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## EVOLUTION AS A WORLDVIEW

### MYTH OR TRUTH?

**W**hy study the Old Testament? After all, it's really not reliable or scientific, or is it? A fellow "Christian" once told me that the Bible is just a storybook, not to be taken too seriously. I rejected his assertion, but at that time I had no foundation for argument. In this respect it is most important to realize that the New Testament makes reference to the Old more than one hundred times. Those references accept and validate the accounts of Genesis as literally true. It therefore follows that if the New Testament is the divinely inspired Word of God, so must the Old Testament be. You simply cannot believe the New Testament as truth while rejecting the Old Testament as a myth. The New Testament depends on the foundation developed in the first few chapters of Genesis. In fact, the first three verses are essential for our belief. The very first verse of Genesis is itself foundational to the rest of Scripture. At first glance it would seem reasonable to believe the many "experts," including theologians and seminaries, that take the same view as my Christian friend. We observe the world around us, and what we see seems to support what science tells us about the origin of man. It would appear reasonable to believe that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old. Likewise it would appear reasonable to believe that the Universe is 15 billion years old. After all, science tells us that this is so.

What we are not told is that scientists base these pronouncements on assumptions, not facts. It is assumed that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old because it fits their preconceived ideas, called "paradigms" (models). All scientific findings must fit within the current model or those findings are simply ignored. What we are not told is that there are many findings that support the young Earth model. This evidence is simply ignored as not being possible.



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Scientists cannot investigate the young Earth model, since they are generally locked into their current Evolution/Uniformitarian model.<sup>1</sup> All facts must be made to fit that model currently in vogue. Change is usually permitted only when the current model becomes untenable, or an embarrassment. In his book Rethinking Genesis, Duane

Garrett, referencing Thomas S. Kuhn, writes: *"Kuhn argues that scientific discoveries are not built up piece by piece through gradual accumulation of facts, as many people have long assumed, but by a scientific revolution in which one paradigm is overthrown by a new paradigm. Once a paradigm is dominant, all theories and interpretations of phenomena will be so structured as to fit into the paradigm. Much attention will be drawn to 'facts' that fit easily into the paradigm, and elaborate explanations will attempt to account for observations which do not fit. Crisis ensues when anomalies are so obvious and troublesome that the old paradigm is seen to be inadequate. This situation will continue until a new paradigm overthrows the old."*<sup>2</sup>

Do not misunderstand me, science has done marvelous things. When investigating new ideas, assumptions are necessary until facts can replace them. However, scientists and/or the media tend to project their assumptions to the public as facts. Scientists also tend to hold onto their own particular assumptions to the exclusion of others. The approach is narrow-minded. Keep in mind that funding is an important part of scientific research. Sometimes what a scientist believes compared to what he says may be far different, driven by the need of funding to keep his research alive. To publicly propose an unpopular idea against the current paradigm may be the kiss of death

to funding and reputation.

Christians, as well, need to admit and accept what can be proven by facts. However, evolution, the age of the Earth, and the age of the Universe are not proven.

Long ages are necessary to support the Theory of Evolution otherwise it is impossible. Since the current accepted model is based on evolution, the scientific bias is toward an old Earth and Universe. However, consider this, it has been calculated that the probability of evolution occurring by mutation and natural selection is 1 in  $10^{450}$  for the simplest replicating protein molecule; and 1 in  $10^{167,626}$  for the proteins and DNA of the smallest self-replicating entity ( $10^{167,626} = 1$  followed by 167,626 zeros!).<sup>3</sup> To give perspective to these numbers, consider that “[t]here are estimated to be no more than  $10^{80}$  elementary particles in the universe.”<sup>4</sup>

For evolution to have occurred at all is 1 chance in 1 followed by 450 zeros. Consider then that scientists believe the Earth is only 4.5 billion years old (45 followed by only 8 zeros). Scientists have a problem they don't talk about, the Earth (and the Universe) is not old enough. They need to continually push back the date. Statistically, the probability that evolution occurred is virtually zero. To put it another way, it's inconceivable. All this and we haven't yet considered man, a much more complex life form than the smallest self-replicating entity mentioned before. Realizing the problem, some have eagerly suggested that life originated elsewhere, and found its way to earth by alien spaceship, or perhaps rocks from Mars.<sup>5</sup> In this game you stand a better chance in pinning your faith on winning the lottery, about 1 in  $10^7$ , assuming that 10 million tickets are sold.

