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The Earth was Without Form and Void

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For thousands of years, differing beliefs regarding the earth's origin, and its age have been disputed. These issues have been, and still are, passionately debated. However, with all the theories advanced by both the theological and scientific experts, the evidence presented has never quite matched up with all the facts. For example, the scientific community is convinced that the earth is billions of years old. On the other hand, many religious Christians hold to the belief that the Bible tells us that the earth is only six thousand years old. Which is true? The booklet you are about to read is designed to provide the true answer—one that reconciles these two seemingly opposite views. The Scriptures have always held the astounding answer within its pages and by reading on, you will discover the answer to this long standing question.

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Today a conflict continues to rage between many professing Christians and the professors of science. Most fundamental Christians teach that the Bible states that the world is approximately 6,000 year old. On the other hand, based on measurable elements, scientists teach that our earth is literally billions of years old. Which is true, and more important, can we depend on the Bible's account of creation?

Before providing the Scriptural evidence that can finally reconcile this conflict, some history regarding the origin of the argument should be of interest. Today's modern conflict officially began during the middle ages. At that time, the Roman Church taught that the universe consisted of an enormous array of the sun, moon, and stars—all permanently set in that sky, and all rotating around a stationary earth.

The Church believed that some great invisible miracle caused these heavenly bodies to rotate around what was thought to be a flat earth. It was then that a scientist named Copernicus discovered something of great importance. He found that the sun did not revolve around the earth—just the opposite was true.

Unfortunately this teaching opposed the doctrine of the Roman Church, which at that time held enormous influence over the population. The church considered Copernicus' theory as little more than an opinion at first. However, it later became a very dangerous opinion. Even as late as the time of the theologian, Martin Luther, the famous reformer spoke of Copernicus saying:

“This fool wants to change the whole science of astronomy.”

Galileo Proves the Truth

About seventy five years after the discovery by Copernicus, a scientist named Galileo invented the telescope. Turning his new invention to the sky, he proved the issue beyond any doubt. Copernicus was right, and the Church teaching was clearly wrong.

Galileo proved that the earth revolve around the sun. However, his triumphant discovery was challenged by the church, and eventually proclaimed to be heresy. Nonetheless, late in 1615 Galileo Returned to Rome in a final attempt to convince the Church of his findings. Tragically his facts and arguments fell upon deaf ears.

In 1616 Cardinal Bellarmine ordered Galileo to no longer teach the the theory of a stationary sun. The result was that the great scientist spent his remaining years under house arrest. Not only did the Cardinal believe that the theory was unscriptural, he thought the belief was a dire threat to the church. Consequently, Rome began to persecute anyone who believed in Galileo's theory.

The Church Defies God's Admonition

In one way, the response of the Church was ironic. The Scriptures actually tell readers to search out truths. We are enjoined to investigate such matters. As the Bible states:

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honour of kings is to search out a matter (Proverbs 25:2).

In this verse, the Creator of the universe explains that, regarding His creation of the heavens and earth, He concealed some of the more glorious things. However, His expectation was that humans would search out those things that can be found, and naturally give Him glory and praise for His marvelous works. Tragically, while in our modern age, we realize there innumerable things yet to discover, however, the praise goes to evolution and not God!

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In the context of this argument, it is interesting to note that the Scriptures nowhere state that the earth is flat, nor do they say that the sun travels around the earth. Instead they make it clear that the opposite is true. As God says:

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? *It is* he that sitteth upon the **circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that **stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain**, and spreadeth them out as **a tent to dwell in** (Isaiah 40:21).

Thousands of years before any scientist understood the truth about the earth, God stated that the earth was round, not flat. Moreover, the planet mankind lives on was not suspended on anything. As Job explains:

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and **hangeth the earth upon nothing** (Job 26:7)

The church continued to teach their error, however. And, in order to retain their power and influence, they rejected the Apostle Paul's injunction to all the saints:

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good (1Thessalonians 5:21)

The Roman church refused to be led by these Scriptures. In fact they violently suppressed the truth. Individuals were imprisoned. Others were forced to endure the sword.

This open persecution caused a growing movement against religion by those in the sciences, and another area of conflict became that of creation itself. The Church doctrine was that the earth's creation was supernatural.

