

Harmonizing the
Creation Week
and
Science

Second Edition

Religion and science seems to oppose one another on the topic of our origins. Who can we trust? Who shall we believe?

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Introduction

Centuries ago the dispute between the European church and scientists erupted. The belief from the church was that the Bible shows that the earth was flat. But the scientists introduced the idea that the earth was round. The church could not tolerate this apparent heresy and threatened the scientists with much unkindness, to say the least. The people had to believe that the church's assessment of the Word of God was perfect. This caused confusion and disagreement. The faith of many began to waiver. Who was right? Can one believe the church?

At that point the people could not read the Word of God, so the people had to assume the opinion of the church concerning the Word of God was correct.

However advances in technology since then brought us the printed press. Thanks to these advances people could check the Bible for themselves. Those who dared to reconsider their beliefs and studied again, could not find where the Word of God explicitly says that the earth was flat. Increases in scientific evidence brought on the inevitable understanding that the earth that we walk on was in fact round. At first that would seem an impossible notion. Would people not fall off the edge somewhere? Would the sea not flow away?

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Further advances in knowledge helped us to understand gravity. Around the globe we are all standing up, as we are attracted to the centre of the earth. More things began to make sense, and the concept was eventually fully accepted and embraced.

We then had to reconsider how we view certain scriptures. We understood that they may have been meant as a metaphor, and not literally. Notice what is written in Job:

“4 ¶ Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell if you have understanding!

5 Who has set its measurements, for you know? Or who has stretched the line on it?

6 On what are its bases sunk, or who cast its cornerstone,”

(Job 38:4-6, MKJV)

The earth does not have foundations in the way that a house has foundations. No square cornerstone was literally laid. Nobody would be able to lay a builder's line over the equator! Nobody excavated some space in cosmic dust and poured cement to lay the foundations of the earth!

The notion is merely that God set the earth in a stable cosmic environment, in balance between the forces of the universe, and provided safety from the catastrophic events that fill the cosmic expanse.

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We finally harmonized the Bible and Science in this regard. However we are now facing another frontier.

Ever since Darwin wrote his book called “On the Origin of Species”, the dispute between Religion and Science flared up again. Today we again consider the Bible in dispute with scientific evidence! What are we to believe? Is it not time to go through this process again, and arrive at a viewpoint that satisfies both the Faith and the scientific evidence?

If we take a closer look at the Sacred Scriptures, we may see that the Word of God indeed allows credibility for the scientific world! If we are to believe the Bible in the face of scientific evidence we need to take a step back and look at the Scriptures without preconceived ideas. We need to be as little children that are investigating the Word of God for the first time.

Let’s see what it does say, and what it does not say. Let’s see what interpretation it allows. Let’s bring Science and Religion together again!

Once we can believe that the Creation week was indeed inspired by a miracle working God that does not deny the pre-existence of the Dinosaurs, we can take the seven day sequence serious. This is required to gain deeper understanding in the rest of the Bible. Then we can compare and discover time sequences, and the ultimate discovery of the

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Creator's Time Matrix. For now in this booklet let's reconsider the Scriptures and harmonize the Creation week and scientific evidence.

Chapter 1

Considering Theological Assumptions

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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 1:1, MKJV)

And so begins the story of the creation week in Genesis one.

This, coupled with the genealogy of Luke 3 and the Hebrew calculations of all the years of the generations of Adam, led many to believe that the universe was created almost 6000 years ago, according to the Bible. But this view is too simplistic. It disregards other evidence and verses, as we will see. There is some other scientific evidence that begs to be considered as well.

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What about the Dinosaurs? What about these animals that became extinct many hundreds of thousands of years before? Across the world many archaeological excavations proved the earlier existence of these mammals.

We have no live species today that comes near to the fossil record, in terms of size, form, diet, and habits. Even our flying birds all have feathers. The only animals that use their skin to fly today are small, compared to the fossil record of the big flying mammals of the early age. It is clear that the animal species we have today are much different than previous life forms. The ancient mammals almost lived in a different world, with different laws of existence and survival.

