

IN SIX DAYS

... God did what?

Genesis 1:3 – 2:3

Part 2

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So intense, and so important are the answer to the most basic questions ...

Who we are?

Where we have come from?

How things happened in the beginning?

... that we have just spent \$9.5 billion dollars to get the answers.

Reading Genesis 1 would have been much cheaper, but its answer has been marginalized.

The world scientific community went through a momentous occasion in Europe at the “opening” of the world’s premiere Large Hadron Collider ... a 27 kilometer circular tunnel in which photons will be sent on a collision course with one another at (we shall say) the speed of light, which at the moment of collision will generate temperatures 100,000 times hotter than our sun.

”Scientists ... hope the grand experiment will recapture conditions not seen since the birth of the universe.”

5800 scientists from at least 37 countries will be working on four main projects with the “aim to recreate the conditions of the Big Bang and answer some of the most fundamental questions of the universe ...” (The National Post Sept 9 08 p A1, A14)

We do want to know how we got here. We long to know our roots and the purpose for our existence ... and we pay major dollars to find out.

Genesis does give us a least costly answer, not at all simpler, but one that that allows for the supernatural, significantly more personal and far more satisfying in that it squares with experience.

The reason this is important is because it shapes us, in particular, with what we called last week our WorldView.

As we jumped into **Genesis 1** we attempted to see that **The God of the Bible alone is credited with the establishment of our universe ... the One to whom we must respond.**

... and then we filled in a category or two on our developing WorldView chart.

As we move on through **Genesis 1** and into **Genesis 2** the reality becomes ...

Key Thought:

God created everything ... and then said, “Now make room for Me.”

While God never intended to give us a scientific understanding of our universe and world in the opening pages of His Word, He did make a number of very intelligible and influential points.

The Biblical Record of Genesis collides head-on with some of our scientific communities most popular theories ... evolution in particular.

Our intent is not to make you think that I am a scientist, far from it, though it has been a most informative and challenging to read a good number of pages on these matters over the past couple of months, ... but again, contribute a bit more to our Biblical WorldView.

Genesis 1:3 – 2:4 does more than just inform us that **God created everything** ... but that He takes the implications of His creative efforts and goes on to tie things together by instructing us, **“Now make room for Me.”**

We will go through the opening page of God’s Word in brief fashion ... and before we even start, will once again deal with a PRELIMINARY ... our long lost relative HERMENEUTICS.

Genesis 1 & 2 record a SEVEN DAY creation. **“ ... and there was evening , and there was morning – the first day.”**

“... and there was evening, and there was morning – the second day.”

The debate turns on the meaning of the word DAY.

Does DAY mean ...

- a twenty four hour period?
- an unmeasured, indefinite, longer period of time?
- a long extended period of time that could be described as an age?

Personally, I hold that DAY means DAY, a 24 hour period. Here is why.

People wonder:

How could there be 24 hours periods if the sun and moon were not created until Day Four?

The author of Genesis is writing in retrospect, and that would not present any problem at all. He does not jig the text, but writes in retrospect.

Further, the phrase MORNING AND EVENING (EVENING AND MORNING) is used over 100 times in the Old Testament and ALWAYS in a literal sense.

When the Hebrew word (YOM) is preceded by a numeral, it always carries the meaning of a 24-hour day.

The Hebrew have a word, OLAM, which means A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, but that word is not used here because it was obviously understood to be something different here in **Genesis 1**.

Conclusion:

The normal and commonly understood meaning of a twenty four hour period is what is intended here.

It would appear that the reason we have tended to “redefine” the word DAY is to accommodate it to some of the conjectures or theories of science ... a poor reason to attempt to give the word a new meaning here.

It may be helpful to put things into perspective.

The Genesis Account has remained as written for thousands of years. Science textbooks, though, are rewritten every ten or so years because they become outdated and theories need to be reconfigured.

One such point Scientists are continually changing their views of both the age and size of the universe.

Across a span of twenty years astronomers have doubled the **size** of the observed universe from five to ten billion light-years; 25 percent of the increase occurred in the short six-year period from 1964 to 1971

Some astronomers still place the big bang eighteen million years ago ... Adding to the confusion is the fact that a supposed miscalculation has led some astronomers to cut in half the age of the universe from eighteen billion to nine billion years.

Honestly, science does not know. It has theories, but it does not know.

We do not need to give up on **Genesis** or blush too quickly about what it has recorded.

