 220 days to form the entire column of one mile. Once again, the proposals and conclusions of the non-Christian crowd are not the simplest, the most logical or the best match to the evidence. They are primarily a constant effort to eliminate a Creator and the resultant moral code the Creator revealed.

It is impossible to read and study Genesis and not be inundated with the constant care, direction, open relationships and continued second chances that God gave. We find logical sequences just like today. Those who accept God by faith are granted the inheritance of God's righteousness; and those who accept God by faith condemn those unwilling to receive God in their life.

The reputation of the earth is one more keyway that shows the care of God. The family of Noah came off the ark and all three families, Japheth, Ham, and Shen had sons and daughters. They established the Table of Nations; that we shall study in the tenth lesson.

How could the Animals on the Ark Repopulate Throughout the Earth?

The animals, creeping things and birds all came off the ark and began to repopulate the new earth. Skeptics ask how they could spread throughout the earth? Kangaroos in Australia, Kiwis in New Zealand, Polar Bears in North America. How did they get there?

Let's look at Bible Evidence:

- 1. Two of every kind went on the ark. *Genesis 6:19-20*
- 2. They came to Noah so the control of the world's fauna, animals, insects, birds, etc. now moved under the hand or control of God. *Genesis 6:20*

- 3. They landed in the Mt. Ararat range, central to all land masses except Antarctica and Australia. *Genesis 8:4*
- 4. God called them out of the ark to abundantly reproduce and multiply. *Genesis 8:15-19*.
- 5. The study of two new volcano created islands in the last 150 years: Surtsey and Krakatoa teach us those nonflying animals made it to these two islands and flourished there. The new oceans after the flood would have been filled with floating timber and trees that had not sunk to the bottom of the ocean yet. It would have been filled with other debris from the shrubs and other growth of the earth destroyed in the flood and would have been very suitable for any animal fleeing an area to escape. It is interesting that some of the least secure animals that do not have a strong defense system made it to the most difficult areas, like a kiwi or a kangaroo, that was also a safe place.
- 6. The ice age probably quickly followed the flood; there would not have been adult vegetation yet, large colonies or people, and any industrial buildings, so the ecological change would have provided ice masses for the animals to travel on and more essentially would have created an ecological change that would have caused animals and creeping things to migrate.
- 7. The land bridges that even secular scientists believe were the means to bring humans to the Americas and other areas would have also been quite available for animals to use as well and some of the animals may have come with the humans as they crossed these land bridges.

Was There Really a Noah's Ark?

Perhaps a more basic question for us to answer is this: Was There Really a Noah's Ark?

- We have become so inundated with the idea that the first humans were unable to accomplish anything, had barely started walking, lived in caves, and were uneducated and unskilled. But what we find is just the opposite. Many of the ancient cultures: Egypt, China, and even in the Americas show the older cultures had more impressive buildings, architectural thoughts and better science. Many modern inventions really turn out to be reinventions. A good example is concrete which the Romans used extensively, showing it was not a modern invention. The idea that more primitive civilizations morphed into more advanced civilizations is strictly an evolutionary concept. Even today we see primitive and ultra sophisticated cultures existing just a few hundred miles apart. A study of our world by future generations would be heavily influenced by which civilization they studied.
- We have been told the death of all dinosaurs before the development of humans is a sign that the ark is a myth. But there were dinosaurs on the ark, and they did live with mankind after the ark. We will look at several Scriptures soon but the description of Behemoth in Job 40 sounds just like a sauropod dinosaur. The average dinosaur was about the size of a sheep and there were probably only about 50 kinds of dinosaurs, regardless of the huge number we are told today. A new species is named often based on

just a few bones and many times that new species is linked with an earlier defined species as the bones are studied more in depth.

The criticism is said that the ark could not hold all the animals, birds and creeping things needed to repopulate the earth. John Woodmorappe, in his book, "Noah's Ark: A Feasibility Study" estimates that only about 16,000 animals would be needed to replenish the earth. Only the parent pair of each species would be needed—just two dogs; just two cats; and just two cattle-as examples. This would have taken only one-half of the space available in the three layers of the ark and would give plenty of room for fresh water, fresh food, and still have a great amount of space left over. The charge is made that four families could not have taken care of all these animals; but the animals were in pens, so they were nesting or subdued.

How Could This Flood Have Destroyed All the World?

It rained for 40 days; then the fountains of the deep were active for 150 days. Only when they stopped did the waters go down. The water had reached a height of 15 cubits above the tallest mountain. It would not have allowed any air-breathing animals or plants to live.

Could the Ark Have Floated in Such a Violent Storm?

A study of sea-bearing boats by KERSO in Korea that is now known as MOERJ/KOROI said the ark could have weathered storms with 98-foot-tall waves and the proportions of the ark were ideal for wooden ships. This from a team led by a man who did not believe in the flood but had this study commissioned to prove that life had come from the Ocean.

Where Did the Water Go, If We Had This Much Water

The answer is simple, it went into the oceans, seas, and the lakes of the present earth.

Is There Evidence of The Flood?

From seabed to Mountain ranges, coal beds, oil deposits, canyons, craters, and caverns, we see a steady list of evidence that points to a catastrophic flood. Perhaps most convincing is the fact that matching stadia is stretched over continents. Something that uniformitarianism would never accomplish.

Why Are Human and Dinosaur Fossils Not Found Together?

