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In this lecture I will be using modern scientific evidence, secular history and history recorded in Genesis chapters 1-11 in the Holy Bible to explain what I understand to be our true early history. Many people who were brought up with traditional secular views of our origins and early history will have trouble accepting many of the views which I will be presenting. It will be quite different from what is presented in most schools, TV programs, and science museums. If you want to see a museum which presents scientific evidence for the Biblical creation, go to www.AnswersInGenesis.org and look up their Creation Museum in northern Kentucky.

I strongly recommend that you read the Article or listen to the Audio entitled "Creative Views Of Science" before reading or listening to this lecture on "Man's Early History." It will give you a better understanding of our origins and give you a stronger foundation for things discussed in this lecture on "Man's Early History." "Creative Views Of Science" explains the scientific evidence for the Origins of Life, the Origins of the Different Species of plants and animals, the Origin of Man, the Origin of the Universe, and the Origin of the Rock Layers and Fossils found around the world. This "Man's Early History" lecture will take you from the creation of all things in nature through explanations of dinosaurs, the ice age, cavemen, the ark, the world-wide flood, the Tower of Babel and finally to early civilizations around the world.

Now the 1st thing I will discuss is **God's Unique Creation**

"In the beginning, God created ...", these are the first few words in the Bible. The Bible does not try to explain the existence of God. To the writer, who was inspired by God to write the record of our beginnings, the eternal existence of God was understood. God had no beginning. He has always existed. Since He has always existed, He was obviously present at His creation. He was an eyewitness to what happened. And since He wanted us to know what He had done and how He did it, He told the writer of the book of Genesis the details of His creation. Throughout the Bible, the Bible tells us, that God inspired the writers, through His Holy Spirit, to write what He wanted us to know. We would never have figured out the details of the creation account on our own without God's inspiration, but now that we know what happened, we can see how scientific evidence drastically supports the creation account.

Unlike any other known planet, earth was created just right to meet the strict limits to support all life on it. It had just the right temperature range, not too hot and not too cold, it is the perfect distance from our moon and the sun, and the composition and amount of elements, such as oxygen and nitrogen, were just right for life to exist and thrive. **(To see much more information on how unique Earth is, go to www.creationevidence.org - look under the "Main Menu" and select "Scientific Evidence for Creation" then select the two articles: "Evidence For Creation - 10 brief reasons" & "Our Created Earth: Uniquely Designed for Life." Each article is 1 page long)**

So in the beginning God created paradise on earth. All living things, including man, were created mature and perfect with no defects. It appears that all the organisms which God created were created mature, not old mature, but mature enough to begin reproducing soon after creation. Also ten times in Genesis it states that God created different kinds of organisms with the ability to reproduce after their own kind. So in the question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, it is obvious that the chicken came first, since God created mature creatures ready to reproduce after their own kind.

Man and all animals were designed to live in peace with one another and eat the plants which God provided for food. Therefore if God created the plants for food for man and animals; (see **Genesis 1:29-30**) this indicates that all animals were created to be vegetarians. Many obviously had the genetic make-up to become meat-eaters later on, for whatever reason. But even today we have seen evidence that some meat-eaters, as a lion in the wild, have been observed to be strictly vegetarian. In a perfect world, as is described in the Bible of the heavenly kingdom to come, all animals, meat-eaters and herbivores, will live in harmony with each other. So I believe that the original creation was perfect, as will be the heavenly kingdom to come. In such a perfect world, there was probably no disease, decay, deterioration, mutations, pain, suffering, struggle for survival, or death of any animals before God's later curse on the earth due to Adam's sin. So if Adam's later sin brought on death, this indicates that there was no death before Adam's sin, and that man, and possibly each animal, was created with a body that was perfect and was intended to live forever.

So, in the beginning God created all of nature in six days. Now was this a literal six days or just figurative? Many people believe that the world and universe are billions of years old, and each day of God's creation was eons of time, but this idea is only a theory based on evidence which has been interpreted with many assumptions which now contradict modern scientific evidences. Only man's theories and experiments, based on many unprovable assumptions, suggest an age of billions of years. These theories are quickly being disproved by advanced modern scientific evidences. The ancient past cannot be "proven" scientifically since the conditions of the past cannot be directly observed. Also reliable experiments cannot be performed on items from the ancient past since many assumptions must be made about the past conditions as: climate, radiation levels, geologic activity and the beginning composition of items being tested.

There is much evidence to show that the "Days of Creation" were literal 24 hour days and that the earth and universe are only a few thousand years old. For example, the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew. The Hebrew word for "day" is "yom" or more accurately "yowm" and although it can mean long periods of time, as our word for day, it always means a 24 hour day when used with the words "evening" or "morning" or when used with a numeral as is done in Genesis and throughout the Bible. Some people point out that in the Bible it states that "a day is as a thousand years to God," but it continues by saying "a thousand years is as a day." This simply is stating the fact that God is outside time. It does not mean the creation days were a thousand years each.

There are several other evidences for a young earth and universe, too. According to present rates, our moon is far too close to earth, the erosion rate of earth is far too fast, the sodium level and sedimentation in our oceans is far too little, helium in the atmosphere is far too little, and comets, galaxies and earth's magnetic field degrade far too fast for earth and the universe to be more than a few thousand years old. Even the speed of light has been shown to be slowing down. This helps explain the presence of star light in a young universe from stars millions of light years away. Of course, God could have created the light rays from the stars when He created the stars too.

