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Letter from Pastor Gary



Science and Scripture are not always at odds. In fact, the Bible often expresses truth that we have also come to understand in scientific terms. For example, Genesis 1:1-3 describes **space, matter, and energy**... elements we now refer to as the "components of the atom."

However, where there is conflict between Science and Scripture we should always opt for a Biblical world view, including and especially the story of Creation.

The reason why the theory of Evolution (and it is a *theory*, **not** scientific fact) is such a deceptive and destructive theory is because it removes God from the equation of life. Once God is removed from the equation, man does not have to be accountable to Him. Evolution places self and random chance at the center of the Universe instead of a powerful, purposeful God who had YOU in mind when He created the Cosmic Wonder!

The complex nature of the Universe and the interdependence of all its systems make it clear: something or someone must be behind this amazing world! That someone is the **LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**. Acknowledging Him as Creator of the Universe is a necessary step in having a relationship with Him who sent His Son to die for the sins of the world. As Hebrews 11:6 says, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

May this study through Genesis 1-10 build your faith and trust in the God of the Universe and in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loves you and died for your sins!

In Christ,

Pastor Gary

Pastor Gary Hamrick
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GENESIS

INTRODUCTION

In an effort to explain the origin of life apart from the Creation story, one secular scientist has come up with this theory:

“We should consider the idea that space aliens sent a rocket ship to the earth to seed it with spores to begin life.”

Dr. Francis Crick (Nobel prize-winning scientist)

But other scientists have recognized Biblical truth of Creation:

“Textbooks everywhere proclaim evolution to be a fact of history which all educated people must accept, and this propaganda and pressure are extremely difficult to resist. But when one examines the actual evidence, he sees an amazingly different picture. The Biblical accounts of man’s creation has not been discredited at all, but simply rejected! Evolution has not been proved, but simply assumed.”

Dr. Henry Morris (1918-2006); B.S. with honors, Rice University (1939); M.S. and Ph.D., Univ. of Minnesota (1948, 1950); Faculty member at Rice University (1942-46); Univ. of Minnesota (1946-51); Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana (1951-56); and Southern Illinois Univ. (1956-57). Former head of the Dept. of Civil Engineering at Va. Tech (1957-1970)

“Evolution is a scientific fairy tale just as the ‘flat earth theory’ was in the 12th century. Biblical creation is the only sensible alternative.”

Dr. Edward Blick, Ph.D. Professor of Aerospace, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, Univ. of Oklahoma (1959-2007), Adjunct Prof. of Medicine and Adjunct Prof. of Meteorology at the same institution.

“Now I believe in Jesus Christ as the Creator of all things in contrast to the totally unscientific idea of grand scale evolution and spontaneous generation of life. All known scientific data fit into the special creation account of the beginning of the universe, of life, and of men.”

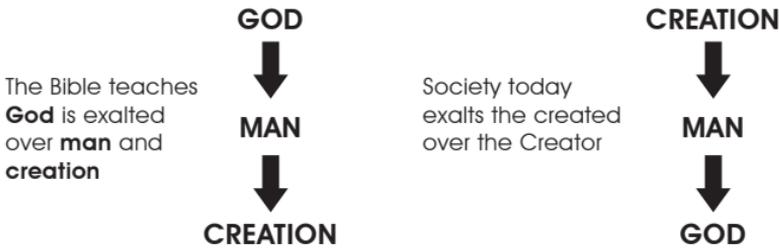
Dr. John N. Moore, Ed.D. Professor of Natural Science (retired 2010) Michigan State Univ.

WHAT IS EVOLUTION?

Evolution is defined, in its broadest sense, as “the theory that all things have been derived by gradual modification through natural processes from previous materials.”

Dr. Henry Morris, Ph.D.

THE BIBLICAL PLAN INVERTED



GENESIS CHAPTER 1

HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH OUR STUDY OF GENESIS?

1. with **FAITH** (Heb. 11:3)
2. with **HUMILITY** (Job 38:1-18, 31-33; 40:3-5)

CREATION INTERPRETATIONS

1. Gap Theory - Popularized by English Theologian, Thomas Chalmers (1814); old earth; created billions of years ago, but became formless and empty (1:2) —wasted and desolate when Satan rebelled. God “recreates” the earth for man in Gen. 1:3.

2. Progressive Creation - Old earth; each “day” is not a literal 24hr period, but a slow process reflecting millions of years.