Another charge against Noah having an ark and there being any kind of global flood is that human and dinosaur fossils are not found together. We find humans fossils in layers that most creationists consider post-flood. Most of these were probably buried after the Flood and after the scattering of humans from Babel. So, it is true that human and dinosaur fossils have yet to be found in the same layers, but does that mean that long-age believers are correct? That all dinosaurs disappeared long before humans were made and that is why the two are not combined.

What do we find in the Fossil Record?

- 95% of all fossils are shallow marine organisms such as corals and shellfish.
- 95% of the remaining 5% are algae and plants.
- 95% of the remaining are invertebrates, including insects.
- The remaining 0.0125% are vertebrates, mostly fish. (95% of land vertebrates consist of less than one bone, and 95% of mammal fossils are from the Ice Age after the flood.

The number of dinosaur fossils is relatively small, compared to other types of creatures. Since the Flood was a marine catastrophe, we would expect marine fossils to be dominant in the fossil record. And that is the case. Vertebrates are not as common as other types of life forms. This makes sense of these percentages and helps us understand why vertebrates, including dinosaurs, are so rare and even overwhelmed by marine organisms in the record.

Fossilization is a Rare Event, Especially for Humans.

We need to see that fossilization is a rare event, especially for humans who are very mobile. Since the rains of Noah's Flood took weeks to cover the earth, many people would have made it to boats, grabbed onto floating debris, and so on. Some may have made it to higher ground. Although they wouldn't have lasted that long and would have eventually perished they might not fossilize.

In most cases, dead things decompose or get eaten. They just disappear and nothing is left. The 2004 tsunami in southeast Asia was a shocking reminder of the speed with which water and other forces can eliminate all traces of bodies, even when we know where to look. According to the United Nations office of the Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery, nearly 43,000 tsunami victims from that 2004 tsunami were never found.

Even if rare, it would still be possible to fossilize a human body. In fact, we do find fossils of humans, such as Neanderthals, in the post-Flood sediments. So why don't we find humans in pre-Flood sediments.? One suggestion has been that the human population was too mobile to be caught in fossilization.

What Happened to the Dinosaurs?

Perhaps the biggest question raised by the evolutionists is, what happened to the dinosaurs? The disappearance of dinosaurs is the keyway children and adults are indoctrinated to believe in a billion-year-old earth and evolution. Evolutionists tell us dinosaurs first evolved nearly 325 million years ago in the Mesozoic Era (dinosaur age) where they ruled the earth. Nearly 6 million years ago something happened to change this, and they disappeared (a cataclysmic event such as an asteroid impact.) Now many evolutionists teach that several evolved into birds that are still on the planet.

What does the Bible say?

1. The Bible does not use the word 'Dinosaur' because the word was created in 1841 by Sir Richard Owen who took two Greek words, 'deinos' and 'sauras' combined them to make a word that means 'terrible lizard.'

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- What does the bible call these creatures? The bible lists dragons as real animals. *Psalms* 91:13, Isaiah 43:20. The Hebrew word for dragon 'tannim' appears 21 times in the Old Testament. Some lived on land, and some lived in water: *Genesis 1:21; Psalms 74:13;* Isaiah 27:1 and Job 41. Some flew: Isaiah 30:6 and most walked on land.
- 3. People down through the ages have been familiar with dragons and their description fits what we know about dinosaurs. The Bible mentions them frequently. Cave paintings done by Indians in America clearly depict a dinosaur right beside mammoths and other historical animals.
- After the flood the situation between animals and mankind totally reversed, *Genesis 9:1-7*. Mankind no longer had dominion over every animal, but fear was now the guide for interaction and animals became food.
- 5. Because sin now operated its ugly toll of death, mayhem and animosity, and because there was not an "Endangered Species Protection Act" all large dragons and scary dragons were killed, and the killers became heroes.
- 6. Would it be an embarrassment to a creationist if a living dinosaur was found? No, because the creationists believe humans and dinosaurs co-existed for many millennia. It would only be an embarrassment for the evolutionists.

Genesis Chapter 8 God Prepared the Earth for Repopulation

Genesis 8:1-5

1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, 3 and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of the 150 days the waters had abated, 4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the water continued to abate until the tenth month, in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

God began to act on behalf of Noah and all the animals on board the ark. He did four things:

- 1. Sent a wind to blow over the Earth and the waters subsided.
- 2. Stopped the fountains, springs of the deep.
- 3. Closed the window of heaven and the rain from the heavens was restrained.
- 4. The continental land mass rose, the oceans deepened and widened, and the water began to drain

Psalms 104:6-9 NIV

6 You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment, the waters stood above the mountains. 7 But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight; 8 They flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you

assigned for them. 9 You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth."

The ark and all occupants landed in the Mr. Ararat range of mountains marked by pillow lave: 'lava rock formed under deepwater" with sedimentary formations containing marine fossils that are present in and on the mountain and all over the mountain range.

In the Next Lesson we will continue to examine and explain how God restarted the earth.

Genesis Chapter 8 "The Restart of the Earth – Part 2"

LESSON # 8: 'THE RESTART OF THE EARTH, PART 2'- GENESIS 8

This Lesson looks at the aftermath of the flood to see how God puts the earth back on restart. We will see that the things the Bible says happened fit all the evidence on the earth exactly. This is vital in seeing that Genesis 1-11 is true science and true history and explains the unfolding in a perfectly accurate manner.

Genesis Chapter 8 God Puts the Earth Back on Restart

Let us set the scene.

