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- A sensible reading of Genesis 1-2 suggests that God was clearly not intent on telling us everything about the creation of the universe here.
- This is evident from the fact that many passages throughout the Bible enlighten us further about creation. These passages provide more answers to the questions asked about the creation.
- As we read through both the Old and New Testament Scriptures, we will find that the very profound opening statement in Genesis 1:1, and the description in Genesis 1-2, is corroborated and expanded by several scripture passages that add significantly to this initial description of the creation process.
- I have listed a few below, but we can not study them today, for sake of time.
- **Proverbs 3:19-20; 8:20-29; 22:2; 26:2; 30:4; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 33; Psalm 96:5; Psalm 104; Psalm 136:5-9,25; Psalm 148;5 Job12:10; 33:4; Isaiah 40:12,22; 42:5; 44:24; 45:12,18; 50:3; 51:13; Jeremiah 4:3;10:12-13; 27:5; 31: 35; 32:17; 32: 35-36; 51: 15-16; Amos 4:13; Habakkuk 3:10-11; John 1:3; Acts 4:24; 17:24-26; Romans 1:20; I Corinthians 11:7; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3;12:10; Revelation 4:11.**

- The CREATION period is a most controversial area of the Bible, which must be accepted by faith just as all the other theories that have been posited to answer the questions “Who made the earth? How did we get here? Who is God? etc.”
- The CREATION period of the Bible is described in Genesis 1 & 2, and provides the only authoritative account of creation, meaningful for people of all ages, and exhaustible by no one.
- The divine record assumes the existence of God rather than seeking to prove it.
- The major truths to grasp in this section of the Bible is **that God existed from the beginning.**
- **We read in Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God... .” These first four words of the Bible form the foundation for faith.**
- **Believe these words, and you can believe all that follows in the Bible.**
- **We later learn from [John 1:1, 14](#), [Colossians 1:16](#), and [Hebrews 1:2](#) that the Lord Jesus was the active Agent in creation. For the inexhaustible wonders of His creation, He is worthy of endless worship.**
- The Bible has a special name for those who choose to deny the fact of God—see [Psalm 14:1](#) and [53:1](#).

- **The Genesis narrative begins with the assurance that God made the world and everything therein, EX NIHILO, i.e from nothing!**
- **In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**
- It then continues to relate **the creation of the universe and man, and inform us that**
- **that God exhibited great order, organization, power and planning, in a very definite logical progression in the creation!**
- **that he set up the solar system, and provided light and water before he produced plant life as a food source, before he created aquatic, terrestrial animals, and arboreal animals, and**
- **that he made man, and gave him dominion over the earth.**

- **Note that Genesis chapter 2 does not present a different or contradictory account of creation to chapter. Rather it fills it out. It is RECAPITULATION. For example, in Genesis 2:7, we are given additional information and full details concerning the creation of man, described in Genesis 1, as accomplished on the sixth day.**
- **Genesis chapter two emphasizes that God in seeking to fellowship with man set up a habitat suitable in which man could live.**
- **It therefore speaks particularly about his habitat, occupation and responsibility in the Garden of Eden, his need for and God's provision of a companion and helpmeet, and the institution of marriage.**
- **This chapter also teaches about man's kinship and fellowship with God, his worship of God, his service and loyalty to God, his authority and social life from God, and that God put him on probation,**
- **Genesis 2:8-19 stresses that the domain that God prepared for man was provided with ample nourishment, a challenging occupation, spiritual fellowship, and opportunity for cultural development as the presence of gold and other resources implies.**

- **Rather than having our vision obscured by the facts of creation, I believe that we must see that God wants us to know that He was preparing a home for man.**
- **I believe that God wants us to think more about our origin, and to think more deeply about the purpose of our creation, which is that God desired to fellowship with man.**
- **I think this is borne out by the fact that after the fall, God was quick to present a plan for our redemption, so that he could have his great desire, which is now that eventually believers will have a permanent home with Him in heaven as promised in John 14:1-3.**
- **Genesis 1-2 are thus certainly really both chapters of promise and promising chapters.**

- The dispensation of Innocence covered the time from the creation of man to the fall of man and his expulsion from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28-30 and 2:15-17).
- In this short-lived, period, God interacted freely and personally with Adam and Eve; and all of God's creatures lived at peace with themselves and with each other, and the world was without sin or death
- In this dispensation God's commands were to
 - (1) replenish and subdue the earth,
 - (2) have dominion over the animals,
 - (3) care for the garden of Eden, and
 - (4) abstain from eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- Man was given one command to obey: not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned of the punishment of physical and spiritual death for disobedience.
- But Eve and Adam disobeyed this rule([Genesis 3:11-13](#)).Sin thus entered the world and they were expelled from the Garden as punishment, ending the dispensation of innocence.
- Their failure has been the most destructive and for reaching of all man's failures.