According to Dr. Henry Morris:

*“...evolutionism has been the chief opponent of the saving gospel of Christ, undermining the faith of multitudes in the Bible and its promises, ...All who oppose God must resort to some kind of evolution, for this is the only possible alternative to special creation....”*<sup>6</sup>

Dr. Gary Parker quotes noted British anthropologist, Sir Arthur Keith:

*“The only alternative to some form of evolution is special creation, which is unthinkable.”*<sup>7</sup>

These evolutionists will not permit themselves to examine the alternative, because it is “unthinkable.” And, they accuse creationists of being closed-minded!

Evolutionists claim that Biblical Christianity hindered the development of modern science, but they refuse to acknowledge that the most prominent of the scientists of the scientific revolution following the Reformation and Great Awakening were biblical Christian creationists.<sup>8</sup>



## THEOLOGICAL PANIC

Unfortunately, while many scientists resisted the new theory, early support for evolution came from the theologians themselves. Soon after the publication of Darwin's *The Origin of Species*,<sup>9</sup> theologians believing that it was a proven fact began to try to reinterpret Genesis to fit the new theory of origins. Various alternatives were considered such as Theistic Evolution, the Day Age Theory, and the Gap Theory. These are all compromises attempting to explain the first chapter of Genesis in light of the proven “fact” of evolution. These men of God preferred to believe godless men rather than the God of Creation.

## ATTACK AGAINST GENESIS AND THE GOSPEL

Whether we are aware of it or not the secular world attacks the Gospel of Christ through the book of Genesis. Usually the first eleven chapters receive the most criticism. Genesis is directly attacked by the only religion that is



allowed in the public school system, the religion of Secular Humanism. We Christians must fully understand that Jesus Christ *is* Creator and that the foundation of the gospel of Christ *is* creation. This is basic. Any other understanding leads to compromise, corruption of the Word of God, and apostasy. As Christians, if we accept evolution we have been deceived and believe in a false Christ, since the true Christ is Creator,

Sustainer, and Judge. How can we accept evolution, and at the same time accept Christ as Creator?

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*<sup>10</sup>

*“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.”*<sup>11</sup>

## COMPETING WORLDVIEWS

Evolution forms the basis of two atheistic worldviews that are very similar, Secular Humanism and Marxism/Leninism. These two world-views are directly opposed to Biblical Christianity. Our children are being indoctrinated into one of these worldviews in our school system. We are being indoctrinated into these worldviews through our TV, newscasts, movies, and etc.. These are man-centered rather than God-centered worldviews.<sup>12</sup>

In actual fact there are four basic worldviews in operation in our country today, Secular Humanism, Marxist/

Leninist, Cosmic, and Biblical Christianity. The first three are based on biological and social evolution. The Cosmic (New Age) worldview has an idea

of God, but is generally pantheistic, based on eastern religions, believing that the Earth and the Universe is God. Many environmentalists tend toward this view, including, it appears, Vice President Gore.<sup>13</sup>

The problem with many Christians is that they fail to recognize the differing worldviews and get sucked into parts of them, as if they were enticing items on a supermarket shelf. While we may profess to be Biblical Christians, we tend to accept as scientific fact the assured "facts" of science, not realizing that we have just crossed over into another incompatible worldview. As Americans we tend to believe that we all subscribe to the same worldview. We do not take into account the fact that the person we receive our information from may not subscribe to the same worldview that we do. In fact, NBC's Tom Brokaw may not subscribe to your worldview. Certainly you should be aware that Ted Turner of CNN is an avowed Secular Humanist who has little regard for the Biblical Christian worldview.<sup>14</sup>

According to Dr. Francis Schaeffer: *"They [the Christians] have very gradually become disturbed over permissiveness, pornography, the public schools, the breakdown of the family, and finally abortion. But they have not seen this as a totality—each thing being a part, a **symptom**, of a much larger problem. They have failed to see that all of this has come about due to a **shift in worldview—that is a fundamental change in the overall way people think and view the world and life as a whole.**"*<sup>15</sup>

It would seem that the shift is nearly complete when we consider that, according to recent polls, as many as 70 to 80 percent of our population are not concerned about the character of our leaders. It is my personal belief that these people do not want to hold leaders accountable for sins that they themselves are guilty of. As the Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias has said; "America has lost its since of shame." And that's a shame. God help us!