Genesis 8:6-14

6 After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark, 7 and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. 9 But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so, it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. 10 He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. 11 When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. 12 He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him. 13 By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. 14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

Securely anchored again on the earth, Noah and all the ark occupants needed to wait until the water receded to disembark. They were on the ark a total of 371 days. Noah handled this time to disembark by sending out birds, then removing part of the ark roof and finally coming out when God said, 'Come'.

When these figures are added up, they total 371 days: 150 days for the rain, 74 days for the waters to abate, 7 days afterward Noah sent out the dove. He sent the dove a second time 7 days later. Noah sent the dove for the final time after another 7 days, 29 days after Noah removed part of the covering from the ark and found the surface to be dry. 57 days later, Noah, his family and the animals disembarked from the ark. Hence, the entire duration of the Flood, from the beginning to end lasted 371 days.

Genesis 8:15-19

15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you, the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground, so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it." 18 So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds, everything that moves on land-came out of the ark, one kind after another."

God had all the animals disembark first before they were allowed to disperse. They were encouraged to multiply and increase in numbers, and allowed to migrate until they found the right environment and biologic community of plants and other animals that met their needs. We see that the strongest and most ferocious of the animals stayed near the ark. They claimed that territory and the weaker animals and most vulnerable animals began a search for a place where they could protect themselves, live, and find the proper food.

Did Humans Really Evolve from Ape-Like Creatures?

One question that arises out of this study of humans and animals is "did humans really evolve from apelike creatures?" To accept evolution is to accept that the fact that man is only the highest of the animals. The chain from the smallest ameba to humankind is a walk through the animal population of the world. To soften this, many evolutionists assure us that man did not exactly evolve from apes (tailless monkeys) but rather from apelike creations. This is mere semantics, however, as many of the presumed apelike ancestors of man are apes and have scientific names, which include the word 'pithecus' (derived from the Greek meaning of "ape.") The much-touted 'human ancestor' commonly known as 'Lucy,' for example has the scientific name Australopithecus afarensis (meaning 'southern ape from the Afar triangle of Ethiopia'.) But what does the Bible say about the origin of man, and what exactly is the scientific evidence that evolutionists claim for our ape ancestry?

God tells us that on the same day He made all animals that walk on earth (the sixth day). He created man separately in His own image with the intent that man would have dominion over every other living thing on earth, *Genesis 1:26-28*. From this, it is clear that there is no animal that is man's equal, and certainly none his ancestor.

So, when God paraded the animals by Adam for him to name, He observed that *'for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.'* **Genesis 2:20**. Jesus confirmed this uniqueness of men and women when He declared that marriage is to be between a man and a woman because *'from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female'* **Mark 10:6**. This leaves no room for prehuman or for billions of years of cosmic evolution prior to man's appearance on the earth. Adam chose the very name," Eve" for his wife because he recognized that she would be *"the mother of all living."* **Genesis 3:20** The apostle Paul stated clearly that man is not an animal:

I Corinthains 15:39

"All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another-flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds"

On the other hand, evolutionists begin with the assumption that man has, in fact, evolved from apes. No paleoanthropologists (those who study the fossil evidence for man's origin) would dare to seriously raise the question, "Did man evolve from apes?" The only permissible question is, "From which apes did man evolve?" Since evolutionists generally do not believe that man evolved from any ape that is now living, they look to fossils of humans and apes to provide them with their desired evidence. Specifically, they look for any anatomical features that look "intermediate" (between that of apes and man.) Fossils that have such features are declared to be ancestral to man and are called 'hominids.' Living apes, on the other hand, are not considered to be hominids, but *Author: Dr. Thomas Haney*

rather are called hominoids because they are similar to humans but did not evolve into them. But evolutionists will accept mere similarities between the fossilized bones of extinct apes and the bones of living humans as 'proof' of our ape ancestry.

The list of similarities between living apes and humans is often pointed out. But the only thing that would really prove this happened would be fossils that record and support the change from hominids to humans. The fossil record is primarily marine invertebrate fossils as we saw last week and only 0.01 percent of fossils are invertebrates and only 0.001 percent of these are of primates. Most scientific papers are published without a person ever seeing or handling a single hominid fossil or bone. Since there is much more prestige in finding an ancestor of man than an ancestor of apes, there is immense pressure on paleoanthropologists to declare almost any ape fossil to be a 'hominid'. As a result, the living apes have pretty much been left to find their own ancestors.

There are many significant differences between apes and humans. These include jaws and teeth, larger incisor and canine teeth for apes and thinner enamel; but that is not true for all apes. Since the jaw and teeth are harder, they have been almost all of the fossil records for apes. An entire family of ape-men were created from a single tooth in the early 1920's. Experts used this tooth, known as "Nebraska Man," as proof for human evolution during the Scopes trial in 1925. In 1927, parts of the skeleton were discovered with the teeth, and Nebraska man was found to really be an extinct peccary, (wild pig). Also, quite different is the skull, major differences include, vault size area for brain, radically smaller in all apes; the human skull is vertical and the ape skull is sloped; the eye socket is prominent in a side view of the human skull and hidden in a side view of the ape skull; and finally, the nose bone is prominent in the human skull but almost non-visible in the ape skull. Another major difference are the leg bones. The point of a study of leg bones is that there are living tree-dwelling apes and monkeys with some of the same anatomical features that evolutionists consider to be definitive evidence of bipedality; yet none of these animals walk like humans and no one suggests that they are our ancestors or descendants. Finally, the foot and hip bone differences; no ape has a foot that pushes off like a human, so no ape can walk our distinctive human stride or make human footprints. The human pelvis is designed to allow the blades to curve forward to the hips, so people walk upright and straight. The iliac blades of the ape, project straight out to the side like the handlebars of a scooter. It is not possible to walk like a human with an apelike pelvis.