Again I recommend that you read or listen to the chapter on the Origin of the Universe in my lecture entitled "Creative Views Of Science" for more detailed information. **(Also if you go to www.evolution-facts.org and Select: "3 Vol. Encyclopedia" then "#6 The Age of the Earth" - you can see 59 evidences that the earth is only a few thousand years old. It is about 20 pages of detailed information including problems with radiometric dating techniques.)**

We must be very careful not to limit God when trying to interpret His miracles as the creation of the heavens and the earth and all that was in them. "With God, all things are possible." Why did God use six days for His creation? He could have created all things in six months, six minutes or even six seconds or less. He created in six days and rested on the seventh day in order to set a pattern for us to remember. God wants us to constantly remember Him and His creation. We are to work six days, but on the seventh day of every week (the Sabbath day) we are to rest and

worship God. Throughout the centuries it has been demonstrated that this seven day cycle allows for people to be more productive, allowing for enough rest, than any longer work period tried. Also this seven day cycle (one week) is a memorial to us of God's creation week. Although the idea of a day, a month, and a year can be observed in nature, the idea of a week is not demonstrated anywhere in nature. One revolution of the earth, morning to morning, tells us when a day has passed. When the moon has gone through a complete cycle, we know that a month has passed. When the earth makes a complete orbit around the sun, or a complete cycle of the seasons has occurred, we know that a year has passed. But what in nature tells us that a week has passed? Nothing! God gave us the idea of a week and it has been observed by basically all nations ever since. If it does not occur naturally then why do nearly all civilizations around the globe use a 7 day cycle? It had to have been God inspired.

In God's six days of creating, He created *areas* during the first three days, then He put *things* in those areas on the next three days. On **day one**, He created light, a source other than the sun, and water and water-vapor covered earth, void of any definite shape, with empty space around earth called heaven; and on the **forth day** he created all the heavenly bodies (the sun, the moon, other planets, and the stars with their galaxies) to fill this heavenly space and serve as signs to mark seasons, days and years. On **day two**, He split the water, creating sky, or atmosphere, between the two water layers, and on **day five** He created fish and birds to fill the water and the sky. On **day three** He created dry land and plants, then created on **day six** animals and man to fill the rest of the earth. Man was the last thing He created because man was to be the climax of His creation, the ultimate reason for His creation. He created all things for His glory and for man's pleasure.

Pre-Flood Conditions

When God separated the waters on **day two** of His creation, He created liquid water on the surface of the earth and probably a very thick, dense, transparent, water-vapor layer high above the earth with atmosphere in between. This water vapor layer, which may have been frozen, would have allowed a greenhouse effect keeping a fairly uniform temperature world-wide. This would have allowed constant fair weather with possibly no clouds (separate from the water vapor layer), no storms and possibly even no rain (as indicated in Genesis 2:5-6). Moisture from the ground would have formed a mist in the air and would have kept the vegetation sufficiently watered. On **day three** of God's creation, all land emerged, possibly as one large continent. All land was probably covered with a thick layer of nutrient-rich topsoil for the abundant vegetation created to support man and all animal life. There were probably no deserts, nor frozen environments. Remember, man and all animals were to have been plant eaters only, before God's curse on man and the entire earth. We can only imagine what the plant and animal life must have been like in this early, perfect, defect-free environment.

Today's modern scientific evidences strongly indicate that the earth is only a few thousand years old and that all creatures originated at about the same time instead of thousands to millions of years apart. There is popular belief in our secular society that over millions of years organisms slowly and progressively evolved from "simple" one-celled organisms into invertebrates, then into fish, then into amphibians, then into reptiles which eventually evolved into mammals and birds. If this were so, we should have found many fossilized and living organisms which are halfway between two separate kinds of organisms, but as of yet there has been no confirmation of any such transitional organisms - dead or alive. Also science shows that all living things, even a single cell, are so complex and so well structured and so well organized that they indicate special, intelligent design of each kind verses the possibility of random, chance, progressive evolving of each kind. **(In the article "Creative Views of Science" found at <http://biblicalreliability.blogspot.com> read the**

chapters on “Origin of Life” and “Origin of The Species” for more information)

At the end of God’s creation, He made the first man and woman. Mankind was the climax and ultimate purpose for His creation. He made them in God’s image which means that they had a Soul (mind, will and emotions) similar to *God the Father*, and they had a Body similar to *God the Son*, and they had a Spirit similar to *God’s Holy Spirit*. God first made man and named him Adam; then God made Adam a partner who was named Eve. He gave mankind dominion over all His creation. He only gave Adam one restriction with the promise that he would surely die if he disobeyed. That restriction was that he was not to eat from one certain tree, the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. As we would expect, knowing mankind’s character, Adam eventually disobeyed his Heavenly Father by eating fruit from the tree. This was the first sin, which is doing anything that goes against God’s will. Adam and Eve’s sin, their rebellion against God, led to God’s curse on man and on God’s entire creation. Due to sin, man immediately suffered spiritual death - separation from God. God no longer walked with them on earth and the Holy Spirit no longer resided in them. God’s curse also caused all living things to begin to deteriorate, suffer and eventually physically die. Most people who lived before the world-wide flood were recorded to have lived to be over 900 years old. This was possible due to their still nearly defect-free bodies and environment, their perfect nutrient-rich foods, and probably due to the water vapor layer which would have limited the defect-causing solar radiation (and very likely due to increased levels of humidity and barometric pressure levels). Although some recent evidence suggest that some dinosaurs grew quickly then leveled off, some dinosaurs could have reached gigantic sizes if they continued to grow throughout their life like other reptiles do today and if they also lived several hundred years due to the pre-flood environment. I’ll talk more about dinosaurs later.

