

## Origin Of Our Species

'This is the history of the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were first created in the day (the week) God made the earth and the heavens. No plant of the field was yet on the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for God had not caused it to rain on the earth. There was no man to till the ground but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground' (Genesis 2:4 to 6).

This was before God created time. There was nothing on planet earth, which was a dark formless wasteland, utterly void of any form of life before God began creating everything we have now. Before God created the universe, there was just empty space. There was no time so nothing can be measured or calculated in any possible time frame in years, light years or so-called prehistory, because there was nothing there to calculate. After the universe, water was the next thing God created and He formed the earth out of water.

'In the beginning (before God created time as we know it) God created the heavens (the entire universe) and the earth. The earth was without shape and empty (void of life). Darkness covered the surface of the deep water. The Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the waters' (Genesis 1:1 & 2). In these two verses we can see that God created water at the same time as He created the rough foundation of the earth. The Bible reveals to us the earth was made out of water. 'People wilfully forget, there were heavens (universe) from of old (right from the beginning) and the earth formed out of water and amid water by the Word of God' (2 Peter 3:5). The Lord divided the waters into various areas; water to irrigate the surface of the earth; the water table deep under the earth's surface; water as a canopy to surround the earth in the form of clouds and gas that forms the ozone layer; water in the oceans, rivers, streams and lakes. All this water created heavy dew like a mist that watered the entire earth every night so there was no need of rain.

The first day of our earth. 'God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God looked at the light and saw it was good. God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. There was evening and then there was morning, one day' (Genesis 1:3 to 5). This was the very first day of twenty-four hours. This first day was when God created time as we know time; day, night, weeks, months, years, the four seasons, hours, minutes and seconds. God was the sole source of Light on the earth then because there was no sun. The sun had not yet been created. After water, the first thing God created on the earth was light. Not because He needed light to see, but because the universe and the earth were still dark and void. He would make His future human creation to need light to live. The words God spoke, caused the light to appear from His very countenance and expel the darkness. 'Lord, let the Light of Your countenance shine on us' (Psalm 4:6). Light is an entity, a physical constant, a substance that travels in waves. Light is an essential characteristic of the Lord's very nature. There is Light inside of Himself and He beams it out to all creation. Light existed before God created atoms, before He made chemical elements and before He established the law of gravity. This first day would have been the day God created the air we breathe. Only God knows where both light and darkness dwell because He created them both and the following verses show light to be a substance that 'dwells' somewhere. 'Where is the way to the dwelling of light? Darkness, where is its place that You may take it to its territory and so You may discern the paths to its home?' (Job 38:19 & 20). We cannot possibly know for sure if God chose to continue creating during the earth's night hours, but knowing He began creating in complete darkness as we know darkness, it is possible He worked during night time too. Mankind cannot see in the dark but that is not an issue with our Creator God because He is Light.

The second day of our earth. Back to the subject of water: 'God said, "Let there be an expanse (the sky) in the middle of the waters to divide the waters (on the earth) from the waters (in the canopy)." God created the expanse (sky) and divided the waters beneath the expanse from the waters above the expanse, and it was so. God called the expanse sky. There was evening and there was morning, a second day. God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place (oceans and seas) and let the dry land appear," and it was so. God called the dry land Earth and the gathered waters He called Seas (or oceans). God saw it was good' (Genesis 1:6 to 10).

The third day of our earth. 'God said, "Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed and fruit trees bearing fruit after their own kind, with its seed inside it to cover the earth," and it was so. The (entire) earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind and trees bearing fruit with its seed inside it, after their own kind and God saw it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day' (Genesis 1:11 to 13). On this third day God created all the vegetation that covered the earth; all marine plants, trees, plants, flowers, fruit, vegetables, nut trees, edible tubers, shrubs and green vegetables and most of it was edible. There was still no sunlight but God's shining Light was enough to sustain the vegetation He had created for twenty-four hours. Although animals had not yet been created, the plants God had created on the third day were put there in preparation to provide sustenance.

The fourth day of our earth. 'God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of sky to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs, for seasons, for days and years. Let them be for lights in the expanse of sky to give light on the earth and it was so. God made the two great lights. The greater light (our sun) to rule the day and the lesser light (the moon) to rule the night. He also made the stars (planets, Milky Way, meteors, comets, the cosmos etc). God set them in the expanse of sky to give light to the earth and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day' (Genesis 1:14 to 19). On the fourth day, God created the sun, moon and the stars and everything else in the universe. The Bible distinguishes between the primary Light of God and the secondary, created lights of the heavens. Two different Hebrew words are used for these two lights. For the Light of God, the Hebrew word is pronounced 'Orr'. For the light of the sun, the Hebrew word is pronounced 'Ma'orr'. The Lord clearly distinguishes between the two lights. 'For with You is the fountain (or spring) of life. In Your Light (Orr) do we see light (Ma'orr)' (Psalm 36:9). "I create both light and darkness ... I, the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:7). Before God created the sun, His 'Orr' Light shone on the earth until the light from the sun, 'Ma'orr' could shine. It is 'Ma'orr' light that is an entity and a substance that travels in waves. Some people wonder how light from other planets, stars or solar systems can be visible from earth. That is explained in the Bible. When God created the earth He also created the entire universe and He specifically created the stars to shine light on the earth. God is a magnificent Creator and is all-powerful so He can do anything He wants to and if He wanted to shine light on the earth for humanity to enjoy, He can. Humans are finite and incapable of creating things by speaking them into existence but God is supernatural and there is nothing that can stop Him from doing what He likes.