- The Edenic covenant was the “constitution” under which Adam was placed at his creation.
 - In this covenant,
 - (1.) **The contracting parties** were (a) God the moral Governor, and (b) Adam, a free moral agent, and representative of all his natural posterity (Rom. 5:12-19).
 - (2.) **The promise** was “life” (Matt. 19:16, 17; Gal. 3:12).
 - (3.) **The condition** was perfect obedience to the instruction to abstain from eating the fruit of the “tree of knowledge,” etc.
 - (4.) **The penalty** was death (Gen. 2:16, 17).
- This covenant is also called, the covenant of works and a covenant of nature, as made with man in his natural or unfallen state; a covenant of life, because “life” was the promise attached to obedience; and a legal covenant, because it demanded perfect obedience to the given instruction.
- The “tree of life” was the outward sign and seal of that life which was promised in the covenant, and hence it is usually called the seal of that covenant.
 - This covenant is abrogated under the gospel, inasmuch as Christ has fulfilled all its conditions in behalf of his people, and now offers salvation on the condition of faith.
 - It is still in force, however, as it rests on the immutable justice of God, and is binding on all who have not fled to Christ and accepted his righteousness.

- When ever we read Genesis 1, we must look for the phrase “and God said”, which occurs nine(9) times in verses 3,6, 9,11,14, 20, 24,26,29
- We read in Psalm 33
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁹ For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast
- the phrase it was so occurs -----
- The phrase “And God saw *that it was good*” occurs seven (7) times
- in verse 4 about the light,
- in verse 10, creation of the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters,
- in verse 12 about the creation of plant life,
- in verse 18 about the creation of the sun , moon and stars,
- in verse 21 about the creation of aquatic and avian animals, verse 25 about the creation of land animals.
- Finally in verse 31 Verse 31, God saw that every thing he had made, was *very good*. In this entire period, the only thing that the Lord found not to be good is found in Chapter 2 Verse 18, thus And the LORD God said, *It is not good* that the man should be alone; I will make him an help *meet for him*.

- We must also keenly observe that the law of reproduction is repeatedly given in the phrase “after his kind” which appears ten times in Genesis 1:11-12, and 24-25, including five times in verses 24-25 alone!
- This phrase means that whereas God allows significant variation within “kinds” of biological life, there is no passing from one kind to another.
- A plant or animal of one kind will never develop into a plant or animal of something of another kind.
- It is noteworthy, that though both the flora and fauna can reproduce and crossbreed and develop new species that this is severely limited, not only to phyla but even to orders and families in some cases
- There may be evolution or change within any one of these systems of existence considered by itself, but this is different from that evolution or change which would make man the descendant of an ape and rule God out of the universe which He made, because the truth of the law of “after his kind” has imposed severe limitations to any mutations that God has allowed within certain bounds.

- **All animal and plant life was created according to its kind. God deliberately structured plenty of variation within a kind, but one “kind” does not become another**
- **For example, structure among dogs is diverse.**
- **The poodle is very different from the Great Dane, but they are both dogs. However, they won’t become mice, no matter how much breeding is done.**
- **Evolutionists often give convincing examples of *microevolution*, the variation of a kind within its kind, adapting to the environment.**
- **For example, the ratio of black to white peppered moths may increase when pollution makes it easier for dark moths to escape detection; or finches may develop different beaks in response to their distinctive environment.**
- **But the moths are still moths, and the finches are still finches. There has been no change outside of the kind.**
- ***Microevolution does not prove macroevolution.***

- The setting up of the genetic code which man was only able to unravel about 70 years ago, and which has been the nemesis of the evolutionary theories is really described in this short simple phrase **“after his kind”**
- This truth is corroborated in 1 Corinthians 15:39, which points out that **“ 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.”**
- Rather than causing men to doubt God’s word, all scientific data should lead men to accept the creation story not only by faith, but also as fact, because all honest Biologists know from careful observation and experiments that **the Genesis record of creation is definitely true, as we will demonstrate in a while.**

- In our discussions of origins, we must either accept by faith the speculations of man or the revelation of God.
- Job 38:4 points out that man is really totally unqualified to comment on the origin of the universe since he was not around when God laid its foundations.
- It is however noteworthy, that the discoveries of man, has contributed immensely to an understanding of the fact of creation at the sub-molecular level.
- Note that whereas, the Scriptures does not claim to be a Science text, it makes very simple, and very accurate scientific statements in a very matter of fact way.
- This is because these issues are very infinitesimal to God, even though it took man several millennia to unravel, and even though he has not yet fully understood all the details.
- We can now destroy the critics of the Genesis record , on their own home grounds

