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We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6

Genesis 1 and The Gap? “Theory”

Since the article, The Gap Theory, shows up in Petah Tikvah about every five years or so, it is time for me to write a rebuttal, or contrary analysis. What right do I have to write this? Because I can read the English language, not because I can read Hebrew. Because I can think. Because I have studied Genesis 1 for the last 70 yrs and have a life-long interest to validate my English language Bible as Truth “as written.” Also because I have a Masters Degree in Science, from the University of Hawaii. I like accurate terms. In science, a theory is something that has been tested and tested in many laboratories with no variation found at that time, not just an idea. In high school I learned the atomic theory. Years later in graduate school, the atomic theory had been modified. It is not a “Law” yet. The Gap is not a theory but only a hypothesis or speculation, just an idea, the same with evolution, as neither can be tested. Evolution is actually a religion. People believe it because they do not want to believe God, do not want to be held accountable to Him, thereby deceiving themselves. Our position is that the Bible is exactly true on anything it speaks about.

In case you have never heard of the “Gap Idea,” it is the speculation that “there is a large unspecified gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2,” to probably account for some things like “where did Satan come from?” It started before Darwin and the heavy push for the evolution speculation. It is said that many rabbis teach that there were earlier creations! Imagine that! Rabbis that do not believe the Bible as written! To me, the Gap Idea is impossible, and might be dangerous as “adding to the Bible.”

The verses in question are: **Gen 1:1-5.** *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

What does it mean, “In the beginning”? The beginning of what? Answer: The beginning of **Time**. God lives in Eternity, but now He is starting a “clock” by which mankind and all living things will live. Further, this “beginning” means everything that we can know, seen and unseen (like electrons), meaning everything in nature and everything in the sky, including planets and stars! Yes, planets and stars and galaxies began, were created, on the 4th 24hr period after the beginning of Time!!

Typical of literature, especially journalism, verse 1 is the **Headline** of the article. The headline tells the basics, that in the beginning of Time, God created out of nothing everything in the heavens and everything in and on the earth. Then the

details are presented in an orderly fashion. Verse 2 tells us that God began with planet earth (not the heavens!), so is the earth important or what? By this I would conclude that there are no other inhabited planets and no beings ever lived on Mars, which was not created yet. The desperate search for life outside the earth is a futile effort trying to justify evolution. God began by creating a mass of matter “out of nothing,” (It takes a tremendous amount of energy to create matter, but it can be done, the opposite of an atom bomb, which is changing matter into a lesser amount by releasing a lot of this energy.) Having created this mass of matter “in an instant,” God said, “Let there be light.” Where did **this** light come from? Ans: from God Himself, as it will also be in the new heavens and new earth. **Rev 21:23-25.** *And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb...and its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there.* The evidence that this “clock” is running is verse 5, the very first period of 24 hours from the beginning of Time, with evening, the darkness (verse 2) which He called Night, followed by the light which came from Himself which He called Day, and “there was evening and there was morning, the first day” of 24 hours.

Then on Day 2, **Gen 1:6-8,** *And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.* Notice “the expanse” above the earth which he called Heaven is **totally empty until Day 4** except for planet earth!

On Day 3, God organizes the matter on the surface of the earth into a land mass and seas, and He plants mature vegetation, trees yielding fruits and plants yielding seeds. If it ever occurred to you about the day-age idea, remember that plants need sunshine and darkness in our normal 24 hour alternation. Long days and long nights would kill all vegetation. Also, a long day would become extremely hot and a long night would become extremely cold, eliminating any possibility of plant life.

On Day 4, God decided to hide His light, shining since the beginning, and create the heavenly bodies to replace His light and to occupy the empty Heaven. **Gen 1:14-19.** *And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs (Gospel in the Stars) and for seasons (Moedim-appointed times), and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day (the sun) and the lesser light to rule the night (the moon)--**and the stars.** And **God set them in the expanse of the heavens** (on Day 4 and not before!) *to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.* This now is 24hrs/Day x 4 Days = 96 hours from “the beginning” of Time. This “clock,” as every clock, has been running continuously. It is not a stopwatch to start and stop for a while to make room for a “Gap.” And notice also that everything created to be in the heavens is focused on planet earth!! No wonder people in the past thought the earth was the center of the universe and that the sun rotated around the earth.*

Are you following God's sequence, His "train of thought" as He gives the details following His "Headline" statement? Are you satisfied with "verbal inspiration" of Scripture, that every word came from God through His chosen Hebrew writers? Or have you been brainwashed into thinking evolutionary ideas, which have NO basis in fact? God's clock has been running now for about 6,000 years, believe it or not.