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While creation was supernatural, the Roman church continued to teach a related error. They believed that all of Genesis chapter one occurred at the same time—one week.

Thus, counting from the creation week, they compressed all of earth's geological history into a time frame beginning from creation week to our time today. Then, as science developed new and greater technology, their growing number of proofs convinced many creationists to acknowledge that the earth must be billions of years old.

Scientific Studies Refuted the Church

Science discovered that not only was the earth billions of years old, it had gone through various changes over time. However, the church continued to defend their misinterpretation of Scripture.

The truth is that the Bible nowhere says that the earth is only 6,000 years old. But, the more evidence that science produced, the more insistent the church became. Tragically, this led men, who were scientifically oriented, to distrust the Bible and ultimately, the majority rejected both God and the Bible. At this, the religious community dug in their heels, believing that these scientific discoveries undermined the Christian faith. At the same time scientists came to believe that religion blinded men's reason. They rejected the churches' view, ultimately forming their own religion of evolution and spontaneous generation. In a majority of cases, the religious argument eventually motivated the scientific community to oppose the Bible entirely.

Ironically, by rejecting the fables of Rome, scientists also rejected the Creator God. Their faith came to be that all things have continued as from the beginning. To them, creation was simply the result of natural forces at work.

Tragically, holding this view has blinded many to the majesty of God's creation. While scientists marvel at creation, they are unable to stand in awe of God's enormous wisdom, artistic flair, and brilliant design. As Paul wrote:

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Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (Romans 1:19-22)

This is exactly what occurred. Many scientists became vain in their imaginations. Their reaction to medieval superstitions blinded them to God's truth. As a result, they ultimately elevated their own knowledge above that of God.

Over time, as scientific knowledge increased, many within the religious community felt the need to join them in their error. Even now the Roman church has finally accepted evolution. Many Protestant churches have also accepted this corrupted view of creation. These religious people simply justified their new acceptance of evolution, saying that the Bible was never designed to be a book about science.

Tragically, all this flies in the face of what is an enormous truth. The Scriptures are inspired by God. They are for doctrine reproof and instruction (2Tim 3:16). The Bible can be trusted. When it speaks of history, it has repeatedly been found to be true. True science does not contradict the Bible. It actually confirms it. As the Apostle Paul aptly wrote:

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of **science falsely so called** (1Timothy 6:20).

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There is no question that scientists have made great discoveries. However, when it comes to the Bible, science has made many errors. For example:

- A. Science once taught the earth was flat
- B. The Bible stated the earth was round
- C. Science once thought the earth sat atop a foundation
- D. The Bible Taught the earth was hung on nothing
- E. Science taught there was no writing in ancient Egypt
- F. Later, hieroglyphics were found
- G. Science Taught that Nineveh was a myth
- H. Layard unearthed the entire city
- I. It was taught that Abraham was a fictional person
- J. Tablets were found in UR bearing Abraham's name

The statements above are just a few of the failures that science has made by discounting the Bible. Further, the church has had just as many conflicts with science. They too have been forced to accept that they were wrong. In such a context, in which both religion and science hold dearly to false premises, is it possible to be certain regarding the forming of, and the age of, this beautiful blue planet? Does the Bible really tell us?

In answer, God challenges us to find the truth about such questions. He boldly states that He created all things, and that He reveals the truth to His prophets. For example, note God's words to Moses in which He states:

The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but **those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children** for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law (Deuteronomy 29:29).

The things that God has revealed belong to us, and God has revealed a great deal about the origin and development of the earth. For example, consider earth's origin. The very first thing God tells us is often simply overlooked by Bible readers. The author of Genesis states:

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In the beginning, **God created the heaven and the earth** (Genesis 1:1).

Most Bible readers, theologians, and commentators do not analyze this statement in the first page of the Bible. Instead, they tend to read the first and second verses of Genesis as though they are actually part of creation week.

As we continue, it will become clear that the first verse in the Bible states that God created the heaven and earth a very long time before creation week occurred.

What goes unnoticed in this first verse is of vital importance. There it states that in the beginning God made the heaven and earth. Therefore, heaven and earth already existed before day number one of creation week.