God had decided to create the universe, of which our earth becomes the focal point in **Genesis**.

God's first step was the bare-bone "studio" which we talked about last week.

With four bare walls and nothing much else, God goes about, somewhat like an interior decorator, filling up the space that now existed.

1. God goes about His creation task with great delight.

Day One: - God creates light.

This is not the sun, stars and moon (created on Day Four), but a different kind of light.

It may be helpful to see that the world began and will end without the necessity of our SUN.

Revelation 21:23-24

God works in brilliance, transparency, openness. His work is visible, observable. We can watch His work in retrospect.

Day Two: - God creates the atmosphere

What apparently was one indistinguishable feature is now delineated with boundaries.

Day Three: - God attention is earth centered. He further separates bodies of water and makes dry land. Plant life that reproduces is also created.

Day Four: - Sun, moon and stars are created.

The Sun and Moon are particularly given to give light to the earth.

Their purpose is stated in these words:

1:14

... let them serve signs to mark seasons, and days and years ...

These are God's first clock or calendar. They give us the sense that we are moving on, we have an appointment; ... not merely going round and round and getting nowhere.

Day Five: God creates marine life and nature's aviation department (the birds)

These occupy the bodies of water that God has created and also the skies.

Day Six: - The creation of animal life on earth that reproduce and human beings.

It has been noted that there is a relationship between Day 1 and Day 4, Day 2 and Day 5, Day 3 and Day 6.

What God FORMED on the opening three days, in the next three days He FILLS, or FURNISHES.

God methodically makes certain that His grand universal studio is “filled”, “colored” and “placement” of all objects is in just the right spot.

As God goes about His “creative work” in His “studio” He steps back from time to time and evaluates.

Every time His sheet receives a big check after each category. (We will find one temporary “not good” in Genesis 2.)

Five times we are told:

Genesis 1:10,12,18,21,25

And God saw that it was good.

... and then as He looks everything over, we read ...

Genesis 1:31

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

The things of this earth are God’s signature work.

God is satisfied, thrilled, absolutely pleased with His creation. His “studio” is filled and everything is “just so”. It is “picture perfect.”

This earth is good. It is not evil. It is the result of the imaginative mind of God. It is not a place from which we need to run.

This is His earth.

In a few simply lines we have gone over the greatest architectural and engineering feat of all time ... and **God structured it all to get done in six specific days ... for a reason.**

That we will examine in a few minutes.

Genesis 1 makes no room for any god, but the God of Scripture.

Back in that day the people believed in many differing gods ... that the sun was a god, the stars were gods, the creatures of the oceans were gods ...

God informs us that none of those things have that status of being divine.

All of creation was carried out by one God ... the God of Genesis alone.

While back then they had many gods, today we are in a different period. Today, NO god is credited with the work. That credit is given to chance and evolution.

These believe, “by faith”, that the world and all that we have today happened spontaneously through an evolving process.

Though never, ever witnessed, that which was lifeless and always existed, through a prolonged and complicated process became a

living, single-celled “creature” which eventually split off into becoming marine life on one track, animal life on another, bird life on yet another, and human beings ... this all occurring without intent, direction or intelligence.

Today, gods or God, is out.

And the theory of evolution, a relatively new so called “science” offspring has come to put the final nails in God’s coffin.

Evolution may seem far out, so there are those who propose THEISTIC EVOLUTION ... God started the evolution process off.

This view is possibly proposed so that Christ’s followers would not appear to be fools in rejecting the science of the day ... and so compromises, or deals are cut with either evolution or the latest scientific theory.

THEISTIC EVOLUTION is impossible ... because evolution and God just do not see eye-to-eye.

Here are 29 irreconcilable reasons why the God and Evolution cannot be partners. If you would like them, you will find them on the internet ... and there you can work through them.

Irreconcilable Differences Between God’s Word & Evolution

Evolutionary Theory

1. Space, time and matter are eternal.
2. Primal atmosphere gradually changed from reducing to oxidizing type.
3. Plant life produced the atmosphere.
4. Life initially evolved in the sea, then moved to land.
5. There is continuity between all plant life.
6. Plants evolved gradually.