Some of the worst hoaxes ever have been the attempt to create an ape-human combination. The 'Piltdown Man' was proven to be a total fake that used old human bones of a skull and the jawbone of a recently dead orangutan. Used for over 50 years to prove evolution, it was just a hoax. Lucy, the latest of the supposed evolutionary links, is shown as upright with a human female body, human hands and human feet. This is a gross misrepresentation of the Australopithecus afarensis. The species she has been identified with. They are known as long-armed, knuckle walkers with locking wrists. Even though the evidence is heavily against them, the evolutionists continue to show Lucy with human feet, human hands but with long, curved fingers. Finally, in one of the most unique ways to find a link, some evolutionary scientists are now declaring the Neandertals are really apes and the predecessors of humans. This although until recently no one has thought that Neandertals were not humans. One of the world's foremost authorities on Neanderthal man, Erik Trinkaus

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concludes: "Detailed comparisons of Neanderthal skeletal remains with those of modern humans have shown that there is nothing in Neanderthal anatomy that conclusively indicates locomotive, manipulative, intellectual or linguistic abilities were inferior to those of modern humans." No, we are not descended from apes. Rather, God created man as the crown of His creation on Day 6. We are a special creation of God made in His image to bring Him glory. What a revolution this truth would make if our revolutionized culture truly understood it!

God Continues to Direct Noah in The Restart of The World

Genesis 8:20-22

"20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: 'Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22 As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.'"

Noah leaned on God in this harsh environment, built an altar, and sacrificed one-seventh of his supply of clean animals. The response of God was a promise to never curse the ground again nor destroy all living creature. The seasons, day/night, cold/heat, sowing/planting cycles would never stop as long as the earth exists.

How Did Defense and Attack Structures (DAS) Come About

One of the criticisms of God surfaces at this time in the Bible and we will study it. How did defense and attack structures come about and why did nature adapt to such a more aggressive and fearful adversary of humans? Many people question the goodness of God when they see "nature, red in tooth and claw," and therefore, they accuse those who believe in the bible of not seeing reality in nature's fight for survival, which in the view of secular scientists substantiates evolution. In the past, many bible-believers looked to nature as evidence of God's design in nature and attributed the features animals possessed to kill prey or defend themselves, as all part of God's original design. Darwin could see the idea of a benevolent designer did not square with the world that he observed. How could a good God be the author of death and bloodshed? The answer of Darwin and many others was to turn from the God of the Bible to a belief in man's ideas about the past that include millions of years of death and suffering.

One of the most notable adherents to this view in the present day is David Attenborough. He wrote for the British Broadcasting Corporation in an editorial:

"When Creationists talk about God creating every individual species as a separate act, they always instance hummingbirds, or orchids, sunflowers, and beautiful things. But I tend to think instead of a parasitic worm that is boring through the eye of a boy sitting on the bank of a river in West Africa. A worm that's going to make him blind. And I ask them, 'Are you telling me that the God you believe in, who you also say is an all-merciful God, who cares for each one of us individually, are you saying that God created this worm that can live in no other way than in an innocent child's eyeball? Because that doesn't seem to me to coincide with a God who's full of mercy."

The examples of Darwin and Attenborough show why the issue of defense/attach structures (DAS) is important, and how it is closely related to the existence of suffering and death in the world around us. Defense/attack structures include anything from claws and flesh to flesh tearing beaks on birds of prey or the claws and teeth of cats, to a wasp's stinger or a poison dart frog's toxin.

What are some examples of Defense /Attach Structures? They are too plentiful to list here but here are some: Plant—Venus Flytrap; Arachnid—spider, webs; Insect—Bombardier Bettle: Animals---Cats and Reptiles; and that is a very short list of all the Defense/Attack Structures.

The Biblical response to DAS is that the theology of Darwin and Attenborough has made a major assumption—the world is not what it always has been. The Bible, as early as **Genesis 3**, makes it clear that this is not the case.

The world and the universes were originally perfect. God called his creation good six times and very good on the 7th time. The original world had no parasites boring holes in eyeballs of children or 'red in claw and tooth'. The death and suffering in the past and in the present are a result of man's sin and rebellion against God. When the first man, Adam, disobeyed his Creator, all of creation was cursed, bringing disease, sickness, pain, suffering and death into the world. The curses on the serpent-Satan, Eve, Adam, and the earth all affected the animal world. This is reiterated in the New Testament as we see in *Romans 8:22-23*.

Defense Attack Structures from a Strictly Biblical Perspective:

- 1. Man, and animals were originally created as vegetarian, *Genesis 1:28-29*
- 2. God says all beasts, birds, and creeping things on the earth have been given green herbs for food. *Genesis* 1:20-21
- 3. Genesis 3 says that all animals and plants were cursed because of sin:

Genesis 3:14

"You are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field." The plants were also cursed,

Genesis 3:17-18 says,

"Cursed is the ground for your sake, in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field."

4. Only after the flood when conditions on the earth became so harsh did God allow humans to eat meat, *Genesis 1:29-30; 9:3*.