Unlike the concept of early man being very primitive, brutish and ignorant, first men were very intelligent according to Biblical records. Man’s high intelligence was demonstrated with man’s ability to build cities and make musical instruments as the flute and harp, and by their skills of metallurgy, farming and animal husbandry all within seven generations from Adam. Before Eve was made from Adam’s side, Adam was given the responsibility of naming all the cattle, birds of the air, and beasts of the field. What is more important than his ability to quickly name all those animals, is why he was commanded to do this. After reviewing all the different animals, Adam would have noticed that all of these animals were paired - male and female. They all had suitable mates. He realized that none were suitable for him and that he needed a suitable female partner to fulfill his needs. So God created Eve to be Adam’s companion. The Bible says that God formed her from Adam’s side. But why was Eve made from Adam’s side. If she had been made from his head, she may have felt she could rule over him. If she had been made from his feet, he may have felt he could take advantage of her. But God made her from Adam’s side so she could complete him, making her Adam’s helper, his partner. Also it is interesting to note that if God had used a rib from Adam’s side, as many people believe, Adam did not have to live the rest of his life with one less rib. Obviously God could have recreated a rib for him, but it is also known today that ribs can grow back. Plastic surgeons often use rib bone for reconstructions, and they know that if they remove a rib without removing the thin, vascularized coating around the rib, called the periosteum, the rib will grow back. Neat huh!

The recent Human Genome Project and studies of mitochondrial DNA, support the biblical teaching that there is only one biological race of humans and all people trace back to a single mother living only a few thousand years ago. For all people to be linked to a common human ancestor, that ancestor would have to have had all the genes (dominant & recessive) in their DNA that are found in all people who have ever lived. Therefore Adam and Eve were probably mid-brown in color (having all the dominant and recessive genes for coloration) and would have had all the genetic information in their genes to produce all the physical (as racial) characteristics

that we see in all people groups today.

All the originally created “kinds” of animals would also have had all the genes (dominant & recessive) in their DNA that are found in all animals of their same kind. Although God created each kind of animal on days 5 & 6 of His creation, gene reshuffling and damage to original genes over time in each kind allowed for tremendous variations within each kind. What we actually see evidence of today is that many different specific kinds (similar to what we might think of as “genuses” or “families”) of organisms were created at about the same time (not millions of years apart), with the ability to reproduce only within their own kind. In each kind of animal’s DNA, there are strict limits as to how much it can change and to what it can breed with to produce offspring. Over tens to hundreds of years, each kind (genus or family-like) eventually developed many varieties (species-like) within its own kind, due mostly to gene reshuffling and some mutations.

If all kinds of animals were created at the same time (in literally two days - days 5 & 6 of God’s creation) they would have all lived together. This includes the dinosaurs and man living together. To many people this sounds preposterous, believing that dinosaurs died out long before man was around. But there is much evidence which indicates that man has seen and had encounters with living dinosaurs. Ancient man often painted and carved the typical things that they saw. Amazingly, this even included the dinosaurs. Thousands of clay dinosaur figures have been found buried in Acambaro, Mexico. Several of the artifacts showed certain facts about the dinosaurs that we have only recently discovered. **AND** Just about every known kind of dinosaur is carved on 50,000 Nazca burial stones in Peru which clearly show pictures of men living with dinosaurs. **ALSO** 1500 years ago the Chinese picked 12 animals to represent a period of twelve years. One of the animals was a dragon. Why would they pick eleven modern animals but put in another animal (a dragon) that according to evolution, they would never have seen since it was supposed to have died out long before man existed? **ALSO** In 1887, archaeologist Robert Koldewey rediscovered the Ishtar Gate at Babylon. The animals on it appear in alternating rows with lions, fierce bulls, and curious long-necked dragons. **AND** Coins have been found which display dinosaurs as from Austria, Vienna (1308-1330 AD) and a Germany, Mansfeldt coin (1593 AD) showing St. George slaying a dragon. Also dinosaur petroglyphs by the Anasazi Indians (AD 400-1300) have been found in Blanding, Utah.

There are many stories around the world too from many cultures about dragons. Many reports of sightings and encounters with dinosaur-like creatures have been recorded in many cultures throughout the past few centuries. For example, Marco Polo lived in China for 17 years around 1271 AD. He reported that the emperor raised dragons to pull his chariots in parades. In 1611 AD, the emperor appointed the post of a “Royal Dragon Feeder”. Books even tell of Chinese families raising dragons to use their blood for medicines and they highly prized their eggs.

(See www.answersingenesis.org/articles/1999/11/05/dinosaurs-and-the-bible for “Dinosaurs and the Bible” (6 pages); www.apologeticspress.org/articles/3647 “What Happened to the Dinosaurs?” (6 pages); www.apologeticspress.org/articles/15 “Walking Amidst the Dinosaurs” (15 pages); & www.rae.org the entire book: After The Flood by Bill Cooper, is online and shows Records of Dinosaur/dragon legends; also visit my blog site at <http://biblicalreliability.blogspot.com> for more articles on dinosaurs with man)

The King James Bible does not mention the word “dinosaur” because the word “dinosaur” was not invented until 1841, long after the Bible was translated into English in 1611. But the Bible mentions dragons and in the book of Job it even mentions massive dinosaur-like creatures - “behemoth & leviathan”(See Job 40:15-24 & 41:1-34). Behemoth is said to move his tail like a cedar, and the dinosaur characteristics of leviathan are described in detail in Job.

After about 1500 years since the creation of Adam and Eve, the population of mankind had

grow greatly, but man's rebellion against God had also grown rampant world-wide. God had given man free-will to make his own decisions about how he wanted to live - did he want to live a life with God or without Him. Most people decided to be pagan worshippers, worshiping God's created things, as astrological bodies and idols and other gods rather than worshiping the Creator Himself. They were living very immoral lives, living to please themselves any way they wanted to. This brought on God's judgment of a world-wide flood to destroy all air-breathing creatures on the face of the earth except for God's one faithful believer: Noah (and his family).