In the second verse God reveals that something happened to that first creation. It was destroyed as a result of sin long before Adam and Eve lived. Notice the verse:

And the **earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.** And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)

At this point, it is important to realize that God had previously created the earth, but it was “without form” and “void” prior to the seven days of creation described afterward. But, stop and analyze exactly what the terms “without form” and “void.” Mean. For example, according to Strong’s Dictionary, without form is the word “tohu.” It is from an unused root meaning “to lie *waste*; a *desolation* (of surface), that is, *desert*; figuratively a *worthless* thing; adverbially in *vain*: - **confusion**, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) naught, **vain**, vanity, waste, wilderness.”

The second word is “void.” Strong’s states that this word is “bôhû” in Hebrew and is from an unused root (meaning to *be empty*); a *vacuity*, that is, (superficially) an undistinguishable *ruin*: - emptiness, or void.

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These two verses contain enormously important truth and carries great meaning. God does not create things that are in ruin, confusion or without form. Consider the Apostle Paul's comment in this regard:

For God is **not the [the author] of confusion**, but of peace as in all the churches of the saints (I Corinthians 14:33).

God created the universe and it was perfect. It reflected who and what God is. It pictured what He is like. It originally was beautiful—unified—and harmonious.

It certainly was NOT created in “tohu” and “bohu.” It was not made a confused mess. Note the words of the prophet Isaiah:

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, **he created it not in vain**, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else (Isaiah 45:18).

The word “vain” is the same word “Tohu” that we read in Genesis 1:2. The Almighty did not create the world in Tohu—in confusion. It became that way as a result of an outside force. The truth is that terribly destructive sin entered the world before the first humans ever existed.

In another example, the prophet Jeremiah used this same term when speaking of the land of Judah after a terrifying and destructive war with the brutal nation of Babylon. His lament explains more deeply, and adds greater meaning to what occurred to the heavens and earth prior to Adam and Eve. The prophet writes:

I beheld **the earth**, and lo, [it was] was **without form and void**, and the heavens, and they had no light (Jeremiah 4:23).

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Jeremiah is repeating the words of Genesis 1:2. The universe was originally created beautifully. It was harmonious in every respect. However, after Jeremiah was forced to witness the destructive view of Jerusalem that was inflicted by Babylon, he had no other choice but to echo the words of Genesis. From his point of view Jerusalem had become “Tohu” and “Bohu”—chaos, confusion, and void.

A Cataclysmic War before Creation Week

The world God first produced, and the universe of planets and galaxies, was created to be wondrously beautiful. All was harmonious—in unity and peace. Then something happened that made it chaotic and confused.

In the first verse of Genesis, God says that He created the Heavens and the earth. The second verse states that the earth “**was**” “without form and void”. Understanding these words to mean “chaos and confusion,” we can be certain it was not created in that destructive and chaotic state by the Almighty. But, that poses the question—what happened?

Few analyze the term “**was**” in this second verse, but its meaning sheds enormous light on what happened to the earth. According to Strong’s, this word is “hâyâh” in Hebrew, and means to *become*, (or) *come to pass*....

This makes things clear. God created the heavens and the earth. That creation existed for an unspecified amount of time. It could easily have been billions of years. Then at some point in the vastness of God’s timing, earth became “chaotic” “without form” and “void of life.” Therefore, a sin of enormous magnitude occurred, causing chaos, confusion, and ultimately erasing all life prior to man’s existence.

The First Sin Was Not Adam and Eve

Many forget that man was not the first to sin. The angels were created long before man. In fact, they were witness to the magnificent creation of the heavens and earth, and when the Almighty was working with Job, He said:

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Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When **the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy** (Job 38:4-7)?

The angels were joyful because the earth was created for them. They were the first inhabitants of this planet. However, they did not keep the earth as God intended. A vast number left earth to actually attack God (Rev. 12:9).

The assault began with the angel Lucifer attempting to take power to himself. The Scriptures speak of the means to his rise in power while on God's first creation. He acted as many world leaders do today. He trafficked with others until all belonged to him (Ezek. 28:18).

Then, he led those who would follow him in an attempt to overthrow God's throne, and take it for His own. As a result, the Almighty God imprisoned the worst of these angels. As Jude writes in his epistle:

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness **unto the judgment of the great day** (Jude 1:6).

That the angels did not keep their first estate means they did not keep their first home—the earth. They left earth and attacked the God of heaven. However, they vastly underestimated the Almighty's power, and God did not allow these angels to go unpunished. Many are imprisoned:

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* **down to hell**, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment (2Peter 2:4).