The primary 'Orr' Light, is associated with the first coming of Jesus, Who ushered in the Kingdom of Light. God's Light is our Messiah Himself and a plan of redemption for His people was part of God's plan from before creation. Isaiah told us the sun, moon and stars will one day not be needed because the Lord Jesus Himself will shine His Light on us as an everlasting Light once we are in heaven. God's redeeming Light is eternal. The following verses give us 'ownership' of our Saviour's Light. 'Arise, shine, for your Light (Jesus) has come and the glory of the Lord has risen on you! ... Nations will come to your Light ... The sun will no longer be your light by day nor for brightness will the moon give light to you, but the Lord will be to you an everlasting Light and your God will be your glory and your beauty. Your sun will no longer set nor will your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord will be your everlasting Light' (Isaiah 60:1, 3, 19 & 20). 'The city (the New Jerusalem) has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the glory of the Lord illuminates it and the Lamb is its Light. The nations will walk by His Light' (Revelation 21:23 & 24). 'There will be no more night. They have no need for lamplight or sunlight for the Lord God will illuminate them and be their Light' (Revelation 22:5).

The fifth day of our earth. 'God said, "Let the waters (oceans, seas, lakes, rivers) teem with swarms of living creatures. Let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of sky." God created the large sea creatures and every living creature with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind. God saw it was good. God blessed them saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas and let birds multiply on the earth." There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day' (Genesis 1:20 to 23). Every type of marine animal, ocean dwelling and fresh water dwelling were created on the fifth day. Every winged bird that could fly plus ground dwelling flightless birds were all created on the fifth day.

The sixth day of our earth. 'God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, livestock, creeping things (reptiles, amphibians, insects) and animals of the earth (burrowing animals) after their kind." And it was so. God made the animals of the earth after their kind, the livestock after their kind and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind. God saw it was good' (Genesis 1:24 to 26). Almost everything God created had been spoken into existence by His spoken Words but everything with flesh and blood were all created out of the ground. 'Out of the ground God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky' (Genesis 2:19). When parents are expecting a new baby they prepare a nursery, clothing and baby goods together so when the baby is born, their nursery is prepared and ready. When God decided to create mankind He prepared a place for humans and it was good and ready before He created Adam. Although the animals were created out of the ground like Adam, no animal was created in the image and likeness of God. God said, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the livestock, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created mankind (Adam & Eve) in His own image. In God's image He created them, male and female He created them' (Genesis 1:26 & 27). 'God formed mankind from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man (Adam) became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7). No animal became a living soul. Animals have the essence of life and a character that fits with how God created them, but animals do not have a soul so therefore they are not eternal. Only humans are eternal. Only humans are made up of body, soul and spirit. Animals have a body and life but no eternal spirit. The human body is made up of the same fifty-nine elements found in soil – the dust of the earth, plus water and oxygen, which produces mud or clay. 'You have fashioned me as clay. Will You bring me into dust again?' (Job 10:9).

'Behold, I am toward God even as you are. I am also formed out of the clay' (Job 33:6). 'Woe to those who strive with their Maker. A clay pot among the clay pots of the earth! Will the clay ask him who fashioned it, 'What are you making?' (Isaiah 45:9). 'Lord you are our Father we are the clay and You our potter, and we are all the work of Your hand' (Isaiah 64:8).

Since the creation of Adam and Eve, all children inherit the likeness, colouring, looks, talents, character and personality from both parents and from their ancestors, and since Adam was created in the likeness of God, that means all humanity are also in the likeness and image of God. Humans did not evolve from apes, we were intricately and wonderfully formed by the hand of Almighty God in His personal image. 'You (God) formed my soul. You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well. My skeleton was not hidden from you when I was made in secret, woven together in the depths of the womb. Your eyes saw my unformed substance. In Your Book of Life my days were all written, the days that were ordained for me when as yet there were none of them' (Psalm 139:13 to 16). We can see by this verse, God knows every human person right from conception, even before we have lived in the womb for one whole day.

Still on day six ... 'God blessed them (Adam and Eve). God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed on the surface of all the earth and every tree which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. To every animal of the earth, to every bird of the sky and to everything that creeps on the earth in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food," and it was so. God saw everything He had made and behold, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day' (Genesis 1:28 to 31). 'The heavens and the earth were finished and all their vast array. On the seventh day God finished His work of creation and He rested on the seventh day from all His work. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy because He rested in it from all His work which He had created and made' (Genesis 2:1 to 3). Everything on earth and in heaven lived in complete harmony and peace. There was no sin, no violence, no death, no carnivores, no fear, no pain, no sorrow, no stress of any kind right up until Adam sinned, then all hell broke loose. God took six days to start and finish creating. It was all done in six, twenty-four hour periods and He rested on the seventh day, looking over everything He had made and declaring it to be good. In fact everything was better than good, it was perfect. God told mankind to follow His example of working for six days and resting on the seventh day (Exodus 20:11). God did not work for six million years and rest for one day, He worked for exactly six days – six twenty-four hour periods of time from evening to morning, day by day until that creation period was completed. It was God Himself Who created the seven-day week as we have it today.