Noah's Day

God commanded Noah, 120 years before the flood, to build a boat out of gopherwood (possibly cypress or even a now extinct species of tree). God also had Noah warn the people of that time to repent (turn from their evil ways and worship God). Noah was to be responsible for repopulating the earth with all kinds of organisms after the year-long, world-wide flood. All he had to do was to build the huge barge-like ark to God's given dimensions of 300 cubits (about 450 feet) long, by 50 cubits (about 75 feet) wide, by 30 cubits (about 45 feet) tall, with three decks on the inside. Modern day ship builders have determined that these dimensions make for a perfect seaworthy design. It was also to be waterproofed with pitch on the inside and out. The ark would have had a volume equivalent to that of 522 railroad cars (about 1.52 million cubic feet). Once Noah finished building the ark he was to load representatives (one male and one female) of each original kind of land-dwelling, air-breathing animal. He was also to load seven of each "clean" animal kind - probably for food and later sacrifices.

Even though there was plenty of room on the ark for tens of thousands of animals, it would only have been necessary to use about 16,000 individual animals to represent all of the distinct kinds of land-dwelling animals. It was not necessary to take every species of every kind of animal which had arisen from the original kinds. It was only necessary to have one pair (male & female) of each (genus or family-like) from the original kinds. This is because each original kind of creature had all the genetic information in their DNA to produce all the different species of that kind up to this point. Therefore one pair of each kind of creature (having genes as close as possible to the original kinds) would be able to reproduce, within a few generations, through gene reshuffling and eventual mutations, all or most of the species which died in the flood plus new species. The specific pairs of creatures were probably chosen by God and led onto the ark by God and controlled by God while on the ark. While many may have hibernated or been in a state of stupor, God would have provided a way for Noah and his family to completely care for His creatures. The medium size of all the animals on the ark would have been that of a large mouse, with only about 11% of the animals being much larger than sheep.

As to the matter of dinosaurs on the ark - most dinosaurs were no bigger than sheep. But also instead of loading the huge, full-grown, large animals as dinosaurs, God probably chose smaller "teenage" specimens, just old enough to breed after the flood. This way small dinosaurs, as well as other animals, would have begun repopulating earth soon after they exited the ark after the flood had receded.

It is recorded in the Bible that at the beginning of the flood the fountains of the great deep broke open. It makes me wonder how widespread this breaking open was and what caused it. Obviously, God could have caused it in an instant if He desired, but there is a possible cause I am curious about. This is something that could have been caused by God too. It is now believed by many people that there is evidence that there was once a planet located between Mars and Jupiter. The Sumerians were one of the very first civilizations after the flood. They were located in the Mesopotamian region where the Tower of Babel was built. Excavations of ancient Sumerian

records showed drawings of the planets with this extra planet between Mars and Jupiter. Now, whether the drawings were made after the flood or stored on the ark before the flood, no one knows. Evidence indicates that this planet somehow exploded. Debris would have flown in all directions probably creating the asteroid belt that we now see between Mars and Jupiter as some debris probably stayed in the orbit of the original planet, while other debris may have created comets. Such an explosion would have pelted every existing planet and moon in our solar system. Interestingly, all solid planets and moons in our solar system have many large craters on one side much more than the other. I think that it is possible that this explosion could have occurred at the beginning of the flood. Some asteroids could have broken through a water-vapor canopy, frozen or not, and cracked earth's surface releasing fountains from the deep and creating the tectonic plates and massive earth quakes, tsunami waves and volcanic activity. Such a massive impact could have also caused the earth to tilt to its current 23.5 degrees, needed now for our seasons to be possible (Seasons would not have been necessary before the flood in a greenhouse environment). Again God could have created the earth to be at the 23.5 degrees tilt to begin with too. This idea of the asteroids hitting earth is only my idea and I know it could change as more evidence is discovered.

It is now known too that vast amounts of water are below the earth's surface today, so there is no telling how much there was before the flood. So when God caused the earth to crack open with probably several massive earthquakes and volcanoes all around the world, several things would have begun to happen. First, the water would have been released onto the land and into the oceans. As the water emptied from the underground reservoirs and covered the land, the land probably began to sink from the added weight of the water and the now empty reservoirs below the earth's surface. The Bible says that the water was in excess of 15 cubits (or about 22.5 feet) over the top of the tallest mountain. Now the mountains of the early world may not have been as tall as we have today (no one knows for sure), but nevertheless water that high would have certainly covered the entire earth and not just a region. Today we know that if the surface of the entire world were flat, the water in our oceans, lakes and rivers would cover the surface by 1.7 miles. This much water would have quickly saturated all land including hills and mountains. Today we see how rain-saturated hills and mountains often cause massive mud- or land-slides which rip up trees and destroy everything else in their paths. So imagine what would have happened if these hills and mountains were covered with water, especially with waves and water rushing over the land as the water rose and moved from higher areas to lower ones. Underwater land-slides would have created massive amounts of layering sedimentation, quickly and deeply covering everything in its way, including dead or alive plants and animals. Heavier, denser organisms and debris would have settled first with lighter matter settling down later.

As numerous volcanoes continued to erupt (for who knows how long) they would have spewed massive amounts of ash into air and water, creating massive amounts of air pollution and sediment. Due to the land-slides and volcanic debris and ash, all around the world, representatives of all creatures which lived before the flood were now buried deeply in sediment. Hundreds of feet of layered sedimentation could be quickly formed this way, trapping and preserving millions of organisms which formed the fossils and fossil fuels of today. Oil and coal deposits would have been caused by burials of vast forests and mass accumulations of animals caught in water currents and whirl pools (this would also explain the findings of vertically positioned fossilized whales and trees). For organisms to avoid decay and be able to fossilize, they must be completely and quickly covered in deep sediment to keep decomposing elements out: such as air, bacteria and other living organisms. What we find in nature today is what we would expect from Noah's world-wide flood: millions of dead things (fossilized plants and animals), buried in hundreds of layers of sedimentary rock which were laid down by water all over the earth. Fossils of more "complex" organisms are often found positioned below more "simple" organisms in undisturbed rock layers, therefore they

are out of place according to evolutionary teaching. But if organisms died in such a catastrophic event, they could have been buried in any order. The theory of evolution teaches that if you find a fossil thousands of layers below another then that indicates that the lower animal lived and died thousands of years before the upper animal. But actually, when we find fossils in rock layers, this only tells us **where** an organism died, not **when** it lived in some evolutionary time scale. Fossils only indicate the order of the burial of organisms and not the order of their emergence into the world, as evolutionists teach.