## HIGHER CRITICISM - THE DOCUMENTARY HYPOTHESIS

There are various applications of evolutionary thinking, of which biological evolution is only the beginning. Darwinism has also been applied to social systems, believing that these systems and civilizations evolve and improve. The same type of thinking has been applied to the origins of our belief systems and the assembly of the Bible. During the late 19<sup>th</sup> century German theologians, fresh with evolutionary thought, skeptical about miracles, special revelation, the supernatural, and biased against conservative Christian Bible

interpretation, began to question the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch. They believed they found evidence that several writers known as J, E, D, and P were the authors of parts of the Bible.<sup>16</sup> The current critical view is that the Bible was assembled at the time of the Babylonian captivity by "redactors" who also added additional information or books. This form of criticism as developed by Graf and Wellhausen is known as the Documentary Hypothesis.

The higher critics believe that the "only people who oppose the Higher Critical views are the ignorant, the prejudiced, and the illiterate."<sup>17</sup> Their general attitude is one that believes that they need not resort to giving proof for their assertions since they are the authorities. Only the ignorant would question the truth of their findings. However, a "criticism that is characterized by the most arbitrary conclusions from the most spurious assumptions has no right to the word scientific."<sup>18</sup> Like the scientists, the critics have based their foundation, not on facts alone, but assumptions.<sup>19</sup> Responding to why there has been no protest to recent re-dating of Yahwist sources, higher critic Rolf Rendtorff offers: "Because the method itself is regarded as valid, and therefore its results have to be accepted as true, even when they change fundamentally."<sup>20</sup>

Higher Criticism is based on circumstantial evidence derived "from the application of a discredited evolutionary theory concerning the development of human institutions."<sup>21</sup> Graf, Wellhausen, and others, in effect, applied ideas of evolution to Biblical analysis. Higher Criticism assumes the processes of human (social) evolution are true. That is "that the religion of Israel must have unfolded by a process of natural evolution."<sup>22</sup> This has been the root of unbelief that has swept our seminaries, invaded the footnotes and revisions of our new Bibles, and infected the minds of the people with doubt and unbelief, resulting in apostasy in our time. The result is that the Bible has become, to many, no more than a "natural book."<sup>23</sup> The old cry "God is dead" is still alive in the hearts of many.

Dr. Edward J. Young, former professor of Old Testament, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, writes of Wellhausen: "Almost immediately scholars began to indicate the logical fallacies of which the noted German had been guilty." And he further states that: "Form-criticism, as it is often practiced, leads to skepticism."<sup>24</sup> Dr. Young concludes that "theories come and theories go," and that the Bible should be "taken at face value," for "God is its Author."<sup>25</sup>

The renowned Jewish scholar Cyrus Gordon relates: "When I speak of 'commitment' to JEDP... I am at a loss to explain this kind of 'conviction' on any grounds other than intellectual laziness or inability to reappraise."<sup>26</sup> He goes on to say that a professor of Bible at a leading university was convinced that the JEDP hypothesis was in error but stated that "I shall go on teaching the old system... because... I should have to unlearn as well as restudy and rethink. It is



easier to go on with the accepted system of higher criticism for which we have standard textbooks."<sup>27</sup> Herman Wouk writes in his book, This Is My God, concerning the theories propounded by

Wellhausen and his followers: "It is a hard thing for men who have given their lives to a theory, and taught it to younger men, to see it fall apart."<sup>28</sup> The Jewish scholar, Yehezkel Kaufmann, relates concerning the present thinking of Wellhausen: "Yet biblical scholarship, while admitting that the grounds have crumbled away, nevertheless continues to adhere to the conclusions."<sup>29</sup>

They persist in their view even though archaeology has proven many of their suppositions false.<sup>30</sup> Sadly, Higher Critical theories are taught as fact in seminaries and universities throughout the world. This is in spite of the fact that if Higher Criticism is true than Jesus is not divine and His teachings are untrustworthy, since He identified Himself with those same Scriptures.<sup>31</sup>

### EVOLUTION LEADS TO DETERMINISM

Have you considered the idea of capital punishment? Should we, as Christians, take the life of another human being? Shouldn't we show Christian compassion? Opposition to capital punishment has its roots in the idea of evolution. A tenant of Secular Humanism (worldview based on evolution) says that man is perfectible, he is evolving.<sup>32</sup> He is now simply a product of his education and environment. This is determinism, the idea that every social outcome is determined, or predestined, by preceding events. In the punishment phase of many trials these days, the defense lawyers rely on selling the idea to the jury that the murderer should receive leniency because he had a deprived and abusive childhood. This was used in the Richard Davis/Polly Klass case, even though Richard Davis' siblings did not turn out the same way.