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It's also of value to grasp the word "hell" used above. It is not a place of everlasting punishment as many falsely believe today. According to Vine's dictionary, the word is "tartaroo" in the Greek, and it means:

"To cast down to Tartarus, which is neither Sheol nor hades, nor hell, but the place where those angels whose special sin is referred to in that passage are confined to be reserved unto judgment"; the region is described as pits of darkness."

The Power of Satan

These wicked angels are now restrained in a place on this earth. There, they await the Last Great Day—a time when all will be judged. For more information read the booklet *Satan's Fate*.

What must also be understood is that not all the angels are restrained now. Satan is loose on the earth. And, he has many other angels who continue to serve him. For example, the book of Job reveals that both Satan and some of his angels continue to enjoy access to heaven (Job 1:6). In another instance, the devil tempted Jesus with all the kingdoms of the world—and he could—they are his to offer.

It seems impossible to us today to realize just how many of the angels followed Satan. Apparently, he was able to convince one third of the angels to follow him. As we are told by the Apostle John, who wrote: e:

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born (Revelation 12:3-4).

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By Adam and Eve following Lucifer, they chose him rather than God to be their ruler on earth. As Paul explains:

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

As the God of this world, Satan once offered Jesus the Kingdoms of this world because they were literally his to give. In the distant past, Lucifer was a leader of the angels on earth. Sadly, he is still in control of them. However, eventually he will no longer be able to even visit heaven. He will be removed from the presence of the Savior, God's faithful angels, and all mankind at Christ's return to establish His millennial rule on earth. As John prophesied:

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:9).

However, when his first rebellion took place, it was prior to man's existence. Jesus Christ was there. He witnessed the events as the Word, or Spokesman for God, and He revealed Satan's defeat to his disciples, saying:

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven (Luke 10:18).

Satan had led an attack on God's throne. He was immediately thrust back down. Thus, it was the devil that fell, not mankind. Further, this event was also documented in the Old Testament. There Isaiah cries out regarding Satan's attack and his fate at Christ's return, saying:

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Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners (Isaiah 14:9-13)?.

The Devil ascended from the earth to heaven, and the throne of God. His desire was to take control of the entire universe, and be the Most High.

In speculation, a question comes up. “Exactly what caused Satan to turn against God? It is suggested that it likely took place when God revealed His plan to create human being who would one day rule over the angels (Heb. 2:5-11).

Imagine Lucifer as a great, powerful, spirit being who once ruled the earth’s armies of angels, and all the physical creatures on it. But, later, this angel finds that God is going to make man who will one day become like Christ and rule over him! It was simply too much for him to take—a physical man, or as ancient documents call humans, “the mud people” ruling him? Imagine his thinking, “You want me to play nurse maid to these worms and they will one day be over me—No Way!”

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This same event is described in another section of Scripture. The prophet Ezekiel records God's words about the king of the great city Tyre. As the discussion of the human king continues, it lifts to speak of Satan. This is likely because during this time, Satan was the power behind this king's throne (Mat 4:1-4). Ezekiel writes:

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee (Ezekiel 28:11-18).

War with God

It is clear that Lucifer's rebellion occurred during the time he walked among the stones of fire in heaven, but later turned to violence as a way of life. It is also clear that the entire angelic rebellion occurred under the devil's leadership.

His pride led him to believe that he deserved more. His power—his ego—and arrogance led him to plan and execute an uprising against God. Ultimately he ascended from earth to attack God in heaven. He was accompanied by many powerful angels, and his intent was to take the throne of the universe from God—in fact—to become God.

Lucifer coveted God's place in the universe—but both he, and his followers, had completely misread the Creator who is the epitome of all power (Jer. 32:17). Lucifer and his angels were likely stunned to see God's power.

They found themselves blasted back to earth—reeling at the enormous power of God. Further, God set limits on what they were capable of doing to humanity—just as in the days of Job 1:12. In their failure, they discovered an important lesson that all of us should learn by example. Nothing is impossible to God. His power and His greatness are overwhelming. He cannot be contested. We should always strive to live by His will; not because we fear His power, but because His way is the only right way to live life.