7. Simple creatures emerged into complex animals.
8. Reptiles evolved into birds.
9. All animal development shows continuity.
10. Ape-like animals and man are similar.
11. Fossil records show that death prevailed naturally from the outset of life.
12. Man developed in the image of the apes.
13. Evolutionary process covers billions of years.
14. Evolution is a continuing present day process.
15. The present is the key to the past (uniformitarianism).
16. Early animals were carnivorous.
17. Rain has always been a cosmic phenomenon.
18. Man emerged from a lower animal.
19. Man is a living animal that acquired a complex psyche.
20. No primal individual can be singled out as Adam.
21. Agriculture is a late development in human history.
22. Language was a gradual development.
23. Adam’s psyche was essentially like that of higher animals.
24. Woman, like man, evolved from an animal ancestry.
25. Marriage is a culturally-developed institution.
26. Man has existed only during the last 1/200th of the time span of animal existence.
27. The Garden of Eden is a myth.
28. Cain and Able were mythical persons.
29. Early man was quite primitive and technologically immature.

Biblical View

1. The space-time universe is not eternal (Gen. 1:1-3; Heb. 1:2).
2. Atmosphere was created quickly and is always essentially the same (Gen. 1:6ff).
3. The atmosphere preceded plant life (Gen. 1:6-12).
4. Life was created on land before sea life (Gen. 1:11-13, 20-23).
5. Plants were created as distinct ‘kinds’ (Gen. 1:11f.)
6. Plants were originally created bearing seed and fruit (Gen. 1:11f.)
7. Highly developed mammals preceded so-called lower forms (Gen. 1:21)

8. Creation of birds antedated creeping things.
9. Species and kinds of animals are distinct creations (Gen. 1:21)
10. Man is a uniquely created kind (Gen. 1:24-27)
11. Death is a consequence of the Fall.
12. Man was created in God's image (Gen. 1:26f)
13. Creation occurred in six literal 24-hour days.
14. God has rested from his work of creation (Gen. 2:1-3).
15. God's activity is repetitive but also miraculous (Gen. 1,2,6-8).
16. Early animals were herbivorous (Gen. 1:29f).
17. There was no rain prior to the Noahic Flood (Gen. 2:5f; Heb. 11:7).
18. Man was divinely formed from dust (Gen. 2:7).
19. The first man was a nonliving entity into which God breathed life (Gen. 2:7).
20. Adam was a specific individual from whom mankind derives (1 Chron. 1:1; Luke 3:38)
21. Adam tended the Garden (gen. 2:9ff) and Cain was a farmer (Gen. 4:2).
22. Man was endowed with language as a divine gift (Gen. 2:18-24).
23. Man is physically and emotionally incompatible with animals (Gen. 2:20).
24. Eve was made by a direct divine act of special creation (Gen. 2:21ff).
25. Monogamous marriage was divinely instituted (Gen. 2:24).
26. Man has existed almost from the beginning of organic life on earth (Matt. 19:4; Rom. 1:20).
27. The Garden of Eden was a literal place.
28. Cain and Abel were historical persons.
29. Early civilizations arose within a few centuries of Adamic creation by means of relatively advanced technology (Gen. 4:21ff).

Here we slip into a number of fields of science.

This are illustrations **of Genesis 1** ... here are the hard facts that indicate that neither evolution nor theistic evolution are acceptable ... not because we do not like them, but because the

evidence speaks against them. They do not match what we see or how things work.

Permit a few examples, examples that are so numerous, that point to the skill, intellect and power of God as displayed in His creation.

We are going to be throwing out some rather big numbers, and for us to get a bit of a handle on them, here is how it can become a bit more understandable to our minds.

There is something that we call the Anthropic Principle ... the delicate balances that we find in our universe that are capable of producing or sustaining life.

ELECTRON – PROTON EQUIVALENCY

There are many of them, but one deals at the invisible level to the human eye – the number of electrons.

The number of electrons is equivalent to the number of protons to an accuracy of one part in 10 to the 37th power.

Without this balance our galaxies, stars and planets would never have formed.

Just how balanced are things?

Imagine the entire continent of North America in dimes all the way up to the moon. Then do the same thing on a billion other continents the same size as North America.

Now you have 10³⁷ dimes.

Now imagine that just one dime is painted red. You have mixed it in with all the others.

Now take a friend a blindfold her and stand her in front of those of those billions upon billion of dimes covering a billion continents and piled to the moon and ask her to pick one out.

Her chances of selecting the red one are one in 10^{37} .

These are the same odds as the ratio of electrons to protons being at the precise level required for life, and this is just one of many parameters that must be so finely tuned.