It is humbling to read exactly how God created Adam and Eve and where they lived, and He made sure we have been told about it so we have no questions, confusion or doubts about where mankind originally came from or how we came to be on earth. The Bible is a living story about the worship of one God and it is backed up by archaeology. Our aim is to make the Bible alive in the minds of people so they can accept and believe the truth of creation and reject the lie of evolution. God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth with people. Their living situation was perfect, the weather was perfect, there was plenty of food, Adam and Eve were naked (Genesis 2:25) but for an unknown reason they did not conceive a child for years. When we look at the ages of their sons we can deduce their firstborn Cain may not have been born for fifty or sixty years after creation. It was not until after Adam sinned and was ejected from the Garden of Eden and out of the presence of God, did they conceive Cain. 'Adam 'knew' Eve his wife. She conceived and gave birth to Cain' (Genesis 4:1). Then came Abel. 'Eve gave birth to Cain's brother Abel' (Genesis 4:2). Cain was named as the one who committed the very first murder when he killed his righteous brother Abel (Genesis 4:8; Hebrews 11:4). Adam and Eve had many other children over the following years who grew up and married and had children of their own but they were not named in the Bible. We know that because Cain was already married with a son named Enoch (Genesis 4:17) before Adam and Eve's third named son Seth is mentioned. Cain would have married one of his sisters or nieces. 'Adam 'knew' his wife again. She gave birth to a son and named him Seth' (Genesis 4:25). 'Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image and named him Seth' (Genesis 5:3), so Adam was one hundred and thirty years old before his third named son was born. Over the next eight hundred years came many other children. 'The days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years and he became the father of many sons and daughters. All the days Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years then he died' (Genesis 5:4 & 5). Adam and Eve had over nine hundred years of productive life. By the time Adam and Eve died, it is estimated their family could have consisted of over 32,000 descendants over several generations who had spread over a vast area.

In those days there would have been no risk of deformities caused by interbreeding because the initial humans had been created as perfect beings. They were so healthy they lived for hundreds of years. Life span shortened only after Noah's flood when the earth changed so much, humans could not live that long

anymore because of the harsh climatic differences. Only as time brought about mutations, hereditary diseases arose. It took thousands of years before the Lord God made it illegal for siblings, aunt and nephew, uncle and niece or parent and child to have sexual relations (Deuteronomy 27:22 & 23) but cousins can still marry. We can read about the Children of Israel only being allowed to marry within their own tribes. They would have married their close relatives but never a brother or sister.

The first book in the Bible – Genesis, gives us the true origin and therefore the true meaning of life on earth. We were created to enjoy a close relationship with God. Creation is the origin of our species, definitely not evolution. If any person wants to know the meaning of life they only have to read about creation. Genesis gives us knowledge of God's will for all humanity, the truth of all of reality regarding the earth, the universe, space, mankind, life, death, language, good and evil. The universe is a deeply complex and perfectly designed extension of God's creative power. We are bound by natural laws of nature put there by God during creation. Laws like physics, gravity, centrifugal force, thermodynamics, the accuracy of cause and effect. The entire universe and the earth are controlled from God's Throne Room (Psalm 11:4; Job 36:26 to 32; 37:6 to 22). Everything is under God's control, even leaves that fall from trees and birds that have lived out their lives (Matthew 10:29). There is no possible way any of the universe or earth is random. Even the simplest cells are very complex. One single microscopic cell needs hundreds of various proteins to survive, each in their own specific location and sequence within the cell. For life to exist on earth every one of the elements have to be in exactly the correct position. Gravity, the centrifugal force and the magnetic field all have to be exact. The distance of the earth from the sun and the size of the sun have to be precise. The earth's rotation and orbit have to be exact. The earth's crust and the water canopy and ozone layer have to be the exact thickness. The ratio of light and darkness has to be precise. None of these things could have possibly happened randomly. God is in control. There is no other planet anywhere that is habitable because earth is the only place God made to be inhabited (Isaiah 45:18). Scientists should stop wasting vast sums of money looking for life on other planets and spend that money feeding the under privileged. They will never find life anywhere else because God's purpose was to create earth to be inhabited.

The place where creation happened is subtly shown in the scriptures. We can see where the Garden of Eden once was (the word Eden means 'delight'). The first words spoken in the Bible happened in what is now South-Eastern Turkey, near the start of the rivers Euphrates and Tigris. The other two rivers mentioned are the Pishon and Gihon (Genesis 2:10 to 14). The four rivers started as one major river that watered the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:10) then divided from there into the four rivers that flowed down the mountains. The Garden of Eden was not created on plains. We know that because the Bible clearly says the four rivers flowed out of the Garden, not into it. For the rivers to flow out of the Garden of Eden, the Garden had to be higher than where the rivers were flowing, or the rivers would have been flowing into, not out of, the Garden. The Bible says the Garden was created where the Euphrates flowed from, so we can pinpoint where the Garden of Eden was originally created – in the mountains of what is now Turkey. The climate would have been very different from today's climate. It was perfect back then so the mountains would have been beautiful and perfect, not freezing in winter as Alps are today. We only have to look at an atlas to see that the source of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates is in the mountains of Turkey. The rivers begin their flow from the top of the mountains in Eastern Turkey, and if we think logically, since the rivers begin there on the mountains and we know the rivers flowed out from the Garden of Eden, we can deduct the mountain was where the first Garden was planted by God (Genesis 2:8). That is putting modern day mapping in an atlas, hand in hand with the ancient record of the Bible, the book of truth.

The Pishon or Pison River flowed around the whole land of Havilah which is possibly modern day Georgia, Armenia and the Northern Iran area. If we look again at the atlas, we can see where the four rivers mentioned in the Bible, begin. The rivers still flow from that one mountain range. Euphrates and Tigris flow south, one river flows northwest and the other flows east. The Gihon River flowed around the whole land of Cush. It is possible that the land of Cush is now Western Turkey and the Gihon River flowed out into the waters now called the Black Sea. The Tigris River is the one flowing east of Assyria (modern day Syria). If we follow the Tigris, we can see it flows from Eastern Turkey, down through Eastern Iraq, then down to the Persian Gulf. This whole area is east of Syria, just as the Bible says. The fourth river is the Euphrates. The Euphrates flows from Eastern Turkey, west to Syria then meanders back east to Iraq, then meets up with the Tigris in southern Iraq, near where Babylon once was, then it flows out to the Gulf. We can look up these facts about the rivers in any modern atlas. Both the Tigris and Euphrates rivers are mentioned in the ancient book of Genesis. As they have done for thousands of years, the rivers still flow down the mountains and through the Mesopotamian Plain, both carry silt down from the mountains making the whole area fertile and excellent for growing crops, and both rivers help irrigate the land just as they have done since the Garden was created.