This type of determinism is an application of the theory of evolution. It's also why the liberal answer to crime is to throw more money into education and the war on poverty. It does no good to point out that man's problem is his sin nature, and each man alone must answer for his own sins. Crime sprouts from all walks of life, education, and social status. It doesn't matter whether a hood on the street mugs a little old lady, or whether the bank vice-president embezzles a million dollars. The bank VP's environment and social status does not make him less a crook, nor does the size of the theft and quality of life make the mugger less guilty. It's still a crime and it's still sin. Taking home a pencil from work is a crime and a sin. D. L. Moody once said that to educate a petty thief who steals nuts and bolts is to raise up a man who would steal the whole railroad. Man's heart must change, not his environment or social condition.

### CHOICE IS AN EXCUSE

Hitler, influenced by the writings of nineteenth century atheistic philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche,<sup>34</sup> used the idea of evolution to exterminate millions of Jews during World War II. He believed that the race was perfectible, and

the Aryan Race was the superior race. He wanted to create a race of supermen. To do this he decided to rid the world of what he considered inferior races that might prevent the achievement of the Super Race. In our own land we attempted to justify the enslavement of the Black Race by claiming that they were either not quite human, or were somehow inferior. Jefferson Davis, in response to the Emancipation Proclamation, called the black race an "inferior race."<sup>35</sup> The Dred Scott decision of the U.S. Supreme Court testifies of this, to our shame, deciding that black people could not be citizens, that they were property (no states emancipation laws could take away another man's property), and had not the right to sue in Federal Court.<sup>36</sup> This again appeals to evolution as justification.

Our own Constitution is being corrupted by evolutionist' thinking. Instead of "original intent" of the founding fathers, we have changed the absolutes of the Constitution to an evolving document. If, as they say, there are no absolutes, then what is the basis of law? No wonder this land is experiencing legal chaos.<sup>37</sup> One justice went so far as to say that "The Constitution is what I say it is."

Even though "choice" is the excuse, evolution is the prime justification for murdering the unborn through abortion. It was once believed that the embryo went through the evolution process while in the mother's womb. Therefore the fetus was not yet human, but an evolving animal. The embryo was seen as having gill slits like a fish and a tail like an animal as it developed. This has all been discredited, but abortion advocates argue still that the fetus is not yet fully human and can be killed with no remorse.

### EVOLUTION AS THE BASIS OF NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

The concept of evolution is far older than Charles Darwin. All religions except Christianity, Judaism, and Islam can be shown to be based on evolution. Even these have compromised their positions in this regard, accepting the "assurances" of science. The ancient hero myths can be shown to have a common origin, and are traceable to Babylon and the Sumerians, through their cuneiform clay tablets. The various creation accounts of the dispersed civilizations, while recognizable when compared to the Genesis account, differ in one major essential aspect. Except for Genesis, they begin with a deity "evolving" from a preexisting unformed chaotic universe. Only in Genesis do we find that God alone is preexisting and eternal; and that He is the Creator of all the material of the universe. Today modern scholars admit that mankind had a common origin, and that from that commonality it follows that knowledge was carried to the remote parts of the globe. It might truly be said that humanistic (deification of man) evolution is "Mystery Babylon," the Satanic religion of the "End Times" and for all times.<sup>38</sup>

### THE WITNESS OF CREATION

Paul and the other apostles preached the Scriptures to the Jews because they already had belief in the Creator and His Word.<sup>39</sup> But, to the men of Athens and Lystra Paul did not preach the Scriptures.<sup>40</sup> Instead, he appealed to the

knowledge that his listeners knew. Today many unbelievers, so called intellectuals, or students on evolution riddled college campuses may be more effectively witnessed to by convincing them of the

truth of creation rather than quoting from Scriptures they already reject. Once that person grasps the truth of creation then he is open to receiving the Scripture. In fact, many reject God's Word **because** they embrace evolution rather than the God of creation. Consider God's monologue in Job chapters 38 through 41. "All God talked about was creation!"<sup>41</sup>

## THE CHALLENGE

Can you defend Creation to your unbelieving friends?