Ok, then, what about the fossils? Fossils are made by sudden "burying," not by slow decomposition, and are found only in certain strata that line up with Noah's Flood. Many bones are found with blood and soft interiors, showing recent age. However, by Day 4 there are no animals yet to be fossilized! So no fossils are older than 6,000 yrs no matter how they are dated or how much age they might appear to have. Remember, all that God created were in a mature functioning state with the appearance of age, like Adam being a young man on Day 6.

All right, what about the **fact** that stars have been measured to be many more than 6,000 Light Years away? No problem, if you give God credit for being Who He is, the Almighty Creator God who can do anything and everything He wants to do. By being influenced by evolution and paganism where "gods" are like super humans, we fail to see God in His immense greatness and power! So, thinking with God, on Day 4 when He placed all the stars where He wanted them to be, and gave them names, He put light beams from each star shining all over the Universe and reaching to the earth, so that the light that we see now from even very distant stars is the light that God put there, and not yet the light that is generated by that star.

Any more questions? They can all be answered by thinking with God on the basis of what He has written. Now, can you imagine all of the Universe burning up in about 1,000 years from now, which will be the End of Time? From the Beginning of Time until the End of Time is about 7,000 years total. This will be fantastic fireworks, as God revealed it to Peter to pass on to us!!

2Peter 3:7-13. *But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for **fire**, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day (meaning the Lord is not limited by the "Time" that He set up, is not controlled by His clock). The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance (but most do not reach repentance because they have a "free will" to choose Him but most do not). But **the day of the LORD** will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and **the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved**, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and **the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!** But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

Where will you and we be when all the heavenly bodies return back to Energy, and then are re-created into new ones, with no sun or moon? Ans: if you are Born-From-Above in Yeshua, you and we will be with Yeshua wherever He is, so not to worry. We have an exciting future ahead unless you are counterfeit!

Now for Day 5, God created fish in the sea and birds in the air, and told them to multiply. Finally there would be some creatures that could be fossilized if the right conditions caught them, burying them quickly under pressure. To speculate that some fossils could have been formed in that “big Gap” is pure guesswork as no creatures were formed until Day 5! And now we have the answer to the question asked repeatedly, and stupidly, “Which came first, the chicken or the egg?” Day 5 of Creation Week says, “The mature chicken came first, newly created, ready to lay that first egg!” Reading and believing the Bible at face value is so refreshing! Why make it so complicated? Ans: Satan wants people to believe his ideas instead.

On Day 6, God created all other living creatures “after their kind (not species)” and then created mankind, one man and one woman. **Gen 1:26-27** *Then God said, "Let us (plural) make man in our (pl) image (sing), after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his (sing) own image, in the image of God he (sing) created him; male and female he created them.* You figure out the very interesting plural/singular shift! These first human beings were geniuses, not cave men!! Try classifying the “animal kingdom” in an hour on the day you yourself were created, as Adam did! Now there exist plenty of specimen to become fossils as they multiplied, including dinosaurs and mammoths with food still in their mouths, and “missing link prehistoric sub-humans” which supposedly existed in the Gap Period, an earlier civilization, having been dated as “millions” of years old. If you want really good scientific and biblical data on such things, please buy some books from Institute for Creation Research. By now I think you should be convinced that there *was* no Gap and no earlier civilization. By the completion of Day 6, there are now 6 days of 24hrs/day = 144 hours on God’s clock which started at the beginning of Time in Genesis verse 1.

On Day 7, God rested or ceased His creation work, showing mankind that they should work for 6 days and then rest on the 7th. He repeated and expanded this in Commandment 4 in Exodus 20. Actually our bodies are created to operate most efficiently on this sequence, the most healthy way to live. Reading through the Books of the Bible, God as Creator is mentioned so many times as the writers recognized this fact as obvious and relied on the assurance it gave them.

In case anyone might want some biblical evidence that mankind was created different from animals and therefore unique in creation, a comment in the Hertz Chumash on page 7 is very helpful. Referring to Genesis 2:7, then the LORD God **formed** the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature, “he says, ‘Rabbis point to the fact that in this verse the word for ‘formed’ (*vayyitzer*) is written with two *yods*, whereas in v.19, when relating the creation of animals, it has only one *yod*.’” This shows that humans have the capability of relating to God, being created in His image in contrast to animals who also have a soul but of a different kind. This has nothing to do with the Gap idea, but I thought it was worthwhile pointing it out for those who might still struggle with pagan or evolutionary ideas from the enemy of their souls.