Genesis 9:3

"Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything."

5. Isaiah says the curse will be reversed:

Isaiah 11:6

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and leopard shall lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion and the fatling together and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 65:25

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says the LORD."

6. The book of Revelation speaks of a time when the Curse will be removed.

Revelation 22:3 "and there shall no longer be any curse."

Revelation 21:4

"and there no longer be any death, there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain.

There are two major perspectives to understand DAS Biblically:

- The present features were not originally used for defense/attack purposes indicates that DAS were used for divergent functions before the Fall. Another way to clarify this perspective is to say that the design was the same, but the function was different.
- 2. The second is that DAS design features were brought in by God because of the Fall and calls for design alterations after the fall to allow such attack and defense structures. We know that plants and serpents were physically changed after the Fall.

In conclusion, the idea and accusation that a loving and perfect God make the world as we see it today ignores the Bible's teachings about the results of the Curse. A proper understanding of why there are defense/attack structures in the world today should be a reminder that the world is sincursed and that we are all sinners in need of a Savior. God has acted justly, because when God says something, it happens. This is also true of every promise:

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world that He gave, His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Hm should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 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.

In the Next Lesson we will continue to examine significant changes made by God after the flood. Genesis Chapter 9 'God's Agreements"

LESSON #9: 'GOD'S NEW AGREEMENTS' – GENESIS 9

This Lesson looks at the New Agreements God made with all of His creation. We will see that what God outlines, once again, agrees completely with science and history and are not contradicted by the facts. Science continues to prove the Bible accurate and right at an almost daily rate. We don't hear it, but we see and hear it in many areas. Interestingly, it is usually presented as a new discovery by the person who has revived a Biblical principle.

The earth is shattered, compared to what it had been. In a little over a year, it had gone from an earthly paradise, in every way we might imagine except the behavior of humans to a harsh, cruel, and threatening environment. Everything in the creation of the earth had been affected by the flood. The plants, the animals, the humans, the weather, the climate, the cold/heat cycles, the harshness of all extremes of weather, the new accumulation of pollution, fire and manufactured heat were not needed before this time, the destruction of natural resources, replenished by God before, now needed to survive, and even the new watering system all made life less utopian and more frightening. People had just aged out before the flood unless they were harmed or killed by other humans; but now enemies of humans and those things that might kill them had become a part of daily life. In the midst of this less than great environment, God has Noah, his wife, and three sons and their wives disembark and start the world over again. With this new challenge from God, God changed the laws and rules for humans to survive in this fallen world.

Genesis Chapter 9 God Changes Everything for Humans to Survive

The entire chapter nine of Genesis deals with how God had to change everything for humans to survive and accomplish the tasks He had given to them.

Genesis 9:1-7

"1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. 2 The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. 3 Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. 4 'But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. 5 And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. 6 Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. 7 As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

God blessed the fertility of Shem, Ham, Japheth and their wives but redefines their relationship with all living organisms on the earth.

- The animal kingdom, the bird kingdom, the fish kingdom and the kingdom the earth crawlers will change. All will now be afraid of man and dread people.
- Everything will be food for mankind except the blood of animals.

• Capital punishment will become the rule for the taking of another person's life. Murder will be met by the loss of life for the murderer.

Can We Accept the Bible as Always Reliable

We see these items and we wonder how we can accept the Bible as always reliable. How do we know that this is a change and how can we apply it to the world as we see life today?

The Bible says to 'test the spirits' **I John 4:1**. Therefore, we should be able to test religious writings to see if they are truly from God. Such tests can be developed directly from the Word of God itself, which is the ultimate authority on such a subject. Logically speaking, the bible would be exempt from such tests, since the Bible must be true for the test to exist in the first place. No Bible, no ultimate objective criteria for developing tests. In other words, we are using the Bible to 'test the spirits' of religious writings in general.

There are a number of tests that you can apply to any religious writing to determine whether or not it is consistent with the claim of being authored by God. These are not special "Bible" tests, they are generic tests that can be equally applied to any text in question.

The main tests are:

- Internal Consistency
- Historical Accuracy:

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

• Scientific Accuracy:

Genesis 8:22

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

• Prophetic Accuracy:

Isaiah 46:10

"I will make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come."

Internal Consistency

If you were to read a particular religious book and find that it was contradicting itself, you would immediately begin to question the integrity of the author. In short, if we find actual contractions in whatever source we are examining, that would be strong evidence that God was not the author.

Let's take a minute to go through an interesting exercise. We'll start with taking two university professors who have the following pedigree:

- They are natural born US citizens.
- They have lived their entire lives in the United States.
- They speak English as their primary language.

- They are both 60 years old.
- They both have a PHD in US history.
- They are professors of US history.
- They each teach at the same university.

Let's also say that we ask them to each write a 50-page research paper on one controversial topic 'the Assassination of JFK." Would they be in total agreement on every detail of this historical event? Not likely. Even though they are writing about an event that occurred within their lifetime and they have identical backgrounds and education, they still wouldn't be in total agreement.

Let's see how this compares to what we find in the Bible. Consider the following:

- There are about 40 different human authors of the Bible.
- They had greatly varying backgrounds king, fisherman, doctor etc.
- They wrote in three different continents Africa, Asia, Europe
- They wrote in different settings palace, prison, wilderness
- They lived and wrote for over a period of 1,600 years.