There is any number of books written to show the fallacies of the Theory of Evolution. Suffice it to say that the theory is still a theory. Despite the great research expense and the long futile attempt to find a missing link, any missing link, the theory is still a theory. Science still will not give up on its cherished theory. Instead, science attacks, ridicules, and throws aside any argument that might refute their already hardened and made up minds.<sup>42</sup> There are valid scientific reasons to cast doubt on evolution in favor of creation by God.

Any one who believes that evolution is a fact should be challenged to search carefully for the proof. What they will find is that not one shred of evidence has been presented since Darwin's "Origin" was published in 1859. They will find variation within "kind," not new "kinds." Instead they will also find that scientific bias perpetuates evolution as the current model for origins. "Those who elect the evolutionary framework do so not because the facts of science require this, but because this is the philosophic thought-structure they desire."<sup>43</sup> Those who accept the evolutionary framework will sooner or later reject the God of Creation. Chesterton has rightly said: "[T]he root phrase for all Christian theism was this, that God was a creator, as an artist is a creator."<sup>44</sup> But He is more than that. **ΑΩ**

<sup>1</sup> **U-ni-for-mi-tar-i-an-ism** - The theory that all geologic phenomena may be explained as the result of existing forces having operated uniformly from the origin of the earth to the present time. (*The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Third Edition: Microsoft Bookshelf 1996-97 Edition). This is the idea that catastrophes do not account for the earth's geology. More and more today's geologists are turning to forms of Catastrophism as the cause of the geologic features of the earth. Catastrophism is what the Bible teaches with the flood of Noah.

<sup>2</sup> Duane A. Garrett, *Rethinking Genesis: The Sources and Authorship of the First Book of the Pentateuch*, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1991, p. 87; Duane Garrett refers to: Thomas S. Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1970; **Par-a-digm** - An example that serves as pattern or model. (*The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Third Edition: Microsoft Bookshelf 1996-97 Edition).

<sup>3</sup> Scott M. Huse, Ph.D., *The Collapse of Evolution*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1983, 1993, pp. 88, 89.

<sup>4</sup> J. P. Moreland, ed., Ph.D., *The Creation Hypothesis: Scientific Evidence For Intelligent Design*, Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 1994, Chapter 3, William A. Dembski, Ph.D., *On the Very Possibility of Intelligent Design*, p. 124.

<sup>5</sup> The issue of life found in a supposed Mars rock found in Antarctica is in dispute according to a recent article in *The Honolulu Advertiser*, 16 January 1998. I would like someone to explain how it was determined that the rock in question is from Mars! It has been suggested that this rock was hyped in order to attract continued funding for NASA projects.

<sup>6</sup> Henry M. Morris, Ph.D., *The Long War Against God*, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989, p. 303.

<sup>7</sup> Gary Parker, Ed.D., *Creation: The Facts of Life*, San Diego, CA: CLP Publishers, 1980, p. 135.

<sup>8</sup> Morris, *The Long War Against God*, p. 304.

<sup>9</sup> Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*, New York, NY: Mentor, 1859, 1872, 1958.

<sup>10</sup> John 1:1-3 KJV.

<sup>11</sup> Ephesians 3:8,9 KJV.

<sup>12</sup> For a complete treatment of the subject of worldviews refer to: David A. Noebel, *Understanding the Times: The Story of the Biblical Christian, Marxist/Leninist and Secular Humanist Worldviews*, Manitou Springs, CO: Summit Press, 1991.

<sup>13</sup> Gary H. Kah, *The Demonic Roots of Globalism*, Lafayette, LA: Huntington House Publishers, 1995, pp. 136, 137.

<sup>14</sup> Noebel, *Understanding the Times*, p. 23.

<sup>15</sup> Francis A. Schaeffer, Ph.D., *A Christian Manifesto*, Westchester, IL: Crossway Books, 1981, p. 17. Bracketed words not in the original. Emphasis mine.

<sup>16</sup> J and E stand for the names of God, Jehovah and Elohim, found in the first few chapters of Genesis. D was the writer of the code of laws (Deuteronomy). P was the priestly writer.