- For example, Hebrews 11:3 corroborates Genesis 1:1 in teaching that the creation was made out of nothing.
- Hebrews 11:3 after stating that we understand by faith that the worlds came into being simply by the word of God, asserts plainly and simply that “things which are seen [visible things] were [are] not made of things which do appear [or that can be readily seen].”
- The created things that we can see are all composed of constituents that we cannot see-things that do not exist.
- The tangible things on terra firma and beyond are created out of nothing- *ex nihilo*- exactly as the Bible states in Genesis 1:1, i.e the creation of something from nothing, the creation of life, Genesis 1:21, and the creation of human life Genesis 1:27.
- This is now common knowledge that has been explained by scientists in the last century by the various discoveries of the components of the structure of the atom.
- Hebrews 11:3 thus gives us both a macroscopic and a sub microscopic view of creation, that is now common knowledge in the scientific world, and information that is easy to understand, even by High School kids.

- **Romans 1:20 is another potent pill against the poison of the devil's evolutionary teachers. It is a corroboration of Hebrews 11:3.**
- **Whereas Hebrews 11:3 teaches that the things that we can see are made from things that we cannot see, Romans 1:20 teaches that the invisible things or the sub-microscopic things of the creation that we can not see are clearly manifested by the macroscopic things that we can see. Furthermore, Paul asserts that this is an indication of the power of God.**
- **Paul is saying that it takes great power to enable the submicroscopic invisible components of the things that God has created to become compressed into macroscopic things that we can see, feel, taste etc. Scientists know that great power or kinetic energy is involved, because when chemicals react they commonly give off energy in the form of heat.**
- **Honest scientists know that this verse is true. We don't need faith to believe these two Scripture verses. The truth of these verses can be reproduced in laboratories any and every day. God has revealed these truths to us in the last 90 years or so.**
- **The scientific scriptures are all now established facts. This certainly facilitates our accepting by faith the rest of Scriptures. If we can see the truths in these Scriptures, then what is so hard to believe about the rest of the Bible?**
- **A God that can condense the invisible into the visible as we understand it according to kinetic theory, and relevant aspects of Physical Chemistry, can in my view, easily perform with the order, power, progress and perfection as described in Genesis 1-2.**
- **Once one grasps the deep truths of Hebrews 11:3 and Romans 1:20, Genesis 1:1 is obviously fact!**

- **In addition, in Colossians 1:17b we are told all things consist in Christ.**
- **In other words He is the glue that holds everything together. This is the only answer to the puzzle that currently scientists are still struggling to solve.**
- **At the sub-molecular level they are seeking a force to explain the combination of sub-molecular particles in an orderly fashion, despite the fact of their incompatible polarity.**
- **Colossians 1:17b gives the clear and concise answer. Christ is the answer! He is the glue that holds everything together.**

- **2 Peter 3:10** also contributes significantly to the discussion on the creation of the world at the sub-molecular level.
- **2 Peter 3:10** Peter tells us that the heavens will pass away and be burned up. This is a most remarkable and relevant passage because it has silenced many of the more honest scoffers.
- **It also contributes to our understanding of creation, in the light of our current scientific knowledge.**
- This verse once occasioned much laughter and mockery as the question was posed, **“How can the world burn when most of the world is water.”** It then seemed inconceivable to the scoffers that water could burn.
- That criticism is now out of vogue with the discovery that water is composed of two very inflammable gases which burn most readily.

- **Based on the theory of the eternity of matter—a premise on which much of science was based until about 90-100 years ago, with the work on atomic theory by Bohr, Rutherford, Pauling et al, -the critics opined that this passage could not be fulfilled since matter was indestructible and eternal.**
- **Not only do we know that it can happen, we also know how it can happen.**
- **In verse 7 we are told that the earth as it exists has been stored up for fire and literally with fire; thus signifying that there are resident forces present in the world which could destroy it.**
- **These concepts are known from experiments on chemical bonding- the glue that keeps matter together, and the discovery that most chemical reactions are exothermic, that is they give off heat, proves the claims of this verse.**
- **The effects of the release of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and in experiments in the desert in New Mexico, demonstrated conclusively how accurate a scientific statement this verse is, and how simply it was put 2000 years ago. It is just that man has finally now caught up with his Physical Chemistry homework!**

- In 2 Peter 3:10, the word translated "noise" is a word from classical Greek and used by the poets such that the sound of the word carries its own meaning.
- **The specific sound implied is the best description of an exothermic chemical reaction and that of the sound of atomic explosion.**
- **The word translated "melt" or "dissolve" in 2 Peter 3:10 to describe the future demolition of the elements is the Greek *luo*.**
- **This word has also been translated "loose" or "untie".**
- **It basically describes the breaking of chemical bonds.**
- **If God can untie chemical bonds in the eschaton, is it too difficult to conceive that he tied them initially at the creation?**