3. Literal View - Young earth; around 6,000 years old; age-dated material at the time of creation; each creation day is a literal 24hr day. *This is our view at Cornerstone Chapel.*

GENESIS 1:1-2 REVEAL GOD'S PREEXISTENCE, POWER, AND PRESENCE

1:1 "In the beginning God..." - **PREEXISTENCE**

1:1 "...God created..." - **POWER**

1:2 "...the Spirit of God was hovering..." - **PRESENCE**

THE TRINITY AT WORK IN CREATION

(God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

"In the beginning **God** (*Elohim*, masc. plural) **created** (*bara*, masc. singular) the heavens and the earth." (Gen.1:1)

"Let **us** (pl.) make man in **our** (pl.) image... so God created man in **his** (sing.) own image." (Gen.1:26-27)

GENESIS 1:1

"*In the beginning*" -Hebrew: *Bereshith*

"...*God created*..." -Hebrew: *Bara* (Out of nothing)

GENESIS 1:7

"...*God made*..."

Hebrew: *Asah* (out of existing material)

(1:1) "*In the beginning*" – Time, as we understand it, began

(1:1) "*the heavens*" – Space; the vast expanse

(1:1) "*the earth*" – Matter which would occupy Space and Time

(1:3) "*light*" – Energy; the whole electromagnetic spectrum

Space, Matter, & Energy
Components of the atom

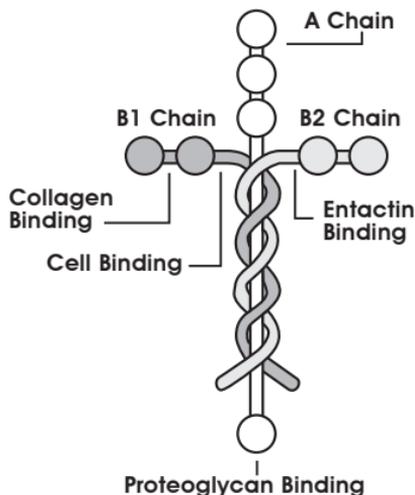
COLOSSIANS 1:16-17 (NIV)

16"For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

LAMININ

A protein molecule
responsible for
cell adhesion

*(amazingly in the shape
of a cross)*



DAYS OF CREATION

DAY 1 (GENESIS 1:3-5)

Creation of the heavens and earth; light separated from darkness.

DAY 2 (GENESIS 1:6-8)

The expanse ("sky") created to separate water above the earth (vapor canopy) and water on the earth.

DAY 3 (GENESIS 1:9-13)

The waters on the earth are separated from the land, and vegetation covered the dry land—grasses, herbs, and trees bearing fruit.

DAY 4 (GENESIS 1:14-19)

The sun, moon and stars were made.

DAY 5 (GENESIS 1:20-23)

Creation of creatures of the sea and air (fish, birds, etc.)

DAY 6 (GENESIS 1:24-31)

Creation of creatures of the land—wild animals, livestock, things that move along the ground; God also created man—both male and female.

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CHAPTER 2

DAY 7 (GENESIS 2:2-3)

A day of rest; Hebrew – *shabat* (Eng., Sabbath)

First compound name of God **YAHWEH ELOHIM** (2:4) -**LORD GOD**

- **“MAN”** (2:7) – Hebrew *adam* (“red, ruddy” – like clay)
This will become the proper name for the first man, Adam, in Genesis 2:20
- **“GROUND”** (2:7) – Hebrew *adamah*
- **“LIFE”** (2:7) – Hebrew is plural (“lives”) – *chaiyim*

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVE FOR ADAM

1. Companionship (2:18)
2. Complementary Help (2:18); [Hb. *ezer kenegdo*]
3. Procreation (1:28)

“WOMAN” (2:23) – Hb., *ishah*

“MAN” (2:23) – Hb., *ish*

“UNITED” (2:24) – Hb., *davaq* (noun form: glue) -God intended marriage in a binding union between one man and one woman

“SERPENT” (3:1) – Hb., *nachash* (“to divine”; copper, bronze) -Satan probably appeared as a bright, shining serpent as his name implies

GENESIS

CHAPTER 3

- SATAN
- SIN
- PROPHECY
- BLOOD ATONEMENT

“SERPENT” (3:1) – Hb., *nachash* (“to divine”; copper, bronze)

- SATAN - “that ancient serpent” (Rev. 12:9, 20:2)

-[see Isaiah 14:12-20; Ezek. 28:12-18]

- SATAN’S Tactics: “God is not good” (3:1); “God is not true” (3:4). He misrepresents God and the truth.