What about archaeological evidence of humanoids or primates that apparently lived long before the creation week. It is clear that a type of humanoid existed in the ancient world.

What about the theory of the big bang, the idea that all matter exploded from one point in the universe? The evidence of the expanding universe is too great to ignore. The idea of a static universe has long been shattered by all the scientific evidence. But in this lies another problem for the atheist. If the universe is expanding, it must have started from a single point in space, and also a single point in time. What existed before that? And even more importantly, why did it happen?

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What caused the Big Bang? If we can see the Bible as supporting the Big Bang, then does it not show us that there is a Creator behind it all? However the idea that a static universe came into being a mere six thousand years ago is not plausible.

What about age analysis, indicating that the earth existed for millions, or thousands of millions of years? Carbon dating methods all prove that the earth and its life forms existed from thousands and even millions of years ago. The study of dying stars and the formation of new stars and planets show that these events started long ago.

And so our Teachers in the faith teach us one thing on the weekend, and in the week our school and university teachers teach us something totally different! Very Confusing!

How can honest and serious students make sense of it all? The conflict between science and general theology must be bewildering.

Is there an answer to this enigma? Yes, there is! There is indeed!

We will do some research into your Bible, through this book.

Historical assumptions

Let's consider an example.

In the Dark Middle Ages Christianity believed that the Bible says that earth was flat. Even today a few still believe that this is what the Bible says!

But what does the Bible really say on the subject? Is there an explanation that proves both the Bible and the scientists correct?

In the book of Job we find a surprising description. Let's look at Job 26:10

“He has described a circle on the surface of the waters to the boundary of light with darkness.”
(Job 26:10, MKJV)

So, from God's point of view from outer space, if you look at the boundary between the light shining on the oceans of the earth and the darkness of outer space, it shows a circle. This is what the astronauts of the Apollo mission saw when they came back from the moon! The clear indication here is that the earth is round! There are other scriptures like this in your Bible!

In Isaiah 40:22 God provides a comparison between Him and mankind. Notice how He describes the scene to us.

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“22 It is He who sits on the **circle** of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;”

(Isaiah 40:22, MKJV)

When God describes Himself in terms of the populations of the earth, He considers Himself as though looking at the earth as a limited ball of matter, and we are stuck on it. The earth is clearly round, according to the Bible! Viewed from outer space, it forms a circle!

So, if we really take a serious look at the Bible and understand what it really says, it tells us that the earth is round!

This agrees with scientific evidence!

So, the discrepancy is not between the Bible and scientific evidence in this matter. The problem is with the old traditional viewpoint. Scientific evidence does not disprove the Bible on this matter! If we care to reconsider the scriptures, we can see the Bible can actually agree with scientific evidence!

What about our understanding of Genesis one? Is there a controversy between the Bible and the scientists, or is there a problem with the old traditional viewpoint? Is there an explanation of Genesis One that generally fits the scientific evidence?

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This is what we will investigate!

We will look at the rest of the Bible and what we can find on this matter. We will also revisit the Hebrew verses and see what Genesis One really tells us.

You will see that it fits a literal viewpoint. It also fits in with scientific evidence. And in fact it even fits a prophetic viewpoint, which you need to understand to uncover the Creator's Time Matrix! This discovery is shown in another book!

Earliest Biblical record

We will begin our Bible study on the Creation Week by asking the question whether Genesis One is the earliest recorded history in the Bible.

The answer is NO.

Genesis one is NOT the earliest recorded event in the Bible. People read Genesis one and then assume the story starts right there. Then they feel it must be true that the Bible shows that the universe was

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created a mere six thousand years ago. Everything else in the Bible must have happened after that.

But that is NOT true.

There are several verses in the Bible that deal with earlier events. Let's look at one of them.

In John 1:1 we find another beginning.