With all this in mind, it is truly miraculous that the bible has complete cohesion among its human authors from cover to cover. If these authors were simply writing what they felt to be true or important, we would not see the incredible unity that we see.

Contradictions in the Bible

This naturally leads to the whole topic of 'Contradictions in the Bible.' To do this justice would require many lessons, but I do wish to comment briefly regarding this area.

There are numerous apparent contradictions in the Bible. However, they are only alleged contradictions and not actual inconsistencies. There are a number of principles that must be kept in mind when examining any alleged contradictions. I will list just a few.

1. Innocent Until Proven Guilty

Great attempts have been made to clear up apparent discrepancies of the great Greek and Latin classics, because people wanted to believe in them. However, many people are quick to assume the Bible is fallacious, before doing any sort of credible research. Their motto is "Guilty until proven innocent."

2. A Mere Difference Does Not Constitute a Contradiction

Differences actually support the independence of the writers, showing they were not in collusion. An example of a 'difference' not being a contradiction is explained: Fairly often one writer will include additional information, but this does not make it contradictory. For example, someone may refer to John as a father, while someone else says that he is a husband. These are two different details about the same person; they do not constitute a contradiction.

3. Study the Context

It has been stated that a text without a context is a pretext that we are examining, or we might easily misinterpret it, or even conclude that it contains a contradiction. One skeptic claimed that the Bible could not possibly be true because it contains so many crazy stories. His only example was that when the Hebrew people were released from being slaves in Egypt, they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, the entire time carrying the ark on their backs. What this skeptic did not realize is that the passage in Exodus was referring to the ark of the covenant, not Noah's ark!

4. Parabolic, Symbols, and Phenomenological Language

The Bible often uses symbolic and poetic language, and we know not to take these statements literally. For example, "O Lord my rock. . ." **Psalm 28:1 KJV** and "the shadow of thy wings" **Psalm 63:7; KJV**. We do not believe that God is actually a piece of granite or that He is some kind of bird with wings. Moreover, when the Bible speaks of the "rising of the sun" **Isaiah 45:6**, we know that it is very similar to today's television meteorologist telling us what time sunrise was this morning. In neither case is it being implied that the sun orbits around the earth.

Let me take one more example of alleged contractions. It has been claimed that the Bible gives contradictory accounts of the timing of the crucifixion. According to *Mark 15:5 KJV, "It was the third hour, and they crucified him"* However, *John 19:14 KJV* indicates that Jesus was still on trial ". . *.about the sixth hour.*" How could Jesus be crucified the third Hour (Mark), if He was still on trial the sixth hour (John)? The solution. Mark wrote using the Jewish time system. The Jews measured their days from evening to evening (6:00 pm one day until 6:00 pm the next day.) The third hour of the morning in that system would have been between 8:00-9:00 am. John on the other hand, wrote following the Roman system that we use today (from midnight to midnight.) The sixth hour would be between 5:00-6:00 am. Therefore, Jesus was still on trial early in the morning and then crucified a few hours later. Problem solved.

Historical Accuracy

Historical accuracy has been proved with the Bible's mentioning of the Hittites, claimed by skeptics to be non-existent. Not true. The Battle of Jericho has been proven archeologically with one battle having the walls collapse out and not in and the battle has been verified. We do not need to fear archeology, it is a great champion of the Bible, because the Bible is true.

Genesis 9:9-13

"9 I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you. The birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you---every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you. Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all

generations to come. 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

God sealed this new covenant and declared a flood would never again destroy the world and sealed it with a new phenomenon, A Rainbow, His sign of grace. "A Rainbow" It is found three more times in the Bible.

- 1. Over the throne of God, *Ezekiel* 1:28
- 2. Over the mighty angel of God, *Revelation 4:3*
- 3. The One who comes to announce the final judgements on the earth, *Revelation 10:1*.

The Seed of Sin is Still Present

Genesis 9:18-27

"18 The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth. 20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. 21 When he drank some of the wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backwards and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked. 24 When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brother." 26 He also said, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. 27 May God extend Japheth's territory, may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth."

Although the evil men of the earth had been destroyed, a seed of sin was still present in the eight survivors of the flood. It had tragic results. Noah got drunk, Ham mocked and belittled him to Shem and Japheth. Prophetically Noah pronounced that the seed Canaan's descendants are adversaries of the people of God.

The world is restarted, the New Agreements are in place.

The Next Lesson looks at and how "The World is Shaped Ethnically" by the placing of people around the world. *Genesis Chapter 11* "The Table of Nations"

LESSON # 10: 'THE WORLD SHAPED ETHNICALLY' – GENESIS 10 & 11

In this Lesson, God tells us how the World was populated. We are looking directly at the teachings of Genesis 1-11 as they apply to where and why the people groups scattered as they did. It is an indepth look at how this happened and why certain people groups settled where they did.

Genesis Chapter 10 The Table of Nations

Genesis Chapter 10 is a remarkably accurate historical document and there is no comparable catalogue of Ancient Nations from any source. It is an accurate record of the start of nations birthed from the three sons of Noah and conclusively proves that there is only one race, the human race. The record of all 3 sons will stop with the Tower of Babel dispersion and then only focus on the family of Shem through the rest of Genesis.