Whatever the name is now, this whole area was once called Mesopotamia. Archaeology has shown that people started to cultivate the land in that area first, because that is where human life began. The name of

Adam, the first man, or Adamah in Hebrew, means earth because we come from the earth. Adam was formed out of the dust of the ground. That dust would have been taken from Mesopotamia – a real place. And because Adam is the father of all humanity, we 'carry' the dust from the Garden of Eden around with us as we populate the earth. The same essential chemical elements that are in the earth are also in humanity and we need to ingest most of these elements daily if we are to remain healthy. This scientific fact was not known until recently, but thousands of years ago, the fact we are made up of the soil of the ground, was recorded for us to learn and believe. That is proof that what is written in the scriptures is true. Some of the chemical elements in our bodies are iron, calcium, copper, zinc, magnesium, manganese, oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, sodium, selenium, fluorine, chlorine, iodine, cobalt, lithium, aluminium, silicon, lead, bromine and all of these are in the soil. See how the Bible is real and is alive? These elements really are in our bodies – we really are made up of dust.

We were not made as simple beings, we were made a living soul. The breath of life was breathed into Adam at his creation. God changed the lifeless shape of man made of dust, into a living soul. Never before or since has God done that act. It was the only time ever in the history of eternity, as recorded in the Bible, has God moulded dirt into shape then breathed life into that moulded piece of dirt. With that breath, the dirt came alive and became a breathing, flesh and blood masterpiece with all the mental, spiritual and physical faculties. Humans are absolutely unique in that aspect. That was achieved by the single breath of God. It was not a tiny sigh, it was a deep full exhale such as we would do if we were trying to breathe life into a near-drowned man. We would not give that person little puffs of air. We would take the deepest breath we could hold and blow life into that victim. That is the type of breath God breathed into Adam. 'It is the Spirit of God that made me, and the breath of the Almighty that gives me life ... I am also formed out of the clay' (Job 33:4 & 6). There were two processes to our creation, the shaping of the dust then the almighty breath of life.

No other creation was formed by hand out of dust then had life breathed into them, turning them into living, breathing, flesh and blood creatures, who are intelligent enough to worship their Creator. Animals and birds were also made out of the ground (Genesis 2:19) but they never received the breath of life from God. Mankind was made to be a partner with God (Genesis 2:18 to 20). Everything up to that point of creation was good, but that was the first time God saw something that was not good ... it was not good for man to be alone, so God made Eve to complement him (Genesis 2:21 to 23). Notice that God did not create Eve until after Adam had served and obeyed God by naming all the animals first, and only then did God give Adam his wife. Up until they sinned, Eve was equal to Adam and only after they sinned, did Adam rule over Eve (Genesis 3:16).

There are some marked differences between Adam and Eve's creation and that of the animals; (1) No other creature was made in God's image and likeness. (2) No other creature became a living soul like Adam did. (3) No other creature was told to have dominion, yet Adam was given dominion over all of God's creation. Adam was asked by God to name all the animals as God brought them to him. (4) No other creature was spoken to or was given the gift of language and speech, but God spoke to Adam immediately after he was created and Adam was able to respond with intelligent speech. (5) None of the animals were placed anywhere special on the earth, but Adam was given the Garden of Eden. (6) No other creature walked with God, but Adam walked with God every evening. (7) No other creature on the earth was created with a hunger for God, or an awareness of Him. (8) No other creature has the knowledge of good and evil. (9) No other creature was commanded to do anything except multiply, but Adam was commanded to obey. (10) No other creature was given the ability to commune with God and to pray and worship. (11) Animals were not given choices, Adam was. (12) Human beings are God's greatest creation and our Lord Jesus is the face of Almighty God. The Lord visited Adam and Eve every day (Genesis 3:8). Imagine having God the Creator walking through your garden every evening! What a privilege! The scripture says God called to Adam (Genesis 3:9). God has not changed and He still calls out to us to fellowship with Him. Even though man disobeyed and broke fellowship with God, God never gave up on mankind and He sent Jesus to save us and to restore fellowship with the Father. Our salvation was in God's plan before we were created because in His foreknowledge, He knew that Adam would bring sin into the world and we would need rescuing. The plan to save us was worked out before creation began and was kept a secret for thousands of years until Jesus revealed it. 'The prophets who prophesied of the grace of God which was intended for us, searched diligently about this salvation. They sought to find out to whom or when this was to come ... into these things the angels longed to look' (1 Peter 1:10 to 12). From creation to salvation, from Genesis to Revelation the whole Bible is directed towards Adam and Eve and their descendants. If we go back to the beginning of the scriptures and read the first two chapters of Genesis, we can see that we are all descended from Adam and Eve. The description of the beginning of man explains mankind to mankind – it explains us to ourselves. We see what we are ... we are the living image and likeness of God so that explains what God is like. Jesus is the human face of the Spirit of God. Jesus said, 'He who has seen Me has seen the Father' (John 14:9). The scriptures give us an exact and detailed description of the human race.