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”

(John 1:1-3, KJV)

Here we find that the Son of God existed with God before anything was created. He also exists in the realm of eternity from our viewpoint, and everything was created through Him. He existed before time as we know it began, before planets circled the suns, before light traveled any distance. These verses show the situation even before the creation account of Genesis 1 verse 1. But there is more!

We may think everything revolves around us, and that it all began with us as far as the Bible is concerned, but that is not true. Before humans existed, Angels existed, and there is much in the Bible about their situation - about the earlier war in Heaven, and the partial rebellion.

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In the book of Job chapter 38 we find more information.

When Job had his arguments with God, he had to be corrected. Job thought he had all the answers about God's relationship with the earth and its inhabitants, but God showed him that a lot more happened before our initial ancestor, Adam, came into being. There is a lot more to our human story. Notice the discussion in Job 38:4.

“4 ¶ Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell if you have understanding!

5 Who has set its measurements, for you know? Or who has stretched the line on it?

6 On what are its bases sunk, or who cast its cornerstone,

7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

(Job 38:4-7, MKJV)

The morning stars and sons of God refer to the Angels of Heaven. The Angels or morning stars existed even before the earth existed, or even before the earth found its place in the universe, in balance between gravitational forces.

What about these Angels?

An earlier creation

Were the Angels created?

The prophet Ezekiel had the following to say in symbolic language about the deceiver who enticed Adam and Eve, mentioned in Genesis:

“13 You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your tambourines and of your flutes was prepared in you in the day that **you were created.**”

(Ezekiel 28:13, MKJV)

God compares Satan as a statute of a statesman that was beautifully created. Imagine a statesman wearing his official dress on his inauguration day, with musical instruments announcing his presentation!

Satan, the first fallen angel, was created, just like the rest of the Angels. He corrupted himself, but that is another major topic. The point is that God through the Son that became Jesus Christ - our Savior - created the Angels.

The Angels were created long before the events of Genesis 1. They were involved in these events.

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When they finally saw the total effect of the creative process they shouted for joy!

When God created the heavens and the earth, He did it by speaking. This is shown in various verses.

“3 Through faith we understand that the ages were framed by a word of God, so that the things seen should not have come into being out of the things that appear.”

(Hebrews 11:3, MKJV)

So how did God create the universe? Did He spoke and the Angels simply watched? Why does the Bible show that God created by speaking? Who did He speak to? Most probably to the Angels! Who else? Would the Angels have simply sat and watch while God did all these things? Why did God then create the Angels before the universe? There is a reason. By saying that God spoke and the universe were created it implies that someone listened! The Angels were most probably involved in the creative process. God spoke to them. It shows the power and reverence that God commands. They were given tasks to do!

However, some of the angels were corrupted long before the Creation Week of Genesis one.

Satan drew a third of the angels from their heavenly abode to follow him in his assault on God's future plans. They neglected their calling and positions of responsibility to maintain and enhance God's

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creation process. This way they allowed a previous creative effort to become corrupt and neglected. Jude also mentioned these events.

“6 And those angels not having kept their first place, but having deserted their dwelling-place, He has kept in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of a great Day;”
(Jude 6, MKJV)

The angels were given tasks as far as managing a previous creation of God is concerned, but some of them rebelled, and caused deviation from the original plans. They cause corruption! They did their own experimentation, and this eventually led to the destruction of a previous creation. Animals became vicious. Species destroyed other species. The ecological system would deteriorate without intervention.

The purpose at this point is to show that the angelic creation and later partial rebellion happened long before the events of Genesis 1. The assumption that everything existed from Genesis 1 from 6000 years ago according to the Bible is wrong. If we look at the rest of the story, we find that the Bible shows earlier events.

Let's look at Genesis 1 again.

“1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
(Genesis 1:1, KJV)

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How did God create the heaven (or “heavens” as some translations have it) and the earth? From what was it made? Was eternal cosmic dust remodeled into planets?