- “He is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

GENESIS 3:2-3

Adding to God’s Word: **LEGALISM**

Subtracting from God’s Word: **LIBERALISM**

GENESIS 3:6 – 1 John 2:16 – Luke 4

Temptation enters through 3 doors:

Lust of the flesh • Lust of the eyes • Pride of life

Genesis 3:15

“ENMITY”– Hb., *`eybah* (hatred, hostility)

3:15a – lit. “...between your **SEED** and her **SEED**”

⤴ [Hb., *zera*] ⤵

3:15b – “HE will crush your head” (masc. sing. pronoun)

This is the first Messianic prophecy in the Bible. It refers to God’s redemptive plan that Jesus will be born of a woman and He will crush Satan’s authority by the cross.

-[See also Gal. 3:19 – the “Seed”]

Genesis 3:16 – EVE’S CURSE

1. Painful Childbirth
2. Husband’s Headship

Genesis 3:17-19 – ADAM’S CURSE

1. Toilsome Labor
2. Certain Death

Genesis 3:20

Adam named his wife “Eve” (Hb. *chavvah* – “Living”) because he believed God’s redemptive plan.

Genesis 3:21 – “Garments of Skin”

God was teaching them something about blood atonement; redemption through sacrifice. He slaughtered animals to clothe Adam and Eve with animal hides.

Genesis 3:24

“East Side” (see 2 Chron. 5:12, 29:4)

- Levites & musicians stood on **east side** of altar
- Priests & Levites assembled on **east side**

“Cherubim” - Angels who guarded Eden’s east side

(God sits enthroned between the cherubim--Psalm 80:1, 99:1)

-Inferred here that God made gracious provision to continue communing with man at an altar on Eden’s east side. But God prevented them from ever entering Eden again so that they would not seal their sinful state by eating of the Tree of Life.

Cain – “possessed”, “acquired”

Abel – “vanity”, “breath”, “waste”

- **prophet** (Luke 11:50-51)
- **righteous** (Heb. 11:4)

The difference between their two names infers that Eve believed Cain was the promised “seed” of Genesis 3:15. However, Seth would be the son through whom the Messiah would eventually come.

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CHAPTER 4

Genesis 4:3-5

- **Cain's sacrifice** –his way; his efforts; his offering
- **Abel's sacrifice** –God's way; God's prescribed method

Genesis 4:17-22 Evidence of An Advanced Society

- City building
- Animal husbandry
- Culture: the Arts, Music
- Mechanical skill: alloy tools

GENESIS

CHAPTER 5

THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS 5

Adam -"man"

Seth -"appointed"

Enosh -"mortal", "frail"

Kenan -"sorrow", "dirge"

Mahalalel -*mahalal*; "blessed",
"praise"; El -"God"

Jared -*yarad*; "to come down"

Enoch -"teaching", "training"

Methuselah -*muth*; "death";
shalach -"to bring", "send forth"

Lamech -"despairing"

Noah -*nacham*; "to bring rest,
comfort"

"Man appointed mortal sorrow; the Blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring the despairing rest and comfort."

GENESIS

CHAPTER 6

“The Sons of God” (6:2) = *b’nai ha Elohim*

(This phrase is used only 3 other times in the Bible: Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7; each time it is translated “angels”). The “sons of God” were apparently “fallen angels” who rebelled with Satan against God. They assumed human form and “married” (literally, “forcibly took”) the “daughters of men” (women among the human race) and procreated with them. The result was an anomalous, giant race of people known as the Nephilim.

“Nephilim” (6:4) – Hb. for “fallen ones” (KJV— “giants”)

(see Gen. 14:5-6; Deut. 2:10-12, 3:11; 2 Sam. 21:15-22)

There are over 200 ancient cultures with a flood story.

- 95% - speak of a universal flood
- 88% - speak of a favored family
- 66% - say it was because of the wickedness of man
- 73% - speak of animals being saved
- 70% - speak of a boat that saved the family
- 57% - say that survivors landed on a mountain

WHAT ABOUT DINOSAURS?

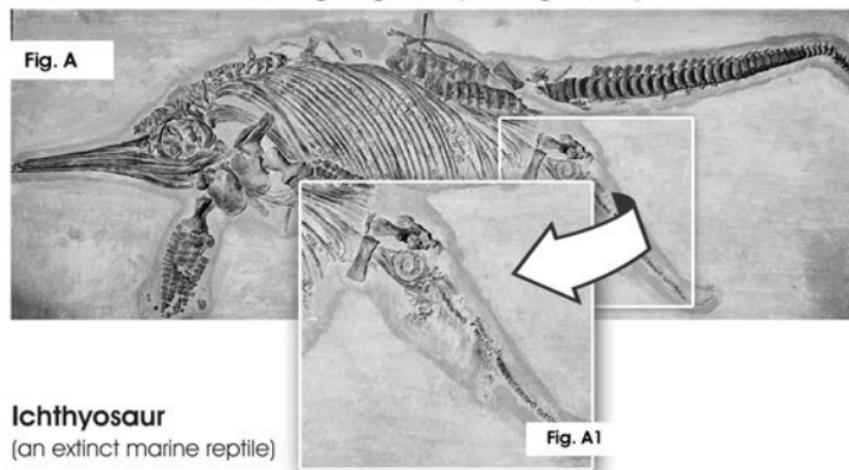
Contrary to secular science, the Bible records that dinosaurs originally coexisted with man, rather than being separated by millions of years (see “Behemoth”, Job 40:15-24; “Leviathan”, Isaiah 27:1) . They were created as part of marine life (Day 5 of Creation) or land animals (Day 6 of Creation). Since man and all land animals were originally herbivores (Gen. 1:29-30) and did not become carnivores until after the flood (Gen. 9:1-3), they peacefully coexisted until that time.