Source: information in Hugh Ross, *The Creator and the Cosmos* (Navpress, 1993)

FORMATION OF A SINGLE PROTEIN MOLECULE BY ACCIDENT

Swiss mathematician Charles Eugene Guye has calculated that the chances of a single molecule of a protein-like substance being formed by accident are approximately 10 to the 320^{th} power to 1.

Just so that you can understand the size of this number and compare it to something else, let us just say as evolutionary astronomers say, that the Universe is less than 30 billion years old – that number in seconds is 10 to the 18^{th} power.

It is impossible.

CHANCE OF RANDOM LIFE

Much of the evidence of late that has come forward is that which is invisible to the human eye. But under the microscope amazing things are being found.

Fred Hoyle, an evolutionist and agnostic, NOT A CHRIST FOLLOWER, and one of the world's leading astronomers and mathematicians, has had a change of opinion over time. Here is why ...

He came to the conclusion that what we have today is special because of mathematics.

“ We know that even the simplest living creature is extremely complex. Hoyle attempted to calculate the probability of one of the simplest of these complex beings coming into existence by chance.

Assuming the first living thing would have been smaller and simpler than any present day creatures, he still calculated a 1 in 10 to the 20^{th} power probability of occurring by chance. That is the probability for just one simple enzyme.

However, even the simplest life forms requires literally thousands of different enzymes with each one tailor-made to perform a specific function. That ups the probability to 1 in 10 to the $40,000^{\text{th}}$ power.

Mathematicians generally agree anything with a probability of less than 1 in 10 to the 50^{th} power is equivalent to total impossibility.

That these complex substances exist despite the fact that it is impossible for them to have formed by chance, Hoyle concludes, “A commonsense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.

Chandra Wickramasinghe, who co-authored *EVOLUTION FROM SPACE* with Fred Hoyle, stated, “The chanced that life just occurred on earth about as unlikely as a typhoon blowing through a junkyard and constructing a Boeing 747.”

Hoyle and Wickramasinghe worked together to mathematically calculate probabilities on development of even the smallest chemicals needed for life.

Dealing first with hemoglobin they concluded that, even believing the earth was billions of years old, "there simply has not been nearly enough time for this process to have evolved."

DESIGNER GENES by Robert Mondore and Patricia A. Mondore

DNA

The "brains" behind each cell in our bodies and every other living thing is a tiny molecule called DNA. Molecular biologists have discovered that this basic molecule of life is far too intricately complex to have originated by chance. ...

The amount of DNA that would fit on a pinhead contains information equivalent to a stack of paperback books that would encircle the earth 5,000 times.

Anthony Flew, Professor of Philosophy, one of the world's leading atheists for the past half century ...

"What I think the DNA material has done is to show that intelligence must have been involved It now seems to me that the finding of more than fifty years of DNA research have provided materials for a new and enormously powerful argument to design."

Article: ACCIDENT OR INTELLIGENT DESIGN?

Today, OIL is a hot commodity. That precious black gold that is found in the ground, we are told was formed their more than 25 million years ago.

How long does it take to make oil?

Rapid Formation of Oil Deposits:

"Uniformitarians must believe that oil was formed gradually more than 25,000,000 years ago. But the great pressures in deep oil wells around the world would make this impossible. "Such high pressures require sudden deep burial. Moreover, to retain them for periods greater than 10,000 to 100,000 years is apparently impossible under the observed permeabilities (ability to permit leakage of fluids) of the oil reservoir and trap formations." (Cook, *Prehistory & Earth Models*, p. 341)

"It has now been experimentally demonstrated that cellulosic (plant derived) material, such as garbage or manure, can be converted into a good grade of petroleum in twenty minutes..."

The experiments of Bureau of Mines scientists in which cow manure was converted to petroleum are described in *Chemical and Engineering News*, May 29, 1972, p.14. The process could also utilize other cellulosic materials such as wood, bark...

The manure was heated at 716 degrees F, at 2000 to 5000 pounds per sq. inch for twenty minutes in the presence of carbon monoxide and steam. The product was a heavy oil of excellent heating quality.

The yield was about three barrels of oil per ton of manure...

Protoplasm and chlorophyll are present in marine organisms. These components readily decompose, so there should be no difficulty in getting the reaction started, even at relatively low temperatures, during the conversion of these organisms to gas and oil."