Still, Satan fought against God and was thrust back to the earth. The worst of his angels were restrained in Tartaroo. Then, he and some of his loyal angels were restrained in their power, but allowed to roam the earth.

The War in Heaven Caused Enormous Destruction

One thing is certain. After this war, the entire universe was affected. For example, when we look out upon the universe we see the lingering evidence of this horrendous war. Modern day scientists with their incredible instruments admit the earth was hit by something that left tremendous destruction. They see a catastrophe.

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Huge areas of vegetation were buried under the earth. Animals were suddenly buried with food still in their mouths. Ironically, the food was tropical while many of these animals were found in polar areas. This means that the polar ice caps must have shifted. Something hit the earth so hard that its axis was changed. All life was caught off guard by something that brought sudden and certain destruction, and the Scriptures verify this. As the psalmist wrote:

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course (Psalm 82:5).

Scientists now speculate that a giant asteroid hit the planet. They admit they are not certain what it was. But, they know that something, or some things, of enormous magnitude hit the earth.

Scientists view pock marked planets and space debris everywhere. There are still giant pieces of planets flying through space. There are enormous and pebble sized asteroids that were once part of something bigger, but are now bits. Notice a NASA photo of the asteroids below:



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Out in space there are huge pieces of ice that are miles across. They are simply speeding through space. As Space.com states:

Comets are icy bodies in space that release gas or dust. They are often compared to dirty snowballs, though recent research has led some scientists to call them snowy dirtballs. Comets contain dust, ice, carbon dioxide, ammonia, methane and more. Astronomers think comets are leftovers from the material that initially formed the solar system about 4.6 billion years ago.

If these projectiles were all moving in the same direction, Space.com's assumption could be true. The likelihood the truth is that they are left over from Lucifer's Great War with the Almighty God.

Another consideration is the rings of Saturn. For example, they were once moons that orbited the great planet. Now they are no more than rocks and dust. Outer space is a picture of destruction—not creation. Notice the surface of one of Saturn's moons. It appears as if it was used for target practice. The conclusion that is left is that it has been pummeled with hundreds of thousands of pieces of debris.



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There exist other areas of space that are only dust. Whole galaxies may have been destroyed in an instant. Everything out there is desolate. The photos we receive back from our closest planet Mars reveals the same desolation.

The Bible indicates that there was a universal catastrophe, and that disaster was a result of an enormous war in heaven. The awesome and powerful cherub and his angels attempted to fight with God. The forces unleashed in this war were beyond human comprehension. And like any General losing a battle, Satan likely ordered a “torched earth” policy that was completely devastating—one in which all life utterly perished.

The beautiful blue, white, and green planet we call the earth became deformed, mutilated and more damaged than the moon is today. The debris covered the sun, and the earth became “tohu and bohu” chaotic and confused. Light could not penetrate the darkness. As the author of Genesis writes:

And the earth was **without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep...**
(Genesis 1:2).

The earth grew cold, and in time massive glaciers developed. They likely covered entire continents then, and some glaciers even still exist today. At this point, God’s spirit moved over the earth, and He renewed the planet:

...and **the Spirit of God moved** upon the face of the waters (Genesis 1:2).

The word “moved” is “Ra-kaff” in the Hebrew and it means to brood. Like a bird over her injured young, God pondered, grieved over, and agonized over what had happened to the earth. After surveying it all, His Majesty re-created the heavens and the earth—renewing its surface in preparation for a new creation. As the psalmist writes:

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Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:
and thou renewest the face of the earth (Psalm
104:30).

At this point, God renewed the earth. He did not create it—He had already created it. Now He Re-Created what was still in existence but drastically damaged. This time, the re-created earth would be the living place for both human kind and warm blooded animals.

As will be shown, Scripture indicates that the sun and moon had remained. Now there was an earth in need of good water, and a breathable atmosphere. Only then did the creation week that we read of in the rest of Genesis begin.

The next act of God was to clear away the debris in the atmosphere, and in outer space, so that light could shine through:

And **God said, Let there be light:** and there was light. And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day (Genesis 1:3-5)

Once the magnificent sun and moon were able to shine, the earth warmed up. The Glaciers melted, and water was present. Thus, God next created a moisture laden atmosphere, by separating the moisture in oceans and lakes making water rich clouds:

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day (Genesis 1:6 -8).