<sup>17</sup> R. A. Torrey, et al, ed., *The Fundamentals*, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1917, (Vol. I, Chapter I, Canon Dyson Hague, M. A., *The History of the Higher Criticism*), p. 40.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>19</sup> Torrey, et al, ed., *The Fundamentals*, (Vol. I, Chapter VIII, David Heagle, Ph.D., D.D., *The Tabernacle in the Wilderness: Does It Exist?*), p. 154.

<sup>20</sup> *Bible Review*, Washington, D.C.: Biblical Archaeology Society, February 1998, (Rolf Rendtorff, *What We Miss By Taking the Bible Apart*, p. 44); Rendtorff blasts the complacency with which the results are asserted, while accepting the method, but appealing for us to read the text as a complete whole in its final form.

<sup>21</sup> Torrey, et al, ed., *The Fundamentals*, (Vol. I, Chapter I, Canon Dyson Hague, M. A., *The History of the Higher Criticism*), p. 44; (Vol. I, Chapter III, George Frederick Wright, D.D., LL.D., *Fallacies of the Higher Criticism*), p. 56.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 55, 61, (*Fallacies of the Higher Criticism*).

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 62.

<sup>24</sup> D. Guthrie, B.D., M.Th., Ph.D., et al, ed., *The New Bible Commentary: Revised*, Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1953, 1954, 1970, article by Edward J. Young, B.A., Th.M., Ph.D., former professor of Old Testament, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, quoted in the introductory chapter titled: *History of the Literary Criticism of the Pentateuch*, p. 37, 38; Form-criticism is the attempt to determine the literary form and historical situation of the original.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 40.

<sup>26</sup> Josh McDowell, *More Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, San Bernardino, CA: Here's Life Publishers, Inc., 1975, 1981, p. 174.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 175.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>30</sup> Torrey, et al, ed., *The Fundamentals*, (Vol. I, Chapter III, Wright, *Fallacies of the Higher Criticism*), pp. 66, 67; (Vol. I, Chapter VII, W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D., *Old Testament Criticism and New Testament Christianity*), p. 141.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, (Vol. I, Chapter VI, Sir Robert Anderson, LL.D., *Christ and Criticism*), p. 121.

<sup>32</sup> Paul Kurtz, ed., *Humanist Manifestoes I and II*, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 1973, pp. 8-10, 16, 17, 22, 23.

<sup>34</sup> Friedrich Nietzsche is the source of the phrase: "God is dead." He also said: "We deny God as God.... If this God of the Christians were *proved* to us to exist, we should know even less how to believe in him... Christianity... must naturally be a mortal enemy of the 'wisdom of the world'"; Friedrich Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols / The Anti-Christ*, 1889, trans. R. J. Hollingdale, 1968, London, Eng: Penguin Books, 1990, p. 39.

<sup>35</sup> Samuel Eliot Morison, *The Oxford History of the American People, Vol. 2*, New York, NY: Mentor, 1965, 1972, p. 257.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, pp.362, 363.

<sup>37</sup> Morris, *The Long War Against God*, pp. 308, 309.

<sup>38</sup> For a thorough treatment of the history of evolution theory refer to: Morris, *The Long War Against God*.

<sup>39</sup> Acts 17:2.

<sup>40</sup> Acts 17:23-31; Acts 14:15-17.

<sup>41</sup> Morris, *The Long War Against God*, p. 319.

<sup>42</sup> Phillip E. Johnson, *Darwin On Trial*, Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 1991, pp. 6-8. Professor Johnson is a law professor at UC Berkeley.

<sup>43</sup> Henry M. Morris, Ph.D., cited by Joseph C. Dillow, Th.D., *The Waters Above: Earth's Pre-Flood Vapor Canopy*, Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1981, 1982, p. 6.

<sup>44</sup> G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*, Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1908, 1994, p. 80.

## A SON IS BORN



The most joyful experience of my life occurred on 24 January 1998, at 1:33 PM. Mary and I were awakened at about 4 AM to receive the news that our youngest son Patrick was taking his wife Naoko to the hospital for the birth of their first child. Shortly after Patrick called back to say to wait awhile, while they were sure before leaving for the hospital ourselves. My thoughts went back to a moment months before when several specialists were recommending an abortion, since they feared complications

might result in defects in the child. Patrick and Naoko, without hesitation told those doctors that abortion was not an option. Prayer however was an option.