No doubt, dinosaurs were included among those animals that boarded the Ark. According to Dr. Ken Ham, based on the

skeletons found over the earth, the average size of a dinosaur was "a small horse"¹ -easily able to comfortably fit on the Ark. In addition, young animals may have likely boarded the Ark instead of full-grown adult species.

But most of the dinosaurs would have died in the Flood. The fossil record is evidence of a cataclysmic event that entombed dinosaurs in the sedimentary debris. The dinosaurs that were on the Ark and survived the Flood would find it hard to adapt to their new environment and would eventually succumb to the changing climates that now enveloped the earth (Gen. 8:22). Pre-flood, the earth had enjoyed a constant, tropical climate, encased in a vapor canopy (much like a greenhouse effect). But after the flood, changing seasons made it difficult to impossible for certain animals to survive, thus leading to the extinction of dinosaurs.

Fossils were not simply formed by natural decomposition over millions of years, but they were the result of a massive, cataclysmic event—the Flood—which entombed and preserved land and marine life in sedimentary mud, hardening over a few thousand years. One example of a rapid, cataclysmic event is the fossil evidence of an Ichthyosaur that was recovered showing a female reptile in the process of giving birth (see Fig. A, A1).



Ichthyosaur
(an extinct marine reptile)

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CHAPTER 7

THE ARK

"Both hydrodynamic calculations and laboratory wave-tank model testing have demonstrated that the ark was so dimensioned as to be exceedingly stable in the violent waters of the Flood."

Dr. Henry Morris, Ph.D.

Dimensions of the Ark

- 450 ft. long x 75 ft. wide x 45 ft. high
- 6.0 to 1 ratio of displacement – the ark
- 7.2 to 1 ratio of displacement – modern naval vessels

Animals of the Ark

- There are approximately 18,000 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians in the world today.
- The average size of all animal species—a sheep
- Based upon the dimensions of the ark and the average size of all animal species, you could get 36,000 animals (a pair of all species) on 1/3 of the ark

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CHAPTER 8

THE FLOOD TIMELINE

- Noah was 600 years old when the flood came (7:6)
- It rained 40 days and nights (7:12) (40 = judgment)
- The waters flooded the earth for 150 days (7:24)
- The ark came to rest 5 months after the flood started (8:4)
- They occupied the ark for 1 year & 10 days until the waters receded (8:14)



Physical evidence of the Flood as seen in the Earth's strata.

GENESIS CHAPTER 9

GENESIS 9

- 9:1 - God restates Gen. 1:28
- 9:2 - God puts the fear of man in the heart of animals
- 9:3 - God gives permission to eat meat
- 9:4 - God prohibits eating blood
- 9:5-6 - God implements capital punishment & institutes government and laws
- 9:8 - 1st of 5 major "covenants" in the Old Testament
- 9:13 - God gives the rainbow as the sign of this covenant
- 9:21 - First reference to "wine" in the Bible

TABLE OF NATIONS (GENESIS 10)

The Japhethites - *Indo-European People*

- Gomer - Germany/Poland
- Magog - Scythian/ far northern Russia
- Javan - Greeks
- Tubal - Ancient city of Tobolsk, Russia
- Meshech - Ancient Muscovites built Moscow, Russia
- Tiras - Italy
- Togarmah - Turkey
- Tarshish - Great Britain

The Hamites - *African, Asian, Arabic People*

- Cush - Ethiopia
- Mizraim - Egypt
- Put - Libya
- Canaan - Middle East [Canaanites]
- Sheba and Dedan - Arabia
- Sinites - Far East, China

The Shemites - *Semitic People*

- Eber - "Hebrew"
- Elam - Ancient Persia/ Iran
- Asshur - Ancient Assyria/ Iraq
- Aram - Syria
- Joktan - Area of Arabian peninsula

CONTINENTAL DRIFT

"Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan."

(Genesis 10:25 NIV)





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