- It is worthy of note that when In 2 Peter 3:10 states that **the elements will be dissolved or melt or untied with fervent heat, that the** word "elements" refers to basic material, atoms, the building blocks of the universe.
- This word is used of putting building blocks in a row or series, or of the first steps of a child. It is that which is primary or foundational, that out of which a thing is made.
- **"Fervent heat" is energy. These descriptive words make us think of an atomic explosion.**
- **Whereas we are not saying that atomic fission or atomic bombs is the way in which God will destroy the world that is, we are saying that God has revealed to us that this passage makes good sense and has simultaneously silenced the critics.**
- We can see both a logical and scientific way in which the world that is, can be destroyed.
- **This verse is simultaneously revealing how the world must have been made at the sub-molecular level.**
- **It was done simply by the opposite to what will occur at it's destruction!**

- We will not today enter into the creation/evolution debate, and the various controversial hypotheses of man that challenge the Genesis record and seek to drown the clear voice of God.
- We will however point out that **one of the greatest ironies of current civilization, is the National Geographic and Discovery Channel, Animal Planet television shows that are beamed across the world highlighting the life histories of flora and fauna.**
- **Though made essentially for entertainment and educational purposes, these shows prove that natural selection could not have accounted for the origin of the species.**
- **They ought therefore to be used by all discerning believers as very helpful tools in proving the fact of creation and to debunk the nonsense peddled in evolutionary theories.**
- **The continuation of the creation/evolution debate suggests that evolutionists are behind in their scientific reading, and in simply viewing or understanding good television programs.**
- It demonstrates too that it is unbelievable what men are willing to believe to remain unbelievers.

- Faith always follows the facts of God's revelation, as taught in Romans 10:17. Faith comes by hearing the facts of God's word. Our faith concerning the truths of creation that are mind boggling, must be a result of the revealed facts about creation.
- **The facts are that scoffing scientists are unwittingly unraveling the facts, that would lead uninformed people, as well as discerning believers to increase their faith in the facts declared in the divine revelation. They are just not publishing them.**
- **The sound information in the National Geographic Television Programs would probably not be aired if television producers saw that these shows were simply not just educational entertainment, and that they are actually anti-evolutionary in their content.**
- It is absolutely false to conclude as some opine, that scientific theory and the Bible are directly opposed because **All true science corroborates the Bible.**
- Amidst this all, the God of power as seen in his ability to create and plan, sought first and foremost in his work and word of creation to bless mankind.

- **With respect to Global warming note what 2 Peter 2 says**
- ⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
- ⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
- ⁷ But **the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**
- **It is well know where the volcanoes, and other places where the emission of stored heat may be found all over the world! God is releasing some of this heat, but mankind does not believe God's word, or that God is in control.**

- The process of **photosynthesis** and begins when light strikes the plant's leaves (both sunlight and artificial light can power this process).
- Cells in the plant's leaves, called **chloroplasts** , contain a green pigment called **chlorophyll** which interacts with sunlight to split the water in the plant into its basic components.
- Carbon dioxide enters the leaf through holes called **stomata** and combines with the stored energy in the chloroplasts through a chemical reaction to produce a simple sugar.
- The sugar is then transported through tubes in the leaf to the roots, stems and fruits of the plants.
- Some of the sugar is used immediately by the plant for energy; some is stored as starch; and some is built into a more complex substance, like plant tissue or cellulose.
- Fortunately for us, plants often produce more food than they need, which they store in stems, roots, seeds or fruit. We can obtain this energy directly by eating the plant itself or its products, like carrots, rice or potatoes.
- Photosynthesis is the first step in the food chain which connects all living things.
- Every creature on earth depends to some degree on green plants.
- The oxygen that is released by the process of photosynthesis is an essential exchange for all living things.
- Forests have been called the "lungs of the earth" because animals inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide in the process of breathing, and plants take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen in the process of photosynthesis.
- But every year, over 28 million acres of tropical forest are cut and then burned to clear land for farming.
- Without enough sunlight, plants cannot use the process of photosynthesis to produce food.