The idea that it had to take one year to form each thin layer of soil or rock in the ancient past and millions of years to form millions of layers, is no longer a valid belief. Even the relatively small volcanic eruption of Mount Saint Helens in 1980 created over 600 feet (thousands of layers) of layered sedimentary rock (most within just a few days). If sedimentation rates were slow, over thousands to millions of years, how could fossils form, especially in such detail, without the organism decaying first, and why are rock layers so straight (as seen at the Grand Canyon and roadside cutaways) with no signs of expected plant and animal activity or erosion between layers? Why are fossils, like petrified trees and even whales, found vertically positioned penetrating through hundreds of layers of undisturbed rock?

Fossil evidence, as ferns and palm trees in Greenland, indicate that the pre-flood world probably had a much warmer climate and a world-wide, uniform tropical temperature and environment. This was probably due to a very thick, transparent, water-vapor layer in the upper atmosphere which would have created a world-wide greenhouse effect. Apparently this water-vapor layer was depleted at the beginning of Noah's flood. Whether this depletion was caused by the added heat of the many volcanoes, or by asteroids or just a direct action by God, we do not know. But the Bible states that at the beginning of the flood it rained for forty days and forty nights. Some people have stated that such a water-vapor layer or canopy of water would not account for much water once it fell to earth. So where did all that water come from and how did it rain for so long?

Underwater volcanoes would have heated the oceans, causing massive evaporation, clouds and plentiful rainfall which aided in the forty day deluge; the forty days and forty nights of rain did not all have to come from the water-vapor layer. Now that the water-vapor layer was gone the greenhouse effect was also gone, and the poles of the earth would have become very cold. The heavy volcanic ash and probably world-wide cloud cover would have shaded the land masses causing them to cool down while the oceans heated up. These massive hot and cold areas would have caused huge rain storms causing precipitation to fall, off and on, for much longer than the continuous forty days deluge. At the now very cold North and South poles, massive amounts of snow and ice would have begun to accumulate. If the volcanic ash and clouds remained heavy for several years keeping the land masses cold, the ice from the poles could have grown toward the equator for several hundred years. This would have been the beginning of the Ice Age.

With the breaking up of the earth's crust at the beginning of the flood, this probably created the tectonic plates that we see today around the world. Throughout the flood, the cataclysmic earthquakes and volcanoes could have probably caused these tectonic plates to move quickly toward and away from each other - bending, without cracking, soft newly forming rock and colliding with each other to create several new mountain ranges, often with exposed jagged rock, around the world. Today we still see much earthquake and volcanic activity along the junction of these tectonic plates, although it is to a much lesser degree. Since these new mountains were raised from leveled ground which had been underwater during the world-wide flood, we often find marine fossils on the top of these mountains - this includes Mt. Everest. To rid the land of so much water, the ocean basins drastically deepened after the flood, allowing the water to run off and form the present oceans. The erosion from this massive run-off probably created the continental shelves around the continents.

Post-Flood

So what was life probably like after the flood had receded? Some changes which would have occurred after the flood would be the now sparse vegetation growing on land that has had its nutrient-rich top soil eroded away. Also there would have been a drastic increase in radiometric conditions, such as Carbon-14, caused by a large increase in UV radiation now penetrating through the atmosphere which was once protected by the water-vapor layer. Therefore carbon containing organisms before the flood probably had very little, if any, Carbon-14 in their system since it was probably lacking in their environment. (To see more evidence for why our non-historical dating techniques are not reliable, go to www.evolution-facts.org and read chapter 6 in The Evolution Handbook by Vance Ferrell. Chapter 6 lists in detail the top 20 methods of dating materials, supposedly older than a few thousand years, and shows how they are all notoriously unreliable.)

After the flood, all the animals left the ark and began spreading to all parts of the world. This new world would have been drastically changed from what they were used to in the old pre-flood world. Unfortunately after the flood many kinds of animals, including many kinds of dinosaurs, probably became extinct being unable to adapt to the new, harsh, cold environment and climate, and now limited food supply. Also man and other large predators probably hunted many animals heavily for food and protection which would have also led to the extinction of many dinosaurs and other animals. Even in recent times, many animals have been hunted by man to extinction or near-extinction. Being cold-blooded, dinosaurs which left the ark could have become very sluggish and unable to defend themselves or even forage for food. Unlike reptiles today, some were too large to hibernate, so many of the large dinosaurs may have died out from starvation, predators, and freezing to death. Also many cultures have legends of dragon-slayers. Dragons were probably dinosaurs and man probably killed them, as stated before, for food and protection but possibly also for trophies and entertainment as is done today with big game animals.

Although it is believed by many people that mankind has existed for a million or more years, including "primitive" Stone-age men for 100,000 years, reliable written historical records extend back only four to five thousand years. Secular, non-Biblical accounts indicate that man's earliest civilization began in about 3500 B.C. in Mesopotamia - an area about 300 miles wide by 800 miles long located about 200 miles south of Mount Ararat (in today's Turkey) and roughly between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers from near the Black Sea to the Persian Gulf. Biblical history indicates that Adam and Eve were created about 4000 B.C. with man's civilization starting shortly afterwards. The Biblical genealogical record indicates that there was only about 4000 years from the creation of Adam to the birth of Jesus Christ. It appears to me that the only reason the Bible records how old each man was when he begat his son, is so we can add up those years to see how long ago the creation was.