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The next objective was to clear the water off the land so that there would be a place for forests, plants, and grass. This would eventually provide food for both the man and animals He would also soon create:

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and the morning were the third day (Genesis 1:9-13).

The fourth day is unique in its own way for it carries with it a spiritual quality that few recognize. On this day, God positioned the sun and moon specifically for His purposes. Consider this vital truth:

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and **let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And **God made two great lights;** the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. And **God set them** in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19).

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Notice that the KJV states that God made two great lights—the sun and moon. He set them in a specific place for a reason. That reason is often misunderstood by theologians. This Scripture boldly states that the sun and moon were placed in position for “signs, seasons, days, and years.”

Most assume these luminaries were for determining day from night, seasonal harvests, and counting years. However, translators worded this as they understood it, but never the way God intended. God stated that these celestial bodies were placed in position for signs and seasons.

These words are absolutely vital to understand. Sign is the term 'ôth and Strong's defines it as ...a signal ... as a flag, beacon, sign, or monument. The other word is “seasons,” meaning days of assembly. These lights are telling man what days to worship God. For more information visit the Appendix at the booklet's end.

On the fifth day, God created the various kinds of Animals. Just imagine how many creatures that we are aware of now. No longer included are the many man has caused to become extinct. All suddenly appeared on the earth:

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day (Genesis 1:20)

The earth was finally re-created. The environment, the plants and animals were made for mankind, but as yet no man existed.

The Recreated Earth



God re-created earth from ashes to beauty. He would now fashion His most awesome creation—in His own words:

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. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth...And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Gen 1:26-31).

Re-populating the Earth

When God created Adam and Eve, His instructions to them was not to populate the earth. It had already been populated. However, in his wrath, Satan destroyed all living things. Now God would re-populate the earth. For this reason He uses a specific word to relay this to readers. God said:

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and **replenish** the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Genesis 1:28).

The new humans were told to repopulate the earth. They were to start all over again. This time it would be filled with mankind, not angels.

Notice too that the term replenish is the same word God used to instruct Noah after the earth was destroyed by God's miraculous flood. At that time, men had become so wicked that violence covered the earth. God Himself decided He must once again destroy life on the earth. He saved various sets of all the animals, and after the flood, God told Noah and his family:

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and **replenish the earth** (Genesis 9:1).

Thus, God created the universe and the earth. It was a beautiful setting to live in. It was created to be inhabited billions of years ago. The earth also was born at that time, and it is now billions of years old. On the other hand, humankind and the creation, as we know it today, are only approaching 6,000 years.

Angels were the first to inhabit the earth. It was their first estate. However, the angelic leader, Lucifer corrupted the earth and the minds and hearts of the angels on it. In rebellion, these angels left the habitation God had made for them attacked the throne of God Himself.

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In this cosmic war, the earth was hopelessly destroyed. The entire universe was completely devastated, and the angels were cast back to earth. God then re-created the earth and re-populated it, primarily with warm blooded animals and man. He also created reptilian type creatures, to reflect Satan's ways. For more information on this subject, see the article in the appendix, titled *The Invisible things of God are seen in the creation.*

All Was in Place for the Final Creation

The devastated earth was renewed. The atmosphere was restored. The oceans separated from the land. The flora and fauna were re-created. Multiple living creatures were created. Finally man was lovingly formed out of the earth God made, and by the very hands of God. The Creator then places His mouth over that of the man He had created and breathed life into Adam. Later, God would create a woman from the man and place them in a beautiful garden. The stage was now set for the final creation. As the Scriptures tell us:

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made (Genesis 2:1-3).

Few people understand the importance of this unique creation of God. However, God not only created this day to be holy, it was His purpose for placing the sun and the moon in their respective positions. It was so man could count seven days, and to keep the seventh one as holy time. For more information, read the material in the appendix regarding the fourth day when God set these two great bodies in outer space so that they would be signs and seasons for man.

Life Could Never Have Evolved

The creation we live in could never have evolved on its own. There is absolutely no legitimate evidence that evolution is true or could ever occur. There is no evolution taking place in our world today. There is only adaptation that is always the same in every creature. There are no links between lizards and birds. There are no links between enormous dinosaurs and lizard like creatures today.