The truth of the New Testament Gospels and our Messiah depends on what is written regarding Adam, how sin came to what once was a pure earth. Adam's sin brought the curse of physical death, spiritual death, sickness, suffering, hunger, fear and misery into a pure, sinless, healthy, deathless and vibrant world. God foreknew sin would enter the world and offered a Redemptive Lamb before the foundations of the earth were laid, before Adam was created (Revelation 13:8). Adam brought eternal death to all humanity and any person who dies without God will go to a Godless eternity and will suffer for their sins forever because we are personally accountable to God for our sin. God is a God of love (1 John 4:8) but He is also a God of righteous judgement (2 Timothy 4:8). Jesus shed His blood so anyone who wants to receive eternal life, who wants to be reconciled with God our Creator can do so with the blessed hope of eternity in peace and tranquillity (Romans 5:5). All evolution can do is give the world an endless cycle of birth, suffering and death and it offers no eternal hope. Evolution wipes away God and thus any personal accountability. Because of Adam, all of mankind are doomed to eternal death but because of Jesus, all who accept Him are blessed with eternal life. 'Since death came by man (Adam), the resurrection of the dead also came by Man. Just as in Adam all die (physically and spiritually), so in Jesus all (who commit to Him) will be made alive (spiritually)' (1 Corinthians 15:21 & 22). We will all die physically but only people who are walking with God at the time of their deaths will live spiritually forever, in heaven with God.

The false answers and various 'proofs' given by evolutionists have largely been proven incorrect by archaeology but because of their unbelief in God, they continue to hang on to the lie of evolution. We cannot give everyone answers to all of their questions but we can give some answers to some questions. In spite of the vast sums of money spent on evolution research, no scientist can explain how humanity actually began. They should stop wasting money on foolish research and start to seek the Bible for their answers. The Bible is the unchanging, infallible Word of God, dictated to prophets by God Himself as they were instructed to write down everything God told them to record for all humanity. None of the prophets wrote information down of their own volition, they wrote down what they were told to write (Romans 14:25). Just like an employer might tell their typists what to type up for them, so too our 'Boss' (God) told His scribes what to write. The Bible is the Word of God written for mankind as a guidebook (2 Timothy 3:16).

Before Noah's flood the weather was globally perfect all year round. The weather patterns changed dramatically after the flood and that resulted in seasons being changed and severe winter, which had never happened before the flood, caused polar caps, icebergs and glaciers. There was no Ice Age, just a massive change in the earth's weather 6,000 years ago. During the flood, probably due the sheer weight of the massive amount of water that rained down from the sky, the earth shifted off its perfect axis and that caused summer and winter at opposite ends of the earth. Animals like the woolly mammoth freezing to death or succumbing to hypothermia during winter is quite normal. Even today carcasses of large animals like reindeer can be found frozen to death in winter. Back then, after Noah's flood, the first winter these animals experienced would have killed many of them because they were not used to the extreme cold. The animals would not have been accustomed to frozen seawater as we have at the Poles now. The Bible mentions exactly this scenario in Job 37:8 to 12; 38:22 to 35. These changes to weather patterns are written in the Book of Job and also in the Book of Enoch and Noah. The scraping of rocks scientists believe were caused by the 'Ice Age' would have been caused by massive boulders, rocks and debris being tossed around like toys during the rising then receding waters of Noah's flood. That would have happened from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys and everywhere in between. Ice did not appear on the North and South Poles until after Noah's flood. Before that, the weather would have been perfect and it has been proven the weather at the Poles was at one time able to sustain vast forests. Glaciers are constantly being built up in the coldest of winter then slowly flowing downward and melting. Since that is happening all of the time, an 'Ice Age' can be discounted as the cause of glaciers.

There was no death anywhere on earth before Adam sinned. The first recorded deaths of any creature were the lambs slain so God could make clothing for Adam and Eve. No meat was ever eaten before Noah's worldwide flood. It was not a local flooding but the entire earth was inundated. No rain fell to earth pre flood. The Bible makes it clear there was water around the outer layers of the earth's atmosphere referred to as the waters above the earth. There was water under the ground which is now called the 'water table'. The Bible tells us there is water on other planets. The Bible makes it clear, mankind, dinosaurs and massive sea creatures lived side by side on the earth and in the oceans (Job 40:15 to 24; 41:1 to 34; Isaiah 27:1; Psalm 74:13 & 14; 104:25 & 26). Cave drawings drawn by ancient people of now extinct animals including dinosaurs have been found all over the world, proving mankind and dinosaurs lived together on earth at some point in time. The violent upheavals during the flooding of the earth would have caused millions of animals to die out. Birds would have been forced to keep flying until exhaustion caused them to land on the water and thus they drowned. Because of the flood, no surviving sea birds could breed. Many marine animals would have survived because they were already in the seas but the violent changes would have killed many. Two and sometimes seven of each species of animal were taken into Noah's Ark but because of

the extreme changes to the earth during the flooding, many of those animals would have become extinct after the flood.