"The heat generated by compression, the increase of temperature with depth, and the heat generated by friction of crustal thrusting caused by the tremendous cataclysmic burial and earth movements which occurred at the time of the Flood would have caused the temperature to rise sufficiently to initiate the exothermic reaction (heat is given off during this chemical reaction)."

(Gish, Petroleum in Minutes, Coal in Hours, Acts and Facts, Vol.1, No.4 Also McQueen, The Chemistry of Oil Explained by Flood Geology, Impact 155, May '86). The World That Perished - Whitcomb pg. 124

Mt. St. Helens and Catastrophism

by Steven A. Austin, Ph.D.

The eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington State on **May 18, 1980**, is certain to be remembered as one of the most significant geologic events in the United States of the 20th century. The explosion, on May 18, was initiated by an earthquake and rockslide involving one-half cubic mile of rock. As the summit and north slope slid off the volcano that morning, pressure was released inside the volcano - where super hot liquid water immediately flashed to steam. The northward-directed steam explosion released energy equivalent to 20 million tons of TNT, which toppled 150 square miles of forest in six minutes. In Spirit lake, north of the volcano, an enormous water wave, initiated by one-eighth cubic mile of rockslide debris, stripped trees from slopes as high as 850 feet above the pre-eruption water level. The total energy output, on May 18, was equivalent to 400 million tons of TNT - approximately 20,000 Hiroshima-size atomic bombs.

On May 18 and also during later eruptions, critical energy thresholds were exceeded by potent geologic processes which were able to accomplish significant changes in short order. These processes challenge the traditional uniformitarian way of thinking about how the earth works, and serve as a miniature laboratory

for catastrophism. Institute for Creation Research scientists have spent three summers investigating the geologic changes which have occurred at the volcano. Four of the most significant discoveries are summarized in this short report.

RAPIDLY FORMED STRATIFICATION

Up to 400 feet thickness of strata have formed since 1980 at Mount St. Helens. These deposits accumulated from primary air blast, landslide, waves on the lake, pyroclastic flows, mudflows, air fall, and stream water. Perhaps the most surprising accumulations are the pyroclastic flow deposits amassed from ground-hugging, fluidized, turbulent slurries of fine volcanic debris, which moved at high velocities off the flank of the volcano as the eruption plume of debris over the volcano collapsed.

These deposits include fine pumice ash laminae and beds from one millimeter thick to greater than one meter thick, each representing just a few seconds to several minutes of accumulation. A deposit accumulated in less than one day, on June 12, 1980, is 25 feet thick and contains many thin laminae and beds. Conventionally, sedimentary laminae and beds are assumed to represent longer seasonal variations, or annual changes, as the layers accumulated very slowly. Mount St. Helens teaches us that the stratified layers commonly characterizing geological formations can form very rapidly by flow processes. Such features have been formed quickly underwater in laboratory sedimentation tanks, and it should not surprise us to see that they have formed in a natural catastrophe.

RAPID EROSION

Erosion during volcanic eruptions at Mount St. Helens was accomplished by scour from steam blast, landslide, water waves, hot pumice ash flows (pyroclastic flows), and mudflows. Since the eruptions, the erosion process has been dominated by sheet flooding and channelized flow of water, with occasional mudflows. About 23 square miles of the North Fork of the Toutle River Valley was obstructed by two-thirds cubic mile of landslide and pyroclastic debris, which has been rapidly eroded since 1980. **Jetting steam from buried water and ice under hot pumice**

reamed steam explosion pits with associated mass-wasting processes at the margins of pits, producing rills and gullies over 125 feet deep. Photographic documentation assembled by ICR scientists demonstrates that very pronounced rills and gullies had formed at the margins of seam explosion pits before May 23 - less than five days after the pumice was deposited. The rills and gullies resemble badlands topography, which geologists have usually assumed required many hundreds or even thousands of years to form.

Mudflows, from Mount St. Helens, were responsible for the most significant erosion. A mudflow on March 19, 1982, eroded a canyon system up to 140 feet deep in the headwaters of the North Fork of the Toutle River Valley, establishing the new dendritic pattern of drainage. As ICR scientists surveyed this new terrain, they began to contemplate the processes which may have formed the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. The little "Grand Canyon of the Toutle River" is a one-fortieth scale model of the real Grand Canyon. The small creeks which flow through the headwaters of the Toutle River today might seem, by present appearances, to have carved these canyons very slowly over a long time period, except for the fact that the erosion was observed to have occurred rapidly! Geologists should learn that, since the long-time scale they have been trained to assign to landform development would lead to obvious error on Mount St. Helens, it also may be useless or misleading elsewhere.