Einstein showed a relationship between matter and energy in his famous formula. Today nuclear power stations convert matter into energy, which is a degenerative process. God created matter from His power and energy, which is the creative process. Consider again the following verse:

“3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were **not** made of things which do appear.”

(Hebrews 11:3, KJV)

The apostle understood that God did not create matter from other matter. He created it from invisible things, from apparently nothing. Einstein confirmed that it was conceivable that God made matter from His energy and power, which we cannot fathom. Einstein even wrote down the formula. It is taught in universities.

It also makes sense that God would have begun this process from one place. The scientific evidence also suggests that all matter came from one place in the universe and also one place in time. The scientists came up with the "Big Bang" theory. It all makes sense.

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Let's begin again with Genesis 1 verse 2.

“2 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 1:1-2, KJV)

Let's look at verse two in detail. It reads in the average translation that the earth was without form and void. The Hebrew words are "Tohuw" and "Bohuw". These words mean empty, wasted, in vain. Some translators agreed that verse two may also have been translated as "And the earth **became** without form" as though it was the result of a degenerative process. The expression "Tohuw" and "Bohuw" is also used elsewhere in the Bible. It is always used to describe the result of divine retribution, demolishing a result that was not desired.

Today we pollute the earth so much that we are approaching the time where we can threaten the continued existence of life on the earth. At this point we are already experiencing a loss of diversity of God's created species. This may justify a future retribution prophesied by Jeremiah. The earth may turn on us, not of self will but by the results of natural processes. We are like children that are mismanaging our environment, allowing greed to blind our eyes to the destruction we are causing.

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Our wars and many sins also justify a future retribution. We could approach the same situation that existed before the flood!

But look at the language used in Jeremiah 4:

“22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.”
(Jeremiah 4:19-23, KJV)

Notice the last verse again. It is exactly the situation of Genesis 1:2. The earth was without form and void, and it was very dark on the surface beneath the thick atmosphere.

These events in the book of Jeremiah describe a future retribution. Notice that the words are the same as in Genesis 1:2, which probably describe the result of a previous retribution.

There are other references to the Creation Week elsewhere in the Bible. Let's see the comments of the Psalmist in this regard.

"30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.”
(Psalm 104:30, KJV)

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Again it is the same language of Genesis 1, where the Creator sent forth His Spirit. The Spirit obviously moved the Angels into action, just as it moves the Christian believer to repentance and action. The sense here is of a renewal of the surface of the earth, not a new creation from scratch. This parallels Genesis 1:2:

“2 And the earth was [or became as some translations have it] 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, KJV)

The last part of verse 2 is the same as what is written in Psalm 104:30. But the psalmist suggests that the result was only a **renewal** of the surface of the earth, not a complete new earth. Remember that!

Comments in the New Schofield Reference Bible indicate the acceptance of the notion that a long time may have elapsed between Genesis 1 verse 2, and verse 3. This is the possibility we need to face. This is probably the case, and is borne out by overwhelming scientific evidence.

Would God have created the earth in a devastated form? The Bible suggests that the earth was not created empty, but was initially created deliberately for life. Life may have existed from the beginning, millions of year ago. Notice Isaiah 45:18:

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“18 For so says the LORD the Creator of the heavens, He is God, forming the earth and making it; He makes it stand, **not creating it empty**, but forming it to be inhabited.”

(Isaiah 45:18, MKJV)

The Bible says that the creation of the earth was a special case. It was not initially created to be empty and void, as we find in Genesis 1:2. It became that way!

All these verse put together indicate that the Bible shows us that the universe was created in the distant past, but the earth was a special creation from the beginning, and inhabited long ago. It became empty and void due to an earlier retribution, due to the fallen angels having corrupted animal life leading to a horrible situation that God had to stop. God, through Christ, with the good and obedient angels, renewed the surface of the earth more than six thousand years ago. God’s purpose will stand. We will see more evidence of this as we continue.