Noah's world-wide flood would have destroyed all evidence of man's previous pre-flood civilization except for any evidence which was stored on the ark and in the memory of Noah and his family. It has been recorded that in the year before the flood, Methuselah, Noah, and Shem (one of Noah's sons) inscribed on 2 Pillars (one of stone and one of brick) the history and discoveries of the world before the flood. These Pillars must have been stored on the ark for future reference. Adam could easily have told Methuselah everything he knew about the creation seeing that they lived 243 years together. Also according to Josephus, an ancient Jewish historian, Moses had access to these Pillars, or "Books." As we know, Moses is given credit for writing the first 5 books of the Bible, including Genesis which records the creation, Noah's flood, and the Tower of Babel incident.

The resurgence of man's civilization would have begun shortly after the flood at about 2350 B.C. These Biblical dates of the beginning of civilization are remarkably close to the secular date of

man's earliest civilization beginning in about 3500 B.C. Present human population is far too few for man to have existed more than a few thousand years. At 1/4 of the present growth rate, to account for wars, plagues, etc., our present population could have been obtained within four to five thousand years - basically the same amount of time since Noah and his family departed the ark after the flood. Imagine what the present population would be today if man has been around for a million years or more. It has been estimated that at even less than 1/4 of the present growth rate, in one million years there would be more people than there are atoms in the universe.

After the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat (in today's Turkey), Noah's family would have traveled south through the mountainous terrain to the Shinar Plains which later became known as Mesopotamia. Mesopotamians are known by secular scholars for being a farming community which used irrigation for their crops and for their developments of pictograph writings and later cuneiform writings, mathematics, astronomical science and ideas of law. Therefore it is obvious that these people were not brutish ignorant post-ape men. They were direct descendants of pre-flood men who were highly intelligent. With pre-flood civilization knowledge, Noah's family and their descendants would have been able to quickly develop a new civilization. There is a good chance that they may have used some or all of the wood from the ark to build homes since there were no grown trees to cut down immediately after the flood. So although there have been reports of possible sightings of the ark in the mountains of Ararat, the fact remains to be seen whether it still exists.

Pre-Babel

The people of this new civilization, immediately after the flood, chose to stay mostly in one area for several years and did not scatter across the earth as God commanded. All people were part of one large gene pool and all spoke the same language. Up to this point in time there probably had never been more than one language. Although the flood had wiped out all the disobedient evil people of the world, it did not take long for people to learn and practice disobedience again. Finally, about 100 years after the flood, the people of Mesopotamia united in rebellion against God's command to scatter and multiply across the earth, and they began to erect a single, great, world empire with its capital at the first Babylon. Noah and his family would have been highly intelligent and would have retained much knowledge of the pre-flood culture, technology, and achievements through their memory of the old world and possibly through written records stored on the ark. Since people lived such long life spans before the flood, people like Methuselah, who lived the oldest recorded life of 969 years, would have had life spans which overlapped many generations of people. Therefore Methuselah could have personally known Adam and Noah and even Noah's sons. Methuselah could easily have passed down written and / or oral records from Adam to Noah and his family. Moses, who is given credit for writing and/or compiling the first five books of the Bible, could have received his information from Adam within only six links of people passing the information down from one person to the next. As family groups spread around the world after Babel, they would have taken with them the tales their ancestors had passed on to them about the creation and the great catastrophe of Noah's day. By the way, Noah and his three sons, all having been born before the flood, still maintained long life-spans, and at least Noah and his son, Shem, were still living a few hundred years after the tower of Babel incident. So the people living before the dispersion at Babel could have spoken directly to people who lived before the flood.

After the flood, life spans began to dwindle down from 900 plus years to only a few hundred years, due to the changed living environment and its effects on the body and other factors. For example Adam lived 930 years, Methuselah -969 years, Noah -951 years, Shem (Noah's son) - lived 600 years, Eber (who was born after the flood) - lived only 464 years, and Peleg (who lived at

the dispersion at Babel) - lived 239 years, Nahor - 158 years, and Abram (or Abraham) - lived a total of only 120 years. These continued semi-long life spans immediately after the flood, would have allowed Noah's descendants to begin to rapidly multiply. There is no telling how long women were able to birth children and no telling how many children each woman would have bore if they still lived for a few hundred years.

Their many descendants would have used such great knowledge, which they could have received from Noah and his sons, to build their new empire. They eventually began erecting a gigantic temple tower, or ziggurat, which supposedly had a 1/4 mile square base, was eight stories (or about 650 feet) high and at its apex was to be a shrine dedicated "unto heaven," very possibly inscribed with the signs of the zodiac and/or other astrological emblems. The great "Tower of Babel" was essentially a temple dedicated to Satan worship and evolutionary pantheism. Man had begun worshipping God's created things again instead of praising God Himself.

Tower of Babel Incident

About 100 years after the flood, in order to scatter people across the earth as God had commanded at the end of the flood, God suddenly, in an instant, caused each major family group (several families) to speak a different language than any other family group. By changing the centers of each person's brain which controls speech and understanding, only members of a family could now understand only other members of their own family. How strange it must have felt to hear people talk and not be able to understand what they were saying, being that they had never heard any other language before. The confusion and incoherent communication, caused by these new languages amongst different families, probably led to arguments and fighting between different family groups. This would have led to each family group going its own way, getting away from other family groups for protection.