The world that once existed suddenly disappeared. Then something completely different emerged. It was all part of God's plan for man no matter what Satan might have attempted to prevent it.

After this testing of His angelic creation, God found those who He could trust among them. At that point, He then re-created the earth and made it habitable for humanity that He would create.

Earth would then be a training ground for mankind in order that they might learn the ways of God. In that light, certain wicked angels were left on the earth that man would experience their influence, and learn to resist their hostile self centered way of life.

Earth was never intended for the angels to inhabit forever. This must be understood. It was to discover who would be faithful. Thus, the author of Hebrews states:

For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him (Hebrews 2:5-8).

The Earth Was Always Temporary

It should be obvious that the earth was never designed to be a permanent home for humanity. The law of thermodynamics dictates that all heat transfers from a high intensity to lower. Eventually all will flat line. Therefore scientists state their best estimate is a 10 billion year window for life to exist in our galaxy. After that, the sun will go cold.

Our solar system was always meant to be temporary. It was always designed to be a transitory training and testing ground created to sift mankind to see who will be faithful to God just as Christ did with the angelic community. When all is done, and when all are judged, this earth will be done away. As the Scriptures reveal:

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works (Revelation 20:11-12).

The Final Re-Creation

Notice that there is a final judgment of all men and women. Further, at this time, the earth and the heaven flee away. There is no longer a place for them. The physical creation is done away, and it will be replaced by that which is spirit and eternal:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: **for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great

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voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful (Revelation 21:1-5).

This magnificent New Jerusalem, and new world, will be the final home for the faithful mankind and angels. It will be a heavens and earth created of eternal spirit in which God's faithful will live forever. The headquarters for all government will be situated within the New Jerusalem.

This future reveals the purpose of the temporary earth we now live on, and knowing this, we should spend our efforts striving to live by the values and laws that God Himself does so we may ultimately be judged to have a place in God's new heavens and earth.

Satan Makes another Attempt

Before Christ's return to rule the earth and set up His Kingdom, the devil will try once more to ruin the world. Life will become a fight for existence. There will be wars and rumors of war. There will be famines, and illness. False religion will plague the world. And, if Christ did not intervene, the earth would again be turned to ruin. However, the Lord promises that this will not occur. He states:

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22).

No Conflict with Science and the Bible

Understanding this truth, it is obvious that science and God's Word are not at odds regarding either the origin or the age of the earth. What we may be at odds with is our personal interpretation of God's Word. However, the Almighty orders us not to interpret His word (2 Pet. 1:20).

Instead we are to rightly divide the Scriptures and put them together according to subject like an amazing puzzle. When we do this, we find that there is not only harmony and unity in Scripture, there is great hope for all mankind.

One day we will be privileged to be part of the Eternal's final re-creation. It is the greatest hope ever imagined. And, like the rest of the Bible, we can trust what it says about creation. Therefore, let's learn the lesson Satan failed to learn. Let's seek to live in harmony with God's ways of life. Let's enjoy the peace, harmony, and beauty of God's way. Seek Christ's righteousness in all we do with our lives during the time we live in.

The Appendix

1. A Point regarding the Calendar

There is a point of interest to consider for those who put stress on the sighted calendar. For example, of those who observe a visible crescent, most believe that the first day of creation was the beginning of the first month of God's calendar. However, the Scriptures set the sun and moon in position for God's calendar on the fourth day, not the first.

While we cannot be certain of the day of the month these heavenly bodies were placed in position, the time from the waning moon to the waxing moon is three days. Thus, the fourth day would be past the first crescent. On another level, it could have been any stage. In that context, the point remains that if individuals intend to use the moon for the purpose of setting a calendar, it is of value to include the fact that moon was placed in position on the fourth day.

2. The invisible Things of God seen in the Creation

When God re-created the earth for man, He made man physical, but in His own Image. In other words man is like God on the earth. He has a mind and skills that far outweigh the powers of the animals.

On that point, it should be noted that as man was created to reflect God-like abilities within the rest of God's creation. He also created other life forms that surprising as it may seem, portray spirit beings. For example, when we look at God's throne, we see familiar creatures there:

And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast *was* like a **lion**, and the second beast like a **calf**, and the third beast had a face **as a man**, and the fourth beast *was* like a **flying eagle** (Revelation 4:6-7).

