

Q: Is there a "gap" of time between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 that could include millions of years in time?

A: The Gap Theory- "Its Fallacies and Faults"

The Gap Theory is a desperate attempt to harmonize the first chapter of Genesis with the time scale of uniformitarian geology and evolutionary biology by pigeon-holing the geologic ages in an imaginary time-gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. This time-gap is forced upon the text and context of Genesis 1 by an unwarranted manipulation of the Hebrew grammar of its second verse in order to accommodate the evolutionary interpretation of the fossils within the rock record.

According to this concept (also known as the "Creation Reconstruction," "Ruin-Reconstruction," and "Pre-Adamic Cataclysm" Theory), the primeval Earth was totally devastated by a global cataclysm (referred to as "Lucifer's Flood") because of divine judgment on Lucifer's sin of 31 as a supernatural "re-creation" of earth in six solar days, this holding to a "literal view of Genesis" while not believing in a recent origin of the "heavens and the earth."

However, acceptance of the geologic ages implicitly involves acceptance of the whole evolutionary package. Most of the fossil forms preserved in the sedimentary rocks have obvious relatives in the present world, so that the "re-creation" concept involves the Creator re-creating in six days many of the same plants and animals which had been previously developed slowly over long ages, only to perish violently in the global pre-Adamic cataclysm of "Lucifer's Flood." In fact, the very concept of a worldwide deluge precludes the geologic ages, which are founded specifically on the assumption that there have been no such global floods in Earth's history! The Gap Theory, in addition to not facing the evolution issue at all, also leaves unanswered the serious problems as to why God would use the method of slow evolution over long ages in the primeval world, then destroy it, and then use the method of special creation to re-create the same forms He had just destroyed. As a device for compromising Genesis with geology, the Gap Theory is simply bad geology...and worse theology.

-Ken Ham, "Closing the Gap" and John D. Morris, "Does Scripture Allow a Gap?" Back to Genesis article dated Feb. 1990 (San Diego: ICR). -Henry M. Morris & John D. Morris, *Scripture and Creation*, Volume One of *The Modern Creation Trilogy* (Green Forest, Arizona: Master Books, 1996)pp. 50-60.

Other resources: Ham, Snelling, Wieland, "The Answer Book"

Q: If fossils are dated, by Carbon 14 decay, to be millions of years old how can homo sapiens be contemporary with a species such a 'carcharodon megalodon' or any other prehistoric creature?

Answer:

Acceptance of the Gap Theory or any other compromise position between the divinely-inspired creation account of Genesis and the fallible evolutionary assumptions of man is really a question of ultimate authority--God's Word or man's word (see Rom. 3:4).

In response to the above question, let me state the scientific truths that: (1) the Carbon-14 dating method is not used--especially by evolutionists(!)--to date fossils which they would consider millions of years old, because it is accurate only to about 4,500 years ago (the calibration range given by the bristlecone pine tree) due to C-14's relatively short half-life of 5,730 years; and (2) no fossil has ever been scientifically proven empirically to be millions of years old. These

supposed absolute dates are founded upon well-known and publicized errors which plague all radiometric-dating techniques, including the unobserved assumptions of no original daughter isotope, a constant decay rate, and a closed system (i.e., nothing entering in or leaching out of the rock sample at all).

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Q: The grammar in Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 is in fact different and not contrived. Why would God create a void and how could Satan fall to earth as lightening, as stated by Jesus in the gospel of Matthew, if the world is covered with water?

Answer:

As far as the grammar of Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 is concerned, these two verses are closely bound together by the Hebrew conjunction waw (translated "And") in what is referred to as the "waw copulative" or "waw consecutive", a literary device for communicating a tight chronological and sequential order of events. The Hebrew word bohu (translated "void" in Gen. 1:2) does not connote a chaotic desolation, but simply an "unfilled emptiness". When initially created, the liquid Earth had no inhabitants; it was an unfinished, watery "void" to be given definite form on Days 1, 2, and 3, and to be filled with life on Days 3, 5, and 6.

With regard to Lucifer, originally created as an anointed cherub (Ezek. 28:14), it is important to remember that he did not fall in rebellion as Satan (Isa. 14:12-15/ Ezek. 28:12-19/ Rev. 12:4) until after God proclaimed all His creation "very good" in Gen. 1:31. [Note: This fact implies there was no death (Rom.5:12), and therefore no fossils and no extinctions prior to the Curse of Gen.3 (!!!)] Satan's fall "as lightning" (Luke 10:18, not in Matthew's gospel) was, thus, after Day 7 (Gen. 2:3) but prior to Eve's temptation/Adam's Fall (Gen. 3:1-6), and did not result in a so-called "Lucifer's Flood" judgment by God--a notion with absolutely no biblical support whatsoever!

In Job 38:7, the "morning stars" and the "sons of God" (bene elohim) are referring to the angelic hosts, not terrestrial inhabitants, since they are said to be celebrating the establishing of the Earth's internal foundations by God during Day 3 of Creation Week. The "morning stars" cannot be literal stars since they were not made until Day 4 (Gen. 1:16b), and the "sons of God" are also mentioned in Job 1:6 & 2:1 with Satan among them to present themselves before the LORD in Heaven.

In short, the Gap Theory is bad geology and worse theology!

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