Since marrying between families and even political unions were no longer possible, each family group eventually established its own national or linguistic identity. People were forced to marry within their own family. Now you may be thinking, "marrying close relatives is 'incest' so how could this be allowed?" Today we all have defects in our genetic code so if two closely related people have children there is a good chance that both people will have the same defective gene thereby causing their children to have bad disorders. But Adam and Eve were created perfect without any defects therefore they had no defective genes to pass down to their children. Their children would have had to marry each other at first and later they could have married their nieces and nephews. Several generations could have passed before defects began to occur and then several more generations before it was a problem for close relatives to have children. So after the flood, Noah's close relatives would also have had to marry each other, as did members in these isolated family groups 100 years later. Abraham even married his half sister about 400 years after the flood. It was not until Moses' time that it was forbidden by God for close relatives to marry.

Many families probably had to scatter quickly in all directions from their homes in or near the city, possibly leaving all they owned behind. The distance each family group had to travel would have depended on the size and strength of the family and the resources needed for each family. Most probably had to travel to distant uninhabited lands to find a suitable place to live. Now, if **you** had to move to a place where no one had ever lived before, how would you and your family live? Do you know how to build a house, forage for food, make metal for tools and weapons? Artifacts from the new lifestyle of these newly displaced families would look very primitive to us. Many people may have lived in caves, under cliffs, in huts or tents and used crude stone and wood tools and weapons. These would have been our first "cavemen" and "stone-age men" - regular people, like us, living in harsh conditions. Cavemen were not hairy, hunched over,

ape-men as depicted by evolutionists; that idea came about when people started incorrectly believing that man evolved from the apes. If living conditions remained harsh for many years, many families may have remained “primitive,” while others which may have remained in the city could have retained much of the technologically advanced knowledge which was used to build Babylon and lived in areas with plenty of resources. Therefore they may have lived an advanced lifestyle at the same time others lived harsh “caveman” lifestyles. Even today we have tribal families living in remote areas with “primitive” lifestyles, while many other families in other parts of the world are living a highly technologically advanced lifestyle.

If it weren't for caves we would not have cavemen, so where did the caves come from. As water receded after the flood (and /or melted at the end of the Ice-Age), water would have gotten trapped behind land-slide/sediment dams. Eventually water levels probably rose to the top of some of these dams and began pouring over the top of the dams, quickly eroding and weakening the soft sediment allowing the dams to brake under the flow and weight of the water. In recent times we have even seen the formation of many canyons due to levee breaks, drainage ditch overflows, and natural dam breaks. There is even evidence that this is how a majority of the Grand Canyon was formed (**See the article “How Much Time?” found at <http://biblicalreliability.blogspot.com> to see how this happened in 1980 after the Mount Saint Helens explosion created a dam**). Also as water drained from the land and into the oceans, the erosion of the water seeping through the new soft sedimentary rock would have quickly created caves all around the world. Stalactites and stalagmites would have quickly formed in the past as water above the caves would have dissolved minerals and carried them through cracks in the rock to the caves. As the rocks hardened and the seepage slowed, the formation of stalactites and stalagmites would have drastically slowed down. Today they form very slowly in most caves, but still very quickly in many man-made structures.

Before the great dispersion at Babel, everyone belonged to a single non-distinct “race” of people and shared a common language and history and the largest common gene pool ever. (Actually the people before the flood would have had the largest variety of genes in one people group. Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives would have had a wide variety of genes, but possibly not all the genes that Adam and Eve had. To retain all the possible genetic combinations, each family group would have had to have both dominant and recessive traits of each characteristic.) If all people were able to marry anyone in this large diverse group of people, then all families had access to the same genetic stock (a large variety of gene combinations) for variations in skin color, stature, hair texture, facial features, etc.

But after God's intervention at Babel, the language barrier caused isolated groups of people, no longer having access to the large gene pool, therefore causing isolated inbreeding which would have led to a loss of different genes in each family group's gene pool. Also genetic mutations would have increased with time which would have further differentiated one family group from others. Eventually certain characteristics in each new family group would have become dominant and preferred, while others would be less preferred and possibly looked down upon causing racism and discrimination. Our culture today does the same thing with people who have different shades of skin, or are very fat, ugly, short, etc. It is known that some existing pygmy tribes began when pygmy tribe members were kicked out of their tribe. They started living amongst other pygmies to form a new family group. Other people with undesirable traits could have started new colonies too if they were not destroyed first.

As mentioned before, the post-flood climate was vastly different from the pre-flood world. Heavy evaporation, cloud formation, and storms from continuing volcanic activity in the oceans would have caused much precipitation and more and more ice and snow to build up in the colder far North and South regions. It is believed by many that this is when the Ice-Age started. It is believed that the snow, ice and glaciers built up for about 500 years then took about 200 years to melt away.

This melting would have caused several smaller floods which could have created further burial and fossilizing of more organisms.

Although we have thousands of different languages today, there are fewer than 20 distinct language “families.” Over time, groups of people would have broken away from their original family group. This would have given rise to other languages and different dialects as these groups of people lived centuries separated from their original family groups.

Civilizations Spread

Some family groups, especially those who were small or weak, would have moved far North and South to get away from other family groups. Here they would have had to contend with the encroaching, very cold, cloudy, Ice-Age conditions. Such conditions required heavily clothed skin and allowed very little sun exposure. This would have limited the growth of vegetation to only certain types, therefore limiting what people could eat. Sun exposure is also required for the skin to make vitamin D. Therefore people living in very cold climates with very little, if any, sun exposure could have suffered from “rickets” - a vitamin D deficiency which causes severe crippling arthritis. People with dark skin would have been even more prone to rickets since dark pigment in the skin blocks the sun exposure even further. Research on the bones of Neanderthal people has revealed that they had rickets, giving them the supposed ape-like, hunched over stance. Also it is good to note that since Neanderthal people had brain cavities 13% larger than our present skulls, they were apparently very intelligent. I believe that ancient people were highly intelligent, much more than present-day man. Today we may be more technologically advanced, but not necessarily more intelligent.