- **Doesn't the fossil record show these creatures slowly evolved into existence, instead of suddenly appearing?**
- Most people are unaware that Darwin's strongest opponents were not clergymen, but fossil experts. Darwin admitted the state of the fossil evidence was "the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory," and because of the fossil evidence, "all the most eminent paleontologists... and all our greatest geologists... have unanimously, often vehemently, maintained" that the species do not change.
- **The fossil record is marked by two great principles: first, *stasis*, which means most species are unchanged in all their documented history.**
- **The way they look when they first appear in the fossil record is the way they look when last appearing in the fossil record. They have not changed.**
- **Second, *sudden appearance*, which means in any local area, a species does not arise gradually, but appears all at once and "fully formed."**
- **"If evolution means the gradual change of one kind of organism into another kind, the outstanding characteristic of the fossil record is the absence of evidence for evolution." (Philip Johnson).**

- **Evolutionist Nile Eldredge wrote: “We paleontologists have said that the history of life [in the fossil record] supports [the story of gradual evolution], all the while knowing that it does not” (Johnson).**
- **The fossil record totally rejects the idea of millions of tiny changes; the quick leaps are a way of attributing miraculous power to “chance” or “nature” instead of God.**
- **It seems far more rational to believe in a wise, creating, designing God.**

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- Let us now flesh out our outline.

1. Original creation

**In the beginning God created
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(Genesis 1:1)

- **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**
- **This is a simple factual summary statement regarding God's work as Creator, that is detailed in Genesis 1 & 2.**
- **The Bible simply and straightforwardly declares that the world did not create itself or come about by chance, but that it was created by God who, by definition, is eternal and has always been.**
- **Not only is *God* the subject of the first sentence of the Bible, but this word dominates the whole chapter and catches the eye at every point of the page, since it is used thirty-five times in as many verses of the narrative.**
- **If you believe [Genesis 1:1](#), you really have no problem believing the rest of the Bible. The God big enough to have created the heavens and the earth is big enough to do all the rest the Bible says that He did and does**

- The simple fact of God's creation is even more amazing when we consider the greatness of God's universe.
- Moreover, God did all this Himself: Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together ([Isaiah 48:13](#)).
- But God is bigger and greater than all His creation: Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? ([Isaiah 40:12](#)).
- We learn from [John 1:1, 14](#), [Colossians 1:16](#), and [Hebrews 1:2](#) that the Lord Jesus was the active Agent in creation. For the inexhaustible wonders of His creation, He is worthy of endless worship.

- The opening sentence of the Book of Genesis is an interpretation of the fact "that what is seen hath not been made out of things which do appear" ([Hebrews 11:3](#)), and accounts for the things which are seen. The whole chapter, and, indeed, all subsequent Scripture, must be read in the light of this statement as to origins.
- Genesis 1:1 gives us three facts about
 - What was done?
 - Who did it?
 - When did it occur?
- But two words require explanation: "created" and "beginning."
- Does the former mean that heaven and earth were created out of nothing? **The Hebrew word bara, translated "created" means created out of nothing. When used in the Bible it always refers to a work made by God and never by man.**
- It occurs three times, here in ([Genesis 1:1](#)), at the introduction of life on the fifth day, and at the creation of man on the sixth day.
- Elsewhere, where only transformations are meant, another word (asah, in Hebrew) is used, translated "made."
- **Bara (created) is thus reserved for marking the introduction of each of the three great spheres of existence the world of matter, of animal life and of spirit, all three of which, though intimately associated, are distinct in essence, and constitute all the universe known to us.**

2. Chaotic condition of earth

The state of the earth before God organized creation. (2)

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

- The opening sentence of verse 1 is followed immediately by a declaration, without detail, of a cataclysm which overtook the earth.
- **It then proceeds to show how the God who created, restored the earth to fruitfulness and order. God is here revealed in the threefold fact of His existence.**
- **The purpose of this restoring process is seen to culminate in the creation of an entirely new being, Man. This being is revealed as having direct relationship with God, being made in His image and likeness.**
- **The chapter thus reveals a universe rooted in the thought and activity of God, and of man as being His offspring. The acceptance of these declarations gives to the mind a sense of the majesty of all being, thus creating a radiant background against which the darkness of subsequent history will be seen and understood more clearly.**
- **Any other view of the universe and man fails to understand the real nature of evil.**

- What was the condition of inert matter as represented in ([Genesis 1:2](#)? The first verb “was” has sometimes been translated “became.”
- Read it thus and you get the idea that originally the earth was otherwise than void and waste, but that some catastrophe took place resulting in that state.
- This means, if true, that a period elapsed between [Genesis 1:1-2](#), long enough to account for the geological formations of which some scientists speak, and a race of pre-Adamite men of which others speculate.
- It suggests too that the earth as we now know it may not be much older than tradition places it.
- The word “earth” in this verse, however, must not be understood to mean our globe with its land and seas, which was not made till the third day, but simply matter in general, that is, the cosmic material out of which the Holy Spirit organized the whole universe, including the earth of today.