The dinosaurs may not have died out suddenly as evolutionists suppose but there could have been a slow decline. It is possible other animals ate their eggs or their young. Possibly the conditions on earth after the flood were no longer favourable for breeding so their species slowly became extinct rather than suddenly. We also need to keep in mind the fantasies some scientists use to promote their ideas regarding dinosaurs. Often they will make up an entire animal based on just one tooth or one bone. We cannot forget the so-called brontosaurus rex that was erroneously made up of three different skeletons and a great deal of misguided imagination. Even finding a jaw cannot tell us what the animal ate. They assume most dinosaurs were carnivorous but there is no proof. For example, the giant Panda has teeth like a carnivorous animal but they mostly eat bamboo. Only during breeding season the female eats small rodents like mice for the protein she needs to sustain her unborn young. One or two bones or teeth cannot tell us what colour the animal was, what it ate, how it bred (having live young or laying eggs), if it lived in packs or was solitary, or what noise it made. It is all speculation. If we refer to our guidebook, the Bible, we can see how and when many of them died out – they drowned during Noah's flood. Some of the animals that survived because they were on Noah's Ark died out gradually. We know that because they are mentioned in the Bible as behemoth or leviathan long after the flood. A few of the dinosaurs were massive but most of them are much smaller. The surviving ones like cayman, alligators, crocodiles, komodo dragons and other reptilian species are still thriving so not all of the dinosaurs died out. The surviving animals are not called dinosaurs. Not all of the elephant species died out, only the mammoths did. Not all of the large birds died out, only the elephant bird and moa and the latter became extinct because of human activity. Ostriches, emus, rhea and cassowary still thrive. After the flood, the big cats that became carnivores that emerged from Noah's Ark would have feasted on the carcasses of the drowned animals. Hyenas and other scavengers could have devoured the bones so the dinosaurs that have been found buried in silt or washed down into caves would be only a fraction of the animals that had died during the flooding of the earth.

Many thousands of animal species became extinct at that time. The breeding pairs of animals that emerged from Noah's Ark would have bred rapidly after being released. They simply migrated from Mesopotamia around the world and thrived in the climates that suited them best and where they had the least predators. Deserts did not exist immediately after the flood so there would have been enough food as the animals migrated around the globe. Deserts grew slowly from the changing climate after the flood as vegetation died out. Natural erosion has caused great land bridges to collapse. France and England were once joined before erosion created the English Channel. Russia and Alaska were once joined at Bering Strait. Australia, New Guinea and some of what is now Indonesia were a joined landmass. Animals could easily have migrated across these land bridges before they collapsed, isolating the animals in areas we now find them. Animals that have specialised diets like the panda or koala could easily have eaten various plants but as the different plants species died out, they began to eat only what they could find in the wild – bamboo and gum leaves. However these animals, when in captivity, are given a varied diet that they enjoy. Plant species would have seeds blown by wind, carried by birds that spread by their droppings or carried on the feet or in stomachs of larger animals. The plants that could not survive harsher climates did not thrive making way for the plants that were better suited for that area causing them to be considered 'native' to that area when in fact their seeds were carried there from Mesopotamia by animals or the wind. Mega fauna, the skeletons of such as are found in Australia could have become extinct because as deserts formed in central Australia, their plant food source became too scarce to sustain their great bodies. They could also have all died out during Noah's flood and not thrived after they were released from the Ark.

Carbon dating cannot possibly work as an exact science. It is inaccurate. Firstly, there was no death of anything until after Adam disobeyed God about 6,000 years ago so anyone who claims any fossil is older than that is scripturally wrong. Here are some facts to consider. During scientific research, a freshly killed snail dated by C14 appeared to have been 1,300 years old. Living mollusc shells (like the cuttlefish) were dated as having 'died' 2,300 years ago! Living snails were dated as having 'died' 27,000 years ago. Recently, a boy's body was discovered and was declared by C14 to be at least 3,000 years old until an autopsy on the 'ancient' body discovered a modern filling in a tooth and the lad was identified as a boy who had been missing for a couple of years. How could carbon dating be so wrong? Because some scientists see what they want to see and unbelieving scientists refuse to acknowledge God's hand in creation. Noah's worldwide flood that covered the mountains would easily explain how some fossils, for example, sea creatures are on the top of mountains. When the water receded the animals would have been stranded out of water, died there and ossified. As the water receded further and poured into caves and caverns, animals would have been washed downwards by the force of gravity. Hundreds of skeletons of various species of animals and birds have been found all over the world in many deep holes in the ground, inside caves, inside wells, in old river beds and other places. The fact is, whenever any ancient skeleton is found, human or animal, they are always less than 5,000 years old. Remains like the 'ice man', remains found in peat bogs, skeletons in

ancient grave sites and mummies are all from around that time period or younger. The fossils found distributed all around the world today would be all that remains of animals that died out during Noah's flood. The contorted bodies of the animals, the massive numbers of them found washed down wells or in caves, and the complete skeletons reveal the rapid deaths of an abundant number of various animals all over the globe at one time, without any sign of carnivorous activity. In fact some mammoths died so quickly, food has been found in their mouths and stomachs. This is all evidence of a global flood. Months after the flood waters subsided, animals were let out of the ark to be free to roam and breed at will and repopulate the earth. Many survived but many became extinct because they could not cope with the extreme changes. Many plants species became extinct then too. Most animals stop growing when they are old enough to breed. However, some reptiles continue to grow all their lives and since most of the dinosaurs were reptiles, they grew to great sizes. Only the younger and therefore smaller animals would have been taken into Noah's Ark to give them maximum life span to breed after the flood subsided. The earth had a greater landmass before the flood. Plants grew in abundance and had provided all the food necessary to sustain all animal life. There were no carnivores (Genesis 1:30). After the flood the world was different. Most vegetation had been destroyed and what was left was still growing back. Suddenly the earth was a much harsher place to live, then animals began to behave differently than they had in the perfect world they lived in before the flood.