Therefore severe climate conditions, cultural preferences, and isolated inbreeding would have caused families or nations to have begun to have unique physical (or racial) characteristics as well as language ones. Also they would have eventually begun to develop new and separate currency, technology, religious practices, and separate histories from this point on. As these family groups grew they became nations of people groups. This explains why we see differences in appearances between the Caucasians from Europe, the Negroes from Africa, the Asians, the Indians, the Eskimos, the Aborigines, etc.

Here it is interesting to note that until the discovery of America, all the world had been pretty much isolated into their own separate nations with their own cultures and unique external, or “racial,” physical appearances due to their breeding within their isolated gene pools. As people began to migrate to and spread across America over the past few centuries, they began blending their cultures with others. The United States of America has been called “The Melting Pot of the World” because of such blending. Today we see a wide variety of “races”, languages, religious groups, and histories. With inter-racial marriages or living arrangements and their offspring, we are quickly returning to a single non-distinct “race” of people. Also today due to our rapid growth in technology, races of people all over the world are able to travel vast distances quickly, and are able to communicate with many other people all over the world, thereby sharing each other’s cultures. We, as a world race, are beginning to share a common history and even similarities in our cultures. We are also seeing a push by some individuals toward a common language, common currency, and even a common world religion. I find it very interesting to see how we are returning to a “race” of people similar to that which lived before the flood. It makes me wonder how close we are to God’s next destruction as has been prophesized in the Bible. It says in the Bible that in the end times it will be as it was in the days of Noah.

Now, back to ancient times. As families dispersed, some would have migrated to many distant lands by way of sea travel, or crossing ice and land bridges between lands. If the warm

oceans continued to evaporate and the moisture continued to accumulate as snow and ice in the colder regions, without melting, the ocean levels could have dropped quite a bit. This would have exposed the continental shelves around each continent creating land bridges between some continents and some islands. As temperatures dropped during the Ice-Age, ice bridges would also have formed. These bridges would have allowed a way for people and animals to spread from one continent to another. As these families spread around the world they would have taken with them their religious beliefs and customs. By now many families had again developed pagan, multi-god beliefs and rituals. Some family groups could have retained superior architectural and technological skills as were used to build the “Tower of Babel” in Babylon. With these skills and a desire to please their gods, they could have built temples to their gods as demonstrated by the different temples seen around the world, such as ziggurats. They also built massive structures as the pyramids, desert drawings, and Stonehenge. Stonehenge appears to be an extremely accurate astronomical calculator, with some stones weighing about 100 tons and quarried over 75 miles away. It has been said that our present day technology could not accomplish such a feat of transporting and stacking such heavy stones. So how did supposedly less intelligent and poorly equipped ancient people accomplish such feats? Again, I believe that ancient people were highly intelligent and more intelligent than modern man.

As populations began to grow and civilizations began to spread, empires began to develop such as the Phoenicians, Egyptians, Chaldeans (Babylonians), Chinese, and Greeks. According to Armenian tradition, Noah distributed the habitable earth from north to south between his sons. He gave to Ham the region which was to be occupied by the black race. The sons of Ham were known as the fathers of the Babylonians, Egyptians, Lybians, and the Phoenicians and included areas as Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, and India. He gave to Shem the region which was to be occupied by the tawny race, those with rich tan to brownish yellow or olive skin such as the Mongolians. The sons of Shem were known as the fathers of the Persians, Assyrians, Jews, Lydians, and Syrians and included areas as Palestine, Syria, Assyria, Samaria, Shinar, Babel (Babylonia), Persia and Arabia. Lastly he gave to Japheth the region which was to be occupied by the ruddy or reddish-skinned race such as the white or Caucasian race. The sons of Japheth were known as the fathers of the Germans, Turks, Huns, Fins, Medes, Spaniards, Greeks, Romans, Tartars, Muscovites, and Thracians and included areas as Spain, France, Greece, Germany, Asia Minor, Circassia, and Europe in general. There were many other groups which arose too such as the Gauls, Goths, Franks, Britons, Saxons, Bavarians, Lombards, and many more. These are definitely not listed here in the order in which they emerged. Chinese historians also state that Fohi or Yao, supposedly Noah of the Bible, founded China in about 2240 B.C. They also say that Noah invented a symbolic mode of writing. **(For much more details, see the book entitled “Adams Syn Chronological Chart or Map of History.” Also go to www.rae.org to see the entire book entitled After The Flood by Bill Cooper. It contains evidence showing European genealogies from Noah through Japheth and Ancient Chronologies and Records.)** With the growth of such nations, we also saw the beginning of armies, wars, barbarians, fortresses, walled cities and castles. What is really interesting is that families, tribes, individuals, and peoples listed in the Table of Nations in Genesis have been traced (from Noah to modern times) through ancient non-Biblical genealogies and chronicles of the peoples of the Middle East and Europe. Recent archaeological findings are confirming more and more such cultures and places which are listed in Genesis.

Other evidence which indicates that ancient man was highly intelligent with high levels of technology are the discovery of copper and iron “electric” batteries (possibly used for electroplating), and the finding of an ancient, analog computer with differential gears found on a sunken 1st century ship (apparently used for navigation). If civilizations were so technologically advanced in ancient times, why has mankind been so technologically deprived over the last several

centuries? As civilizations around the world suffered loss of lives through plaques, invasions, wars, and had to endure possibly many evacuations, they would have gradually or quickly lost their previously advanced cultural technology. Harsh living conditions probably lasted