- **The earth was without form, and void:**
- **Some believe that this period included original creation, and then recreation in six days,**
- One of several interpretations of the Genesis account of creation is the creation-reconstruction view says that between verses 1 and 2 a great catastrophe occurred, perhaps the fall of Satan.
- This caused-God's original, perfect creation to become waste and empty (tohu wabhoahu).
- Since God didn't create the earth waste and empty (see [Isa. 45:18](#)), only a mighty cataclysm could explain the chaotic condition of verse 2. Proponents of this view point out that the word translated "was" (hayetha) could also be translated "had become." **Thus the earth "had become waste and empty."**
- Some translate the idea in this verse as **the earth became without form and void**. Their thinking is the earth was originally created *not without form and void*, but it *became without form and void* through the destructive work of Satan. However, this is not the plain grammatical sense of the ancient Hebrew.
- Those who follow this idea look to [Isaiah 45:18](#): *For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other."* The idea, here, is God says He did *not* create the world *in vain* (since the Hebrew word translated *vain* is the same as the word for *void* in [Genesis 1:1](#)).
- **Based on these ideas, some have advanced what has been called the "Gap Theory." It is the idea that there was a long and indefinite chronological gap between [Genesis 1:1](#) and [1:2](#).**
- **Most gap theory advocates use the theory to explain the fossil record, assigning old and extinct fossils to this indefinite gap.**
- **Whatever merit the gap theory may have, it cannot explain the extinction and fossilization of ancient animals. The Bible says plainly death came by Adam ([Romans 5:12](#)), and since fossils are the result of death, they could not have happened before Adam's time.**

- **Darkness was on the face of the deep:** This may describe a sense of resistance to the moving of the Holy Spirit on the earth.
- Some speculate this was because Satan was cast down to the earth ([Isaiah 14:12](#); [Ezekiel 28:16](#)) and resisted God's plan, though his resistance was futile.

- **the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**
- The chaotic earth is seen held in the embrace of the Spirit, who is described as brooding over it.
- The Word of God is heard expressing the will of God. Thus God is seen speaking the purpose of His mind in word and doing His will through the activity of the Spirit.
- **“And the Spirit of God moved (or was hovering) upon the face of the waters.”**
“Moved upon” means brooded over as a bird on its nest. “Waters” means not the oceans and seas as we know them, but the gaseous condition of the matter before spoken of. The Spirit of God moved “upon” the waters, and not inside of them, showing that God is a personal Being separate from His work.
- **The Spirit of God moved (or was hovering) on the face of the waters, preparatory to the great creative and reconstructive acts to follow. The remaining verses describe the six days of creation and reconstruction which prepared the earth for human habitation.**
- **When God began to transform the earth into something beautiful and compatible with His great plan, He started with the work of the Spirit of God, because the Holy Spirit begins every work of creation or re-creation.**
- **So the first divine act in fitting up this planet for the habitation of man was for the Spirit of God to move upon the face of the waters.**
- **Till that time, all was formless, empty, out of order, and in confusion. In a word, it was chaos; and to make it into that thing of beauty which the world is at the present moment, even though it is a fallen world, it was needful that the movement of the Spirit of God should take place upon it.**

- **Leupold on the Spirit of God was hovering: “The verb... signifies a vibrant moving, a protective hovering... His was the preparatory work for leading over from the inorganic to the organic.”**
- **The verb for hovering reappears in [Deuteronomy 32:11](#) to describe the eagle’s movements in stirring its young into flight.”**
- **We need not suppose that God spoke just as a human being speaks, but the coming forth of light out of thick darkness would have seemed to a spectator as the effect of a divine command ([Psalms 33:6-9](#)).**
- **On the natural plane of things vibration is light or produces light, which illustrates the relation between the moving of the Spirit upon inert matter and the effect it produced.**

3 God's six days of work and Sabbath

- **DAY ONE-** the light
- Light is produced by the powerful word of God, (Genesis 1:3); is approved and separated from the darkness, (Genesis 1:4); named, and the first day is declared (Genesis 1:5).
- **DAY TWO- the firmament**
- The firmament is formed, and its use, name, and time stated, and the second day is declared (Genesis 1:6-8).
- **DAY THREE** God three separated the dry land (Genesis 1:9-10).
- God separated the waters from the earth; sea and dry land named and approved this, (Genesis 1:9-10); and then caused the earth to bring forth grass, herbs, and trees; approved this, and declared the third day, (Genesis 1:11-13).
- **DAY FOUR** God created 14 forms the sun, moon, and stars (Genesis 1:14).
- On the fourth day of creation, God furnished the firmament with sun, moon, and stars; and assigned their uses, their names, with approbation, and time of doing, declared the fourth day. (Genesis 1:14 -19).
- **DAY FIVE-** fishes and fowls (v20) cattle, wild beasts, and creeping things (v24) are created
- On the fifth day of creation, the waters and air was furnished with fish and fowl, , approved, blessed, and time of it declared, (Genesis 1:20-23).
- In addition, the earth was furnished with) cattle, wild beasts, and creeping things, and approved, (Genesis 1:24-25).
- **DAY SIX-** 26 creates man in his own image, blesses him (v26), and grants the fruits of the earth for food (v29).
- God created rational man upon consultation in his own image, with dominion over the other creatures; and blessed him (Genesis 1:26-28). He then appointed food for man, (Genesis 1:29); for beasts, (Genesis 1:30), and everything, i.e the whole creation is approved, and the sixth day is declared .