Naoko and Patrick drove over to our house for prayer. Patrick, Naoko, our daughter Jean, Mary and myself immediately prayed for Naoko and the baby. We thank all those who stood with us in prayer during this time.

Patrick finally called back and said that Naoko was admitted and the birth would occur that day. Mary and I drove to the hospital to await the birth of our 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Naoko's mother was there. She had come from Japan to be with them.

We were in and out of the room all morning, the labor seemed to go rather slow, and maybe would take most of the day and evening. Patrick stayed at Naoko's bedside helping, encouraging, and coaching her through the pain, holding her hands and head. It was a most beautiful sight of two young people sharing their love for one another to bring another life into this world. It was a blessing that was hard for me to contain. I remember the birth of each of my children, and my excitement, even though in those days we were not allowed in the delivery room. But, I believe watching your own children go through the experience, and watching their love and excitement is the most rewarding experience I have ever had.

Just before 1:30 PM Mary went to the room to check on the progress. She returned to the waiting room a few minutes later to say that we should go back, wait outside, as the birth was in progress. When we got there, we could hear crying of a baby coming from the room. Excited sounds of Patrick telling his wife what a great accomplishment it was, how beautiful the baby was, and how wonderful she was could be heard. He called her a "champion." I don't have enough adequate adjectives to describe the sound of the scene. Through a small crack in the door we could see a small table where the nurse brought our grandson. That's where we got a first glimpse of the most precious gift God can provide, the gift of life.

I regret that I did not have the privilege of being at the hospital for the birth of my other grandchildren. It is an experience that, if I have other grandchildren, I never want to miss. It was the most beautiful experience of my life.

He is born Aaron Takuya Tozier, a gift of God. He was dedicated to God in his mother's womb. He was rededicated to God by the laying on of hands and the prayers of his father, and mother, his two grandmothers, and myself in the hospital, the day after his birth on 25 January 1998. That day in the hospital three generations of contented Tozier men, father, son, and grandfather, enjoyed together Superbowl XXXII. But I believe the real Superbowl took place at 1:33 PM on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1998. God's team won. **ΑΩ**

## THE COMMAND OF GENESIS 1:3 (A Study of Genesis 1:3 and 4)

### WAITING FOR SOMETHING

**I**n verse 2 we saw that the Spirit of God was hovering, waiting - "...*the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*" The Hebrew translated "hovered" indicates moved, shake or fluttereth, rapid back and forth motion."As an eagle stirreth up her nest, *fluttereth*<sup>1</sup> over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings..."<sup>2</sup>

The whole world is energized by the power (Holy Spirit) of God. We are energized by this same power. In the last issue we saw that darkness represented an un-energized condition. Light is a form of energy. The created matter, or the building bricks of the universe, of verse 1, were not yet organized or energized.

The Spirit is the **energizer** or the prime mover to bring form and life.

*"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*<sup>3</sup>

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*<sup>4</sup>

*"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*<sup>5</sup>

**The Holy Spirit energized the Apostles.** We are to be energized by this same Spirit (Energizer) of God

### LIGHT

**GEN 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**<sup>6</sup>

This is **the first recorded word spoken by God**

In **verse one** the **Father** is the **source** of all things. In **verse two** the **Spirit** is the **energizer** of all things. In **verse three** the **Word** is the **revealer** of all things.

**The Holy Spirit is the energy behind Him who communicates.** Think about it. God communicates and "it is so." Christ communicates and "there was light."

What happens when man full of the power of the Holy Spirit communicates? The **spoken word** is a **creative process**. We must watch what we say.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same*

*was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”<sup>7</sup>*

**Christ Jesus is the Word. The Word was there with God before time began.**

*“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”<sup>8</sup>*

God’s word is obeyed.

*“And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, ‘Peace, be still.’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”<sup>9</sup>*

*“And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth.’ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, ‘Loose him, and let him go.’”<sup>10</sup>*

If Christ had not called him by his name the graves could not have held the dead from coming forth! What about your word spoken in faith?

*“And Jesus answering saith unto them, ‘Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which **he saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever **he saith**. Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**”<sup>11</sup>*

**Let there be light (ore).** Illumination - from the root meaning to make illuminous, kindle or set on fire. Energy in all its forms is implied as well as light energy. The sun and moon are not yet made. Therefore in Genesis 1:3 **the substance of light was made.**<sup>12</sup>

This word for light, “ore” is different from the word light, “maw-ore,” indicating the sun and moon of verse sixteen. In verse seventeen the light given off by the sun is referred to by the word “ore,” thus giving more evidence that this word refers to energy. This means that the energizing work of the Holy Spirit of verse two is ordered to be carried out by the Word of God.