Noah's flood explains the creation of the Grand Canyon. The new 'Little Grand Canyon' created during the eruption of Mount Saint Helens was formed in days – not thousands of years so it stands to reason the original Grand Canyon was formed or reshaped during Noah's flood. Noah's flood explains every natural phenomenon all over the earth. Before the flood the entire earth was watered by mists, springs, rivers, geysers and natural fountains. The land was flatter than it is now. It has been proven by scientists, where the poles are now was once covered in thick, lush rainforest. The water that flooded the earth came from torrential rain plus massive geysers (fountains of the deep) that poured incessantly for forty days or nearly six weeks (Genesis 7:12). Once every living thing on earth had been destroyed God stopped the water coming from everywhere (Genesis 7:21 to 23). The water covered the entire earth for nearly five months (Genesis 8:3). After ten months only the tops of the mountains were visible (Genesis 8:5). It took over a year for all the water to subside enough for life on earth to begin again. During the flood mountains were thrust upwards to their present positions and that caused oceans to become deeper (Psalm 104:8). That also caused deserts to form in places where lush forests once grew. It caused great temperature differences between summer and winter in some places, and between the poles and equator. Wind movements and sea currents of today would have been unnecessary before the flood because weather patterns had been created perfect. Before the flood no rain fell and therefore no rainbows formed. The water poured back into caves, caverns, it was absorbed back into earth into the natural water table, some water evaporated, a lot of the water flowed into rivers, lakes and into the sea. Deep basins formed to accommodate the water. The flood left 70% of the earth still covered by water.

Animals do not behave now as they did before sin came to the earth via Adam and the behaviour of animals worsened after Noah's flood. Before the flood nothing ate meat. Plants provided all the protein life on earth needed. There was absolutely no violence before Adam brought sin to earth so Adam and Eve had no need to fear any animal nor did animals fear mankind. Fear only came to earth as a direct result of Adam's disobedience. After the flood, God gave Noah and his family permission to eat meat (Genesis 9:1 to 17) and some animals became carnivores. Snakes, spiders, scorpions, insects and other dangerous animals that are poisonous now would not have harmed anyone. When God created animal life He saw that everything was good so no animals caused harm. It is possible the toxins in animals and insects were harmless to pre-sin life. Animals that produce self-defence poisons (like the bombardier beetle or venomous snakes) would not have needed them before sin came to the world so they would have had a different purpose. Spider webs would have been woven for them to live in just like birds and termites make their own nests. Just because we do not know the pre-fall reason for toxins and venom does not mean there was no purpose for them. The reason for toxins and venom has changed since the world fell into disrepair. We must keep in mind, everything changed after Adam disobeyed God. Adam's sin brought about the downfall of mankind, animals, plant life, the earth's structure, weather patterns and even some angels.

Nephilim, the giant offspring of human women and fallen angels, brought about the various species of humans like Neanderthals and others like them. They emerged before the flood and they were destroyed during the flood leaving only the pure family of Noah, his wife, three sons and three daughters-in-law. Those three sons give us the only three races of people on earth; the Caucasians from Shem and his wife (Semites) who inhabited most of Europe and Scandinavia, the dark skinned Negroid race from Ham and his wife who inhabited most of Africa, and lastly the Asian race from Japheth and his wife who inhabited the Asian nations. Archaeology has proven there was interbreeding between communities with trade and travel. We have only one race on earth and that is the human race (Acts 17:26). There is only one skin colour and that is melanin. There are no other naturally formed human skin pigments. The amount of melanin determines the colour of the skin, which is an inherited trait just as eye colour is inherited. If we have inherited the ability to produce a



small amount of melanin we will be white skinned. If we have inherited the ability to produce a lot of melanin we will have darker skin. People produce varying amounts of melanin causing them to be white, coloured and everything in between but we are all part of the human race created by God for His purposes. We are all made in the image of God. No person is 'better' or 'worse' than another. If a dark skinned person marries a white skinned person, their children and other descendents could be any colour in between. The variant possibilities are enormous. Height, build, shape of eyes, nose or ears are all determined by what we inherit from parents, grandparents and other ancestors – but we are all one race of humans created by God. We did not evolve from apes.

Nearly every ancient culture on earth has the Noah's Ark story told in different ways, and most have legends involving animals that are now extinct. Large hissing reptiles that lived caves have become 'dragons'. The word dragon is an old English word first used about 1849 so it is irrelevant to what the Bible describes. The word 'dinosaur' was also not invented so has no bearing on scripture verses. The Bible says the animal we call a dinosaur, was placid, had a tail the size of cedar tree, it ate grass like an ox and lived near the Jordan River. They were not carnivorous! In the following verse, the Lord said He created humans as well as the animal called the behemoth, which was a massive beast. God was speaking to Job who was aware of the existence of the huge animal. 'Behemoth, which I (God) made as well as you. He eats grass as an ox. His strength is in his thighs. His force is in the muscles of his belly. He moves his tail like a cedar tree. The sinews of his thighs are knit together. His bones are like tubes of brass. His limbs are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God. He who made him gives him his sword. The mountains produce food for him where all the animals of the field play. He lies under the lotus trees in the covert of the reed and the marsh. The lotuses cover him with their shade. The willows of the brook surround him. Behold, if a river overflows he does not tremble. He is confident though the Jordan swells even to his mouth. Will any take him when he is on the watch or pierce through his nose with a snare?' (Job 40:15 to 24).