4. Man given dominion over the earth

The sixth day of creation: God makes land animals, as well as creates man. Genesis (1: 24-27)

- ²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
- ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- ²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- **On the sixth day God made man, in His image and after His likeness. Man is the crown of all God's creation, because man is the only living being made in the image of God.**
- **Man was specially created by God's breathing some of His own breath into him."**
- **This means that man was placed on earth as God's representative, and that He resembles God in certain ways.**
- **Like God, man has intellect, a moral nature, the power to communicate with others, and an emotional nature that transcends instinct.**
- **In contrast to animals, man is a worshiper, an articulate communicator, and a creator.**

- **What does “dominion” really mean? What does it mean to have dominion? Are we still called to do this? And, especially given that we’re living in a fallen world, how do we exercise dominion in a way that honors God?**
- **Dominion is traditionally interpreted as “to subdue” or “to rule over.” When taken to an extreme, it can include oppression and exploitation. However, an exploited planet Earth does not leave humanity richer.**
- **Man’s dominion is a call to service, and stewardship**
- **Dominion touches every part of our being.**
- **Adam’s dominion, and ours, was nothing less than the priesthood, the power to act for God and in his place.**
- **The idea is that God, while retaining his unshakable throne in the heavens, extended his glory to a new world below in the work of the Creation; then as the culmination of that work he created man to be in charge of all the beings he had created, with the understanding that man must work to preserve and take care of all that is in it, exactly as God had done before.**

- **Despite our fallen state, God has not removed the charge to rule over the earth from humanity.**
- **Therefore, we must consider how to use the authority God has given us to bring Him glory.**
- **The idea of being made in God's image carries with it an understanding of the dignity of humanity, of being designed to function within relationships, of being wired to worship and serve our Creator.**
- **As God's image bearers in creation, we were intended to act as His representatives. We were designed, in a very real way, to show the world what God is like.**
- **So when God gave us the command to rule over the earth, the expectation was to do so in a way that reflected His character.**

- When God placed the first man in the garden of Eden, it was to “work it and watch over it” ([Genesis 2:15](#)). **Adam was commanded to take care of the earth, to fill and cultivate the rest of it following after the example God had given him in the garden.**
- This was the ideal—and we know what went wrong, so that as we look out our windows, it’s clear we’re not living in a paradise.

- **Here are three suggestions loosely based on [Genesis 1:28](#):**
- **1 Consume responsibly.** I'm all for being responsible as a consumer. Don't buy more than you need. Buy things that last. Just because you can be conspicuous in your consumption doesn't mean you should be.
- **2. Work with excellence.** While few of us are in positions of great authority, we are all responsible for carrying out the work we've been given with excellence.
- Do your work well, respect your employers, remembering that "you are serving the Lord Jesus Christ," not men ([Colossians 3:24](#)).

- **3 Multiply spiritually and biologically.** While having children isn't necessarily a mandate in the same way it was for Adam and Eve, having children is a way in which we can exercise dominion over the earth. We are bringing new life into the world. That's a big deal.
- **Likewise, perhaps even more importantly, we need to be focused on spiritual multiplication. While biological multiplication is common to all humanity, only Christians can multiply spiritually.**
- **We have been given the role as Ambassadors of Jesus Christ with the responsibility of sharing the news of Jesus' sin-defeating death and resurrection with the world. We are to make disciples of all nations.**
- **This is the greatest way in which we can exercise dominion over the earth in that we're using the authority given to us by Christ for the express purpose of seeing the lost become found.**

- **Those are some of the ways in which we can and should continue to exercise dominion in the fallen world as redeemed people.**
- **God has not removed this responsibility from us, so let's make use of every opportunity we have to give Him glory.**

5. Man given a wife, marriage instituted-God creates the first woman as a helper comparable to Adam from Adam's side. (Genesis 2:18 & 21-24)

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

- In the process of naming the animals and birds, Adam noticed that there were males and females. Each one had a mate that was similar to itself, yet different.
- This prepared Adam for a partner who would be suitable for himself.
- We read in verse 8, **And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”**
- **For the first time, God saw something that was not good – the aloneness of man. SO HE FIXED IT!**
- God never intended for man to be alone, either in the marital or social sense.
- Marriage, in particular, has a blessed civilizing influence on man. The wildest, most violent, sociopathic men in history have always been single, never under the plan God gave to influence men for good. For society as a whole, this is not good.
- I will make him a helper comparable to him: God’s “blueprint” for creating this companion to Adam was to make a helper comparable (*suitable to his needs, adapted, such as he needs completing*) to Adam.