Chaos and Darkness heard God’s word and took flight. Those who hear and respond to God’s Word come out of darkness and walk in light.

**“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light...”**

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*“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.’”<sup>14</sup>*

Jesus is the light of the world. We must walk in His light.

In The Remarkable Time of Creation<sup>15</sup> it was mentioned that two Australian scientists discovered evidence that the speed of light was slowing down. Projecting back in time it was determined that this rate of slowing would have begun with an essentially infinite rate of speed sometime about 8,000 BC. This is consistent with God having created the universe at no more than 6,000 to 10,000 years ago. I believe that the answer is nearer 6,000 years. This infinite rate also shows that God would have no difficulty with the distances between stars that astronomers point to today. Light could have instantly traveled from star to earth and became immediately visible.

## DAY AND NIGHT

**GEN 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.**<sup>16</sup>

The words “**God divided**” defines the word yom (day) and sets the boundaries for the twenty-four hour day. The word “**Evening**” (Erev) may be defined as “mixed up; stirred together or **disorderly**.”<sup>17</sup> Likewise, “**morning**” (Boker) may be rendered “discernible; able to be distinguished or **orderly**.”<sup>18</sup> “**Evening and the morning**” suggests a **meaning of Disorderly to Orderly**. The arrangement of these words suggests the **creative act of disorder to order** as well as **night and day**.<sup>19</sup>

**Day** signifies the “light” time when God did His work. **Night** signifies the “darkness” time when God did no work. The fact that the earth rotates on its axis (can be inferred). I believe we see here established the cyclical succession of days and nights.

The sun and moon are not yet made but there is a source of light on the day side. Compare the following:

**“Arise, shine; For your light has come! and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.... The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.”<sup>20</sup>**

*“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw*



*the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold,*

*the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.'... But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.'*<sup>21</sup>

### Were the "days" literal 24-hour days?

***"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the***

***seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."***<sup>22</sup>

The six days of creation were to be our pattern for labor and rest. The days of Exodus chapter 20, quoted above, are literal in reference to Genesis. Since God is not bound by time He would have no problem creating the universe and everything in it in a literal six, twenty-four hour days.

The word day (yom) in the Bible almost always (2,291 times) means a literal day. The plural form (yamin - 845 times) always means a literal day. Outside of Genesis, when used modified by "evening and morning" (38 times) it always means a literal day.<sup>23</sup> ΑΩ

<sup>1</sup> NKJV reads "hovers."

<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 32:11 KJV.

<sup>3</sup> 2 Peter 1:21 KJV.

<sup>4</sup> Acts 1:8 NKJV.

<sup>5</sup> Acts 2:1-4 KJV.

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 1:3 KJV.

<sup>7</sup> John 1:1-3 KJV.

<sup>8</sup> Colossians 1:15-17 KJV.

<sup>9</sup> Mark 4:39 KJV.

<sup>10</sup> John 11:43, 44 KJV.

<sup>11</sup> Mark 11:22-24 KJV.

<sup>12</sup> Ham, Snelling, Wieland, The Answer Book, El Cajon, CA: Master Books, 1990, pp. 93.

<sup>13</sup> Ephesians 5:8 KJV.

<sup>14</sup> John 8:12 KJV.

<sup>15</sup> Creation Revelation, Volume 1, Issue 1, January - March 1997.

<sup>16</sup> Genesis 1:4, 5 KJV.

<sup>17</sup> Gerald L. Schroeder, Ph.D., Genesis and the Big Bang, New York, NY: Bantam Books, 1990, p. 97, Emphasis mine.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., Emphasis mine.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., pp. 97, 98; See also John Phillips, D.Min., Exploring Genesis, Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1980, pp. 40, 41.

<sup>20</sup> Isaiah 60:1-3, 19, 20 KJV.

<sup>21</sup> Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27 KJV.

<sup>22</sup> Exodus 20:9-11 KJV.

<sup>23</sup> John D. Morris, Ph.D., The Young Earth, Colorado Springs, CO: Master Books, 1994, p. 29.

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