Here is another description of a dinosaur but this one is able to breath fire. That is because of the methane gas they breathe out and it is not a 'supernatural' thing. The vicious little bombardier beetle can squirt noxious gas so it is certainly possible for a large animal to do the same. Job was aware of this enormous creature. 'Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord? Can you put a rope into his nose or pierce his jaw through with a hook? ... Can you fill his skin with barbed irons or his head with fish spears? ... Who can strip off his outer garment? Who will come within his jaws? Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror. Strong scales are his pride, shut up together with a close seal. One scale is so near to another no air can come between them. They are joined one to another. They stick together so they cannot be pulled apart. His sneezes flash out light. His eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go burning torches. Sparks of fire leap forth. Out of his nostrils a smoke goes as of a boiling pot over a fire of reeds. His breath kindles coals. A flame goes forth from his mouth. There is strength in his neck. Terror dances before him. The flakes of his flesh are joined together. They are firm on him. They cannot be moved. His heart is as firm as a lower millstone. When he raises himself up the mighty are afraid. They retreat before his thrashing. If one attacks him with the sword it cannot prevail, nor with the spear, the dart, or the pointed shaft. He regards iron as straw and brass as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee. Sling stones are like chaff to him. Clubs are counted as stubble. He laughs at the rushing of the javelin. His undersides are like sharp pot shards leaving a trail in the mud like a threshing sledge. He makes the deep sea to boil like a pot. He makes the sea like a pot of ointment. He makes a path shine after him. One would think the deep sea had white hair. On earth there is not his equal that is made without fear. He sees everything that is high. He is king over all the sons of pride (Job 41:1 to 34). Since the Bible describes an animal that was able to cause fire then the animal would have been real and walked on earth at the same time as Job who was alive at the same time as Jacob and Esau. Esau's son Eliphaz the Temanite was among Job's friends (Job 2:11; Genesis 36:4 & 15). Here is another reason dinosaurs and great sea monsters may have become extinct. 'In that day, Yahweh with His hard, great and strong sword will destroy leviathan the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the twisted serpent and He will kill the great monsters in the sea' (Isaiah 27:1). For many years, hundreds of sailors reported the sightings of huge sea monsters. Octopus-like creatures able to sink a ship, whales with a tail so large it could also bring down a ship, serpentine creatures able to wrap its entire body around a ship. Monsters of the deep that size no longer seem to exist. The above verse informs us God destroyed them centuries after Noah's flood.

The following are documented encounters with behemoths, later called dinosaurs long before the animals were given that name which means 'terrible serpent'. Alexander the Great with some of his soldiers encountered a cave dwelling behemoth in India. China has always known about large fire-breathing animals. England has a story about Saint George who slew a 'dragon', a fire-breathing serpent. In the 900's, before the massive global warming effect about the year 1,000, an Irishman wrote about his encounter with a huge upright reptile. In the 1,500's a scientific book written at that time carefully documented several massive land dwelling animals that were living then but have since become extinct. In 1572 in Italy the well known naturalist Ulysses Aldrovandus and a peasant man encountered a behemoth that the peasant man killed. As recently

as 1983 small dinosaur-like reptiles were discovered alive in Africa. If evolution was factual, we would have evolving creatures all around us but they are the same as they were when they were originally created about 6,000 years ago. There are no transitional fossils anywhere. Even Darwin stated the lack of evidence of transition was an obvious factor in reconsidering his theory of evolution. He ended up believing God created everything after all. That is where the lie of evolution should have come to an end but fools picked up on Darwin's thesis and spoke as though it is the truth.

Modern advances in genetics, biochemistry and molecular biology has already proven evolution lacks credibility and feasibility. In 1859, Louis Pasteur proved without any doubt, spontaneous generation is impossible. He experimented hundreds of times and the result was always the same. Nothing but life can produce new life. DNA is so complex and varied only a Creator God could have produced such a vital part of our existence. Just one microscopic strand of human DNA contains three billion pairs of subsets and forty-six chromosomes all held perfectly within one microscopic cell. Every cell contains a code that is continually reproduced to control the necessary functions for life. The DNA of each molecule is unique and specific to each individual person, animal, plant, rock and even in the soil. It is the God-written 'blue-print' for every living and non-living thing on the earth and probably in the holy angels too because they were also created by God. This could not possibly be random. God declared every living thing would reproduce after its own kind (Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25).

The only thing creationists and evolutions can agree on is the fact the universe has not always existed. It began at some point in time before humanity. That is where any agreement ends. For thousands of years, the Bible was accepted as the true Word of God and creation as the work of God. Since the lie of evolution has risen its ugly head, it has caused many millions of people to forsake the ways of God, believe the lie and live without God. 'With all deception of wickedness for those who are being lost (going to hell) they did not receive the love of the truth so they might be saved. Because of this, God sends them a working of error so they should believe a lie. They will all be judged who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness' (2 Thessalonians 2:10 to 12). This is the reason why the entire world is going crazy – because humanity cannot live without God and when they try to, their lives fall apart. God created humanity to enjoy fellowship with Him. When people refuse to walk with God their lives are in turmoil.

Jesus Himself is the Spiritual Light of the earth. People who do not walk according to God's commands are said to be rebelling against the Light, that is, the Light of God, not the light of the sun. 'They are of those who rebel against the Light. They do not know His ways nor stay in His paths' (Job 24:13). 'The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is sound your whole body will be full of light but if your eye is unsound your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you, your conscience is darkened how great is that darkness' (Matthew 6:22 & 23). If we look into the eyes of a young child, all we see is purity, trust, love and joy. The child's eye is sound, their conscience is clear so their light shines. Their eyes are a window to their very being – their soul. A clear conscience shines through our eyes. If we now look into the eyes of an unsaved person who has a hardened, peppered life, we see they do not like to look you in the eye. They often speak to you while looking at your collar or the ground. They lie about anything and everything just for the sake of lying. They cannot trust anybody. They have a sinister, dark 'air' about them. They have an unsound, guilty conscience because they are trying to live without God and have never known His forgiveness. Great is their darkness and we can see it in their eyes. They do not have the Light of God shining in their hearts. When we walk with the Light of the world we will never again experience spiritual darkness. 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105).

Amen and God bless you.

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