- **Genesis 1: 27 states that on the sixth day “Male and female He created them.”**
- **Note that the Bible describes the origin of the sexes as a creative act of God.**
- **Evolution has never been able to explain how the sexes began.**
- **In our day, many say there is no real difference between men and women., but to God, the differences between men and women are not accidents. Since He created them, the differences are good and meaningful.**
- **Men are not women, and women are not men. One of the saddest signs of our culture’s depravity is the amount and the degree of gender confusion today, but when a man tries to be a woman or a woman tries to be a man, you have something strange.**

- **And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.**
- **God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam: This is the first surgery recorded in history. God even used a proper anesthetic on Adam.**
- **His bride was formed from a rib, taken from his side as he slept.**
- **The rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman: God used Adam's own body to create Eve to forever remind him of their essential oneness. As Adam came to know Eve he would see many ways that they were different, but he must never forget that they are essentially one and that they are made of the same substance. They are more alike than they are different.**
- **It is noteworthy that in the same way that the bride of the first Adam came from a wound in his side, in like manner, the Bride of Christ was secured as Jesus Christ, the second Adam received several wounds on the cross, as He shed His life's blood in untold agony. No anaesthesia**

THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE

(Genesis 2:24)

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

- **With the words of verse 24 God instituted monogamous marriage.**
- **This passage forms the foundation for the Bible's understanding of marriage and family. Both Jesus (Matthew 19: 5) and Paul ([Ephesians 5:31](#)) quoted it in reference to marriage.**
- **“The institution of monogamous marriage, home, and family as the basic medium for the propagation of the race and the training of the young is so common to human history that people seldom pause to reflect on how or why such a custom came into being.” (Morris)**
- **Like all divine institutions, it was established for man's good and cannot be violated with impunity.**
- **Adam and Eve are the original family. This is God's ideal family. God's ideal family isn't polygamy, or serial marriages or having a concubine, or keeping of mistresses, or adultery, or homosexual co-habitation, or promiscuity, or living together outside the marriage bond. It is important to set it forth God's ideal for the family as God's ideal.**
- **Note that the marriage bond illustrates the relationship that exists between Christ and the church ([Eph. 5:22-32](#))**
- **Note also that the fullness of what God wants to do in the one flesh relationship takes time. It has to become.**

- **And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:25**
- **Before the fall, Adam and Eve were both naked... and not ashamed.**
- In their state of innocence modesty did not require our fore parents to wear clothing as a covering for shame.
- Psalm 104:2 teaches that God covers Himself with Light as with a garment.
- Perhaps in man's state of innocence a similar shining served him in the same way as an outer light which he lost when sin robbed him of the inner one.
- **The idea of "nakedness" is far more than mere nudity. It has the sense of being totally open and exposed as a person before God and man.**
- **To be naked... and not ashamed means you have no sin, nothing to be rightly ashamed of, and nothing to hide.**
- **Adam and Eve knew they were physically naked – nude – before the fall. What they did not know was a sinful, fallen condition, because they were not in that condition before their rebellion.**

- **1 John 2:28** indicates that when God comes to visit us next, to resume the fellowship that Adam jettisoned in Eden, we need not be ashamed at His coming, for Christ through his shed blood has provided our covering.
- When Jesus comes again, we will be found in Him with the cloak of righteousness which is of God through faith in Christ as taught in **Philippians 3:9**.
- In **Revelation 19:8** we are taught that as the bride of Christ that we will be “arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”
- **Genesis 1-2** are certainly both **chapters of promise and promising chapters**.
- Unfortunately this bliss did not last very long! The bliss of Paradise was soon lost as sin entered the Garden of Eden.

6-MAN IS PUT ON PROBATION(Genesis 2:15-17)

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil provided a test of man's obedience. The only reason it was wrong to eat of that fruit was because God had said so.
- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil presented a choice for Adam, because for Adam to be a creature of free will, there had to be a *choice*, some opportunity to rebel against God.
- God wants our love and obedience to Him to be the love and obedience of *choice*.
- In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die:
- God not only made His command clear to Adam, but He also clearly explained the consequences for disobedience
- The penalty for violating the commandment was death (v. 17)—instant spiritual death and progressive physical death.
- Note that God made this command originally to Adam, not to Eve; because God had not yet created woman.
- ???Romans 5?