

## IV - SCRIPTURE AND SCIENCE

God created everything in the universe including all of the physical properties (science) that govern how it functions. Excluding miracles, there's absolutely no reason why good science should disagree with good theology. It's probable that even miracles could be explained if the "laws" governing them were understood by humanity. There is a very dangerous "tone" being set and promoted by many Christians and "creation" groups that science is in opposition to God. This is not only causing division among Christians but is also playing a role in keeping non-Christians from understanding and accepting the truth about Jesus Christ set forth in the bible.

The overall issue is rooted in poor theology, a misunderstanding of good science, incorrect assumptions, and unchecked personal traditions. The bible very specifically lays out the age of mankind from the creation of Adam through the death of Jesus Christ; however, it does not directly address the age of the earth and the universe nor does it discuss dinosaurs. When you take the time to research the original Hebrew text of **Genesis (1:1-2)**, it becomes clear that God created the Heaven and the earth much earlier and then the earth became "formless and void". **Isaiah (45:18)** tells us that God did not create the earth "formless" but He created it to be inhabited so something happened after God created the earth that caused it to become "formless and void". This "gap" of time accounts for the dinosaurs and supports many other valid scientific findings that promote a very old earth and universe. The six literal 24 hour days of creation occurred approximately 6,000 years ago when God fixed and re-formed the earth after it became "formless and void". These six days begin in **Genesis (1:3)** when God first speaks. It was commonly believed in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries that the fall of Satan was responsible for the earth becoming "formless and void". Careful reading of the scriptures tells us that Satan was the first to sin in the Garden of Eden (by lying), not Adam or Eve, thus proving that Satan had already fallen at that time. Careful readers realize that each of the 6 days of creation are all framed in the exact same way starting with "And God said..." and ending with "And the evening and the morning were the ??? day." This specifically shows that **Genesis (1:1-2)** are NOT framed as part of day one but they occurred before day one began.

The goal of this section is to show that things are much more complicated than most people understand. As Christians, who must always try to speak truth, we should be very careful to promote the fact that the scriptures are not clear on the age of the universe or dinosaurs. We should make sure that both Christians and non-Christians understand that there is a valid explanation for the dinosaurs and the age of the earth and universe that both scripture and science can support; however, it is only a theory and not provable fact.

### Topics and theories that are covered in this section include:

- The bible clearly states that God created all currently living creatures in six literal 24 hour days approximately 6,000 years ago; however, the bible does not specifically define the age of the earth or universe.
- The theory of evolution was proven to be impossible several decades ago due to many valid scientific facts; however, it is still being taught in our schools and universities as truth.
- It would have been impossible for the largest classes of dinosaurs (Sauropods and Therapods) to survive on the earth within the last 6,000 years due to their immense weight. The largest birds (Pterosaurs) were also too heavy to fly. This dictates that the earth was smaller and had a much lower gravity when the dinosaurs existed.
- Dinosaur fossils are found in layers of the earth that are very deep and there are no human fossils or fossils of animals that are currently alive on the earth such as lions, tigers, giraffes, wolves, elephants, etc. This dictates that the dinosaurs existed a long time ago before humans or the current "kinds" of animals existed.
- Fossil fuels are a result of many thousands of years of "swampy" plant life dying and layering upon itself. These swamps were on the surface of the planet at the time; however, the oil resulting from them must be drilled for miles below the surface. This dictates that the earth has had billions of tons (miles deep) of material added to it over a very long period of time. This has resulted in the fossil fuels being formed deep in the earth.
- In order for Noah to both gather and disperse all of the different animal types from and to their proper habitats, the continents had to still be joined together before and also for a certain amount time after the flood.
- In order for Noah's flood waters to cover the highest mountains (**Genesis 7:19-20**), ranges like the Himalayas, the Rockies, and the Andes could not have existed yet. These mountain ranges are miles high and it would have required much more water than currently exists on the earth to cover them. This dictates that these high mountain ranges were formed when the continents split sometime after the flood.