On yet, another level, we are told that the Saints will return to earth. And, when they do, they will be with Christ riding white horses Rev. 19:11, 14).

The point is that Christ created a world in which we are used to the look of various animals. And when changed, and resurrected, to appear before His throne, we won't be shocked at what we see. The beings that live in heaven with God do not look like Star Trek or Star Wars creatures in any way. Many of the angels will look like men, but others will resemble animals that we admire and are comfortable seeing.

As an aside, this would also account for the cold blooded poisonous creatures on the earth. They too reflect angels, but not God's faithful angels. The world that existed before ours was filled with reptilian creatures; Satan is referred to as a great dragon. Those destructive creatures we see on earth mirror evil angelic beings. However, they will all be burned up in the lake of fire. For more information, please read Satan's fate.

3. God Made Two Lights for Signs, Seasons, and Years

The Creator set the sun and moon in specific locations so that they would serve for signs, seasons, and years. The word “signs” means just what it says. It is the same word God uses for His weekly Sabbaths, Passover, and the identification of who His obedient people are. For example consider the use of “**sign**” in verses such as in Deuteronomy. There God reiterates the Ten Commandments:

And thou shalt bind them for a **sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes** (Deuteronomy 6:8).

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and **bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes** (Deuteronomy 11:18).

Reminiscent of the counterfeit “mark of the beast” worn in the right hand and forehead, God has a mark that is worn in our hands, and forehead. That mark shows Him that we are loyal to Him and keep His Commandments and His Holy Days. These are to be what we think about with our mind, and what we do with the strength of our hands. Notice that God applies this sign to more than simply the Ten Commandment.

The Sabbath is God’s Sign

Perhaps one of the most well known verses among Sabbath keepers is the verse regarding the fourth Command. While, today many state that the Sabbath was changed to Sunday, or as some teach, God no longer requires it, consider a vital point. The sun and moon are still in the same place.

These massive lights are permanently put in their place in the heavens to always remind us of the Sabbath. Our keeping of it is a sign to God of our commitment to obey Him as our lord and King:

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Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you** throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you (Exodus 31:13).

It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth **the seventh day he rested**, and was refreshed (Exodus 31:17)

Christ kept his sign. He observed the Sabbath when He was on the earth:

For the **Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath** day (Matthew 12:8).

The Sabbath will also be observed when Christ returns and rules the earth. He will build a glorious kingdom that will spread around the world. During that time, He will require all to observe His weekly sign:

And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and **from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me**, saith the LORD (Isaiah 66:23).

What about the two lights for Seasons and Years?

God tells us that the sun and moon were placed in the heavens for a sign, but also for seasons. What does He mean by seasons? Again, Strong's Dictionary states the word is:

mô'âdâh ...properly an *appointment*, that is, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the *congregation*; by extension, the *place of meeting*;...

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Seasons means a sign indicating when it is time to congregate together to observe God's Holy Days that are listed in Leviticus 23. Abandoned by most of the professing Christian world, these days are still to be observed. For example, the new Christian Church received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, God's Holy Day. They were meeting together on that day.

In fact, all commentators, scholars, and theologians recognize that God's days were kept until an apostate church adopted pagan days. For example, the Encyclopedia Britannica states:

There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the apostolic Fathers. The first Christians continued to observe the Jewish festivals, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals had foreshadowed. Thus the Passover, with a new conception added to it, of Christ as the true Paschal Lamb and the first fruits from the dead, continued to be observed." (P. 828 Eleventh Edition).

The New Testament is filled with examples of the Church observing God's commanded days, and not any others. For example consider Acts 12:3; 18:21; 20:6; 20:16; 1Cor. 16:8; Col. 2:16-17). God's Sign in the heavens is now and will always be to signal His appointment with His people. Notice that it is also applied to the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread:

And it shall be for a **sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes**, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt (Exodus 13:9).

The Two Lights are for Years

The sun and moon were not only positioned for reminders of the weekly Sabbath, and annual holy days, but also for counting years. This refers to God's year of release. Debts were released and the land enjoyed a Sabbath rest:

Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land. And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, And for thy cattle, and for te beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat. Leviticus 25:3-7

The Jubile

The people were to count from the Day of Atonement 50 years. Then every man who lost his property was to receive it back:

and thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his

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family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed (Leviticus 25:9-11).