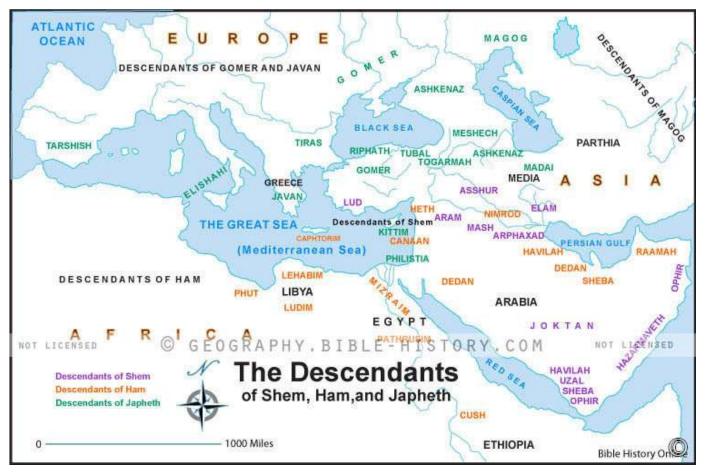


Figure 1 Table of Nations Defendants of Shem, Ham & Japheth

Nations Japheth Produced

Cimmerians	migrated to Wales; the Greeks, the Medes
Ash Kenazwbo	migrated to Germany, Denmark, Scandinavia,
Aryans	migrated to India and Cyprus
Armenias	migrated to Europe and a branch in India

Nations Ham Produced

Ethiopia Egypt Libya Phoencia Spain Carthage Lebanon Sudan Canaan (modern Israel & Palestine) Arabia Coastlines Babylon Assyria (Under Nimrod) Cathay or Sino-Chinese

Nations of Shem Produced

Persia Assyria Babylon (After Nimrod) Syrians Elamites Lydians Arabia (inland) India (non-Aryan China (non-Cathay or Sino-Chinese)

Evolution, A Racist Philosophy

It is interesting that until the books published by Darwin, the world thought of the English race, the Irish race, etc. but this changed when in 1859 Charles Darwin published his book, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural selection or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life."

Darwin's thoughts on evolution were and still are a racist philosophy. Teaching that different people groups are a 'race' of people based on when they evolved. He felt it was at different times and rates, so some people are more like their apelike ancestors than others.

The Australian Aborigines were long considered missing links as were tribes in Polynesia and East Africa. It climaxed with an African pygmy being displayed with an orangutan in a cage in the Bronz Zoo. Because of Darwinian evolution people no longer used the word race to distinguish an ethnic group but to delineate the different levels of evolution.

However, all humans are classified as "Homo Sapiens Double Sapiens." The idea of race has no biological reality. This matches the Bible, which not only says we all originated from Adam and again from Noah, and states again in *Acts 17:26* that *"we are all one blood!"* We are humans found in many "people groups". The strongest difference between people is only 0.02% and almost all people are less than 0.012% different from each other.

Even skin color, the greatest of all differences to many is explained away easily. We all have melatonin in our skin, and we have the same pigmentation, the only difference is the unbinding of them. We see that dark skinned people do better in warmer climates than light skinned people and light skinned people do better in colder climates.

Remember, we are all descendants of the first Adam *I Corinthians* 1:26-27. The last Adam, Jesus Christ, *I Corinthians* 15:45, also became a descendant of Adam. Any descendant of Adam can be saved by our mutual relative's blood, Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose again. The Gospel must be for all tribes and all nations.

Genesis Chapter 11 Lineage of the Savior

The world is shaped into people groups and the Lineage of the Savior is set in *Genesis Chapter 11*.

Psalms 145:5

"I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on your wondrous works."

God chooses people who are faithful to accomplish His work. When life is marked by tenacity and faithfulness God is able to bless the person. We do not have great knowledge about Shem, but we do know he was a faithful link from Noah to Abraham. We know he lived in the most environmentally difficult time in the earth's history, and he was still faithful. He may not have had the most glamorous ministry in the Bible, but he was faithful.

Let's see how the world came back together after the flood. One clue to what was happening in the world's environment is the fact that Noah's family migrated from the Ararat Range South to East to settle in a warmer, more hospitable environment.

The flood produced the two conditions needed for a worldwide freeze, the Ice Age.

- 1. The volcanic ash and aerosols would have produced cool summers.
- 2. The volcanic activity in the oceans would have produced warm waters to make excessive precipitation.

Job, a contemporary of the post flood Patriarchs (Noah-Abraham) records an unusual statement about ice and snow for someone who lived in present day Southern Iraq. His knowledge of ice, snow and glaciers seem to be a part of his remembrances:

Job 38:29-30,

"29 From whose womb comes the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens, 30 when the waters become hard as stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen?"

This Ice Age advanced and retreated over several years. One advancing and receding glacier mass showed signs of volcanic ash in the Ice Age portion of the ice cores in both Greenland and Antarctica.

Shem remains faithful: Instead of dispersing as God had commanded, *Genesis 9:1* a strong militarylike despot, Nimrod, gathered the people around him and had them unite to build a monument to him and his idol gods. Shem remained faithful while under pressure to join the city Nimrod was building, Babel, and he was not a part of the group mentality. It was thousands of years before Jesus was born, but Shem was one more building block needed to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We also, can be building blocks in the family of Jesus. We must determine to follow Jesus and not the herd!

Genesis 11:1-9

1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used the brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "come let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." 8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

The People Led by Nimrod Worship Creation

It is a frightening world where animals turned from docile friends to hunted prey, the need for a mighty warrior, a great hunter was recognized and mighty Nimrod, *Genesis 10:8*, led most of the people into the worship of the creation. Starting with the sun god, the moon god, the creation of the Zodiac, and the worship of stars, Nimrod let the people into pantheism, polytheism, and idolatry.