UPRIGHT DEPOSITED LOGS

The landslide generated waves on Spirit Lake stripped the forests from the slopes adjacent to the lake and created an enormous log mat, made up of millions of prone floating trunks that occupy about two square miles of the lake surface. These logs float freely as the wind blows them, and the decreasing size of the log mat indicates that the trees are gradually sinking to the lake floor. Careful observation of the floating log mat indicates that many trees float in upright position, with a root ball submerging the root end of the trunk, while the opposite end floats out of the water. **Hundreds of upright floated and deposited logs have been**

grounded in shallow water along the shore of the lake. These trees, if buried in sediment, would appear to have been a forest which grew in place over hundreds of years, which is the standard geological interpretation for the upright petrified "forests" at Yellowstone National Park.

In order to get more information on the upright deposited logs in Spirit Lake, members of the ICR research team worked with Dr. Harold Coffin, of Geoscience Research Institute, to survey the lake bottom, using sonar and scuba. Hundreds of upright, fully submerged logs were located by sidescan sonar, and scuba divers verified that they were, indeed, trunks of trees which the sonar detected.

Extrapolating from the area of lake floor surveyed to the entire lake bottom, we estimate more than 19,000 upright stumps existed on the floor of the lake in August 1985. The average height of an upright deposited stump is 20 feet. Sonar records and scuba investigations verified that many of the upright deposited trees have root masses radiating away from the bases of the trunks. Furthermore, the trees are randomly spaced, not clumped together, over the bottom of the lake, again having the appearance of being an in situ forest. Scuba investigation of the upright deposited trunks shows that some are already solidly buried by sedimentation, with more than three feet of sediment around their bases, while others have no sediment around their bases. This proved that the upright trees were deposited at different times, with their roots buried at different levels. If found buried in the stratigraphic record, these trees might be interpreted as multiple forests which grew on different levels over periods of thousands of years. The Spirit Lake upright deposited stumps, therefore, have considerable implications for interpreting "petrified forests" in the stratigraphic record.

PEAT LAYER IN SPIRIT LAKE

The enormous log mat floating on Spirit Lake has lost its bark and branches by the abrasive action of wind and waves. Scuba investigations of the lake bottom showed that water-saturated

sheets of tree bark are especially abundant on the bottom of the lake, where, in areas removed from volcanic sediment added from the lake shore, a layer of peat several inches thick has accumulated. The Spirit Lake peat resembles, both compositionally and texturally, certain coal beds of the eastern United States, which also are dominated by tree bark and appear to have accumulated beneath floating log mats. **Coal is supposed, conventionally, to have accumulated from organic material accumulated in swamps by growth in place of plants and burial. Because the accumulation of peat in swamps is a slow process, geologists have supposed that coal beds required about one thousand years to form each inch of coal.** The peat layer in Spirit lake, however, demonstrates that peat accumulate rapidly. Swamp peats, however, have only very rare bark sheet material because the intrusive action of tree roots disintegrates and homogenizes the peat. The Spirit Lake peat, in contrast, is texturally very similar to coal. **All that is needed is burial and slight heating to transform the Spirit Lake peat into coal.** Thus, at Spirit Lake, we may have seen the first stage in the formation of coal.

CONCLUSION

Mount St. Helens provides a rare opportunity to study transient geologic processes which produced, within a few months, changes which geologists might otherwise assume required many thousands of years. The volcano, therefore, challenges our way of thinking about how the earth works, how it changes, and the time scale we are accustomed to attaching to its formations. These processes and their effects allow Mount St. Helens to serve as a miniature laboratory for catastrophism. Mount St. Helens helps us to imagine what the Biblical Flood, of Noah's day, may have been like.

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Take a look at a short video production that deals with the amazing little motors in our bodies that God created ... that which is impossible to occur by evolutionary process because all components need to be present for the motor to work.

They could not evolve, because the machine would have broken down and died on the scrap heap, because the other necessary parts were not there.

Darwin himself wrote:

"If it could be demonstrated that any complex organism existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

We can see that in the human sexuality and the reproductive organs. How could they possibly have mutated into male and female?

A popular example of Darwin's faulty theory is the Bacterial Flagellum.

Take a look at what the Creator worked on in His "studio" or better, "lab".

BACTERIAL FLAGELLUM

Observe God's creative genius.

