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I. The Primeval History 1:1-11:26

A. The History of the Creation 1:1-2:3

1. The Creation of the Universe 1:1-2

a. The Creation Summary 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

b. The Creation Conditions 1:2

Background of historical attacks, etc.

The earth is the focus of the universe.

1.2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Issues:

1) *Of History: last few hundred years.*

- > Before 1700's - generally a Biblical worldview
- > Voltaire (mid 1700's) - attacks Bible (and François-Marie Arouet)
- > Hume (c 1770) - attacks design
early on: Newton was a bible commentator. before 1700
- > Hutton (1795) - principle of uniformity
- > Lyell (1830) - uniformitarianism (use present processes
projected back in history; contrary to Bible)
- > Darwin (1860) - natural selection
- > Wellhausen (c 1870) - Mosaic authorship
- > Theologians - no answers to science
- > 1961 - Morris / Whitcomb

Elohim is repeated mucho in chapter 1. Then 2: in verse 4 different: the Lord God = Yahweh. v 5, Yahweh Elohim, 7, 8, 9. These things taken by the above as there being a different writer. Why 2 creation accounts? A compiler put pieces together. Conservative theologians had no idea why and scrambled to find views that fit 'science'.

1961: beginning to modern creation science movement

Is there a time gap? between v1 and v2?

2) *Of Interpretation*

a) **Is there a theological gap?** thought it would counteract the long ages of time that had been proposed. —> very old earth.

Gap Theory

Large time gap between Gen 1.1 and 1.2. But several problems:

1. compromise view, Schofield. introduces things that are not there
people took S's note as Biblical
2. Accepts Evolution
3. Ignores Geological Issues
4. Not supported by Scripture
Held by many yet today

Interpretation

Is there a theological gap?

They put the fall of Satan between v 1 and v 2. —> recreating of the earth in verse 3. We don't know when Satan fell: maybe before verse 1. The text does not deal with angels at all.

b) **Is this a re-creation of universe?** that view holds this. We: no.

c) **How do we interpret negative terms?**

d) **How do we relate to science?**

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Earth formless and void : Isa 34.11, in context of judgment, total—> like before creation. Darkness: can be a negative sense. Deep: usually of waters. Here: mass of water.

Moses is setting forth the conditions and when God creates He gives it form and the last 3 days is filling that form: plant, animal, sun etc, animals, man. Darkness isn't just negative.

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The Spirit convicts, illumines. Here: moving, preparing, activating, changing the condition, ...

1.1-2 - Science

- > Creator/creation Distinction. And all world views; they had continuity view. The Greeks made their gods into men. Egyptian, Romans also.
- > Absolute beginning of the material realm.
- > No Big Bang -
- > Earth is priority - here water, probably introducing gravity.
- > Origin of physics and chemistry. The text tells us, not science.
- > General relativity - time, matter, energy connected

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2. The 1st Day - Light	1:3-5

Historical science; no one was there. Scientist makes his own conclusions. We start with an inspired text...
The focus of Gen 1 is the physical realm, not the spiritual so the angels could have existed before the 'heaven and earth'

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| a. The Creation | 1:3 |
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- 1.3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

1st Day structure

1. *Revelation
 1. God Communicates... 'God said' every day
 2. Origin of Language - not from man, but God
v 6: Intra-Trinitarian 'let us...' The trinity can communicate within itself

Means: He *speaks* Psalm 33.6-9 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host...
9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.
Others: by *wisdom* and by *power*

Language - Foundation

1. God communicates - not silent
2. Means of Creation - not trivial
3. Origin in God - not man (not in groans, etc)
4. God names - not linguists
5. Built into Man - not evolution

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2. *Articulation - 'let there be...'

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2. *Articulation - 'let there be...'
3. *Accomplishment - 'and it was so'

Light

- > Energy - most basic energy of all
- > Speed - 186,282 miles/second
- > Views -
 - God's light
 - Physical Light - spectrum: sun and moon are the bearers; different reactions can produce light. There is a spectrum, with *visible that are just a part of it. Is the electromagnetic spectrum.*
- > Sources -chemical, thermal, nuclear, electrical, sun

Supernatural light

- Ex 10.23 - 3-day plague of darkness
13.21 - pillar of fire
34.29 - Moses' face
Luk 2.9 - glory of the Lord at birth
Mt 17.2 - transfiguration
Acts 9.3 - Paul going to Damascus
Acts 12.7 - light shined in the prison

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- b. **The Evaluation:** a divine evaluation 1:4

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5. Distinctions/Blessing

c. The Naming

1:5

1.5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

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6. Naming Actions 1.5

Distinctions

- * Basis of Thought, language
- * Basis of communication
- * Basis of Science
- * Basis of Discernment (in the moral realm), evaluation
- * Basis of God's judgment

Lenguaje - Fundamento Uno de los fundamentos en Génesis.

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6. Basis of Communication - not rationalism
7. Basis of Science - not naturalism

The transcendent, etc. God is now creating...worthy of our worship