He attempted to unify all mankind into one government, a dictatorship by Nimrod who was the military leader as well as the chief priest of his town Babel.

They settled in an area that seemed more like their pre-flood garden and named the two large rivers names from the Garden of Eden, Tigris and Euphrates. They spoke "one lip and one set of words" with a common language and total understanding. Nimrod and his council built a brick factory, baked bricks, sealed them with bitumen or pitch instead of mortar. While building a city they began to build an idolatrous tower to reach their god the heavens. God allowed time for repentance and change and when it did not happen, the descended (a reference to how small their mighty tower really was) and dealt with the situation.

The people were united in their depraved plan to replace Yahweh with a man-centered civilization marked by mystery religions, demonic cults with occult powers, and a heavenly reliance on magic. God changed their languages to be languages only shared by members of individual family groups.

It changed the building project into a continual loud, incoherent series of arguments that were only solved by individual family groups staying intact but moving. God changed their languages only shared by members of individual family groups. This drastically changed how the people interacted in the following ways:

- 1. The building project became a continual loud, incoherent series of arguments that was only solved by individual family groups staying intact but moving.
- 2. It set of a process of migration of cultural development that populated the earth in a few generations. The larger, stronger family groups stayed in the desirable areas near Babel and were the first powerful kingdoms.
 - a. Baylon 2234 BC
 - b. Egypt 2188 BC
 - c. Greece 2089 BC
- 3. The smaller, weaker family groups stratified throughout the world and furnished the authentic answer to the stone age, as well as food and tool development.
- 4. The family groups also retained the information of the ziggurat they began to build at Babel and built stone replicas in Mesopotamia, Egypt, South and Central America and China. The Mississippi culture of the American Nation build their ziggurats as a mound made out of building material, the earth.
- 5. God scattered them the places they were to go and gave them the language they were to speak.

God Called People to Serve the Lord Completely!

Genesis 11:10-11

10 "This is the account of Shem's family line. Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. 11 And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters."

The new harsh environment combined with radiation from space and the atmosphere immediately reduced the longevity of the people. Noah lived 950 years, his son Shem lived 600 years; and his son Arphaxad lived 438 years. Longevity had been reduced by 50 percent. The dispersion of the family groups and their having different languages was so remarkable that Eber named his son born at the time of the event, Peleg or division. Scripture implies that Shem did not have his languages changed, that he had been protected from the idolatry of Nimrod and he and his promised line remained faithful to God and God's promise.

We must worship God.

Genesis 11:27-32,

27 "this is the account of Terah's family line. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. 28 while his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. 29 Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milka; she was the daughter or Haram, the father of both Mikah and Iskah. 30 Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive. 31 Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lor son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there. 32 Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

The scripture list of the patriarchs after the flood focuses on Terah. He as the father of Abram, a man called by God to go to the promised land of Canaan. Scripture tells us Terah had two flaws that let the blessing of God fall to his son Abram and bypass Terah.

- Terah's good intentions to leave idolatrous Ur went up in smoke as he continued to live in Haran. Stephen tells us *Acts 7:24* that Terah died spiritually, and Abram set out on his own with Lot and Sarai to go the land of promise.
- 2. Terah became engrossed in the Chaldean idolatries which were the main trade of Haran. The idolatry caused him to forfeit his right to be in God's land...

Joshua 24:2, 14-15

2 Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. 3 But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt. ... 14 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the

gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Jesus often told us to use the ears we have to hear and the eyes we have to see, to see the truth. European and other genealogies trace their history back to Noah and his righteous sons. Roman historian, Nennius who defined genealogies of 12 different European groups trace their heritage to Noah and Japeth and the Matsuo people of China where the genealogy begins with Noah and his three sons: Lo Han, Lo Shem, and Japhau. The world still uses many of the people's group names, national names and area names of Noah's sons and grandsons.

Languages Confused at the Tower of Babel

How could confused languages at the Tower of Babel lead to 6900 spoken languages we have today?

Two scholarly books in the field of linguistics agree that 91 language families make up the 6,900 dialects of the world (Vista Wide World Languages and Culture and Ethnologies). Stories of a tower in Shinar that produced major changes are part of the story narratives of the Sumerians, the Grecians, the Polynesians, the Mexicans, and the Native American stories.

Is God unhappy that He made people groups, gave them different languages and placed them throughout the world? No, God will redeem people from all nations and in the Millennial Kingdom, the Heavens will declare that all have been born in Zion.

- 1. The Lord has built His city on the Holy Mountain.
- 2. God loves the city of Zion more than all the other places where people of Jacob live.
- 3. The City of God, the Lord says glorious things about you.
- 4. He says, "I will include Egypt and Babylon in a list of those who recognize Me as King. I will also include Philistia and Tyre, along with Cush. I will say about them, "They were born in Zion."
- 5. Certainly, it will be said about Zion, "This nation and that nation were born in her. The Most High God himself will make her secure.
- 6. Here is what the Lord will write in His list of the Nations, "Each of them was born in Zion."
- 7. As they make music they will sing, "Zion, all of our blessings come from you.,"

No, but God will restore a universal language with complete understanding in His Millennial Kingdom so we can have paradise.

Zephaniah 3:9

"But then I will purify what all the nations say. And they will use their words to worship me. They will serve me together".