VIEW VIDEO PORTION

This is not just one thing here or there.

There is a whole mountain of evidence that God's hand, not chance, not mutation, has led to where we are.

Yes, there are problems of understanding, and no one will disagree with that.

But the overwhelming evidence is on the side of the Divine Creator of **Genesis 1** who did everything with delight and excellence.

1. God goes about His creation task with great delight.

So why then is the Six Day Creation important?

Why does God put it into six days?

The answer comes in the seventh day.

2. We can get lost in God's amazing world, but to help us find our way we have "the seventh day" 2:1-3

Day Seven is what makes sense out of Days One through Six.

Genesis 2:2-3

The Seventh Day stands out as very different than the first Six.

Of **the seventh day** the following is given to us by the Holy Spirit

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- **God rested from His creating work**
- **God blessed it**
- **God made it holy**

God brings everything together here.

He has made and furnished His universal studio or whatever we might call it, and it is so amazing that we can get lost in it.

We can explore, enjoy and investigate it till the day we die.

But none of it makes much sense unless we bring God into the picture.

We need to take ONE SPECIAL DAY, the seventh day, a rest ... reflect ... think through God's WorldView.

WorldViews

**Secular
Humanism**

**Cosmic
Humanism**

**Biblical
Christianity**

Theology:

Atheist
(No God)

Pantheism
(Everything is God)

Theist
(God is His
Own Being)

Philosophy:

**Natural
Things Only**

**Focuses on
Spiritual Nature
Of Natural Things**

Supernatural

Biology:

**Darwinian
Evolution**

**“t”heistic
Evolution**

Creation

Today we just add information to just one further category, but as we will see in the weeks ahead, this category of Biology will have major implications.

Today we simply fill in the category and “rest”.

LIFE IS CREATED BY GOD ... a truth that will shape the remaining seven categories of LAW, ETHICS, PSHCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, POLITICS and ECONOMICS.

Secular Humanist:

Humanist Manifesto 2:

“... science affirms that the human species is an emergence from natural evolutionary forces.”

New Age:

God acted as the Ultimate Cause of the universe and then allowed evolution to direct it to its present state.

The “t” is not in capitals to represent the truth that God here is everything and everyone – pantheism.

Armand Biteaux:

“ Every man is an individual Christ; this is the teaching for the New Age Everyone will receive the benefit of this step in human evolution.”

John White:

“ The final appearance of the Christ will not be a man in the air before whom all must knell. The final appearance of the Christ will be an evolutionary event. It will be the disappearance of egocentric, subhuman man and the ascension of God-centered Man. A new race, a new species, will inhabit the Earth – people who collectively have the stature of consciousness that Jesus had.”

... in effect this is a reference to a collective godhead ... pantheism.

Biblical Christianity:

God created all things. He alone is uncreated.

What He created was very good ... and He is the owner of all things ... and therefore, we are responsible to Him for how we treat and use His creation.

He paid for it; He owns it.

We operate it.

We are answerable for our behavior.

Should we take a break and not be “productive” on the seventh day, we will NOT lose out, for God has blessed this seventh, rest day.

It is HOLY.

This is the first time that we have the word HOLY used in Scripture and it refers NOT TO THINGS, but to TIME.

God wants our TIME to be HOLY, cut out of our busy schedules for Him a day, a twenty four hour period out of a seven day calendar, so that we might understand Him and ourselves.

HOLY TIME, regular HOLY TIME keeps us thinking clearly and shapes us.

If we should get lost, Day Seven brings us back.

We are moving to fast for our own good, when Day Seven is no longer HOLY.

This is God-designed.

Day Seven, the sun rises and sets, just like every other day.

But built into it is the God-factor ... the unseen ... the faith in God reality, that when we give Him our time, He refreshes us, rewards us, because we have believed that His word.

Creation ... what a week ... a thrilling six days where our universe came alive.

But then God, for our sake, shut down the shop for a day, so that we might make room for Him.”

This means that our God does not want to be seen just as a

- Creator ... though He is a first class imagination
- Architect ... though He is first class here as well
- Engineer
- Biologist
- Mathematician

He wants to be seen as the God who wants us to spend time with Him.

The world is great, but the Creator is worth more than all of His creation.

Stop moving, look Him in the face, and let His eyes gaze into our hearts ... and find out who He is and who we are ... and then, life comes together.

Key Thought:

God created everything ... and then said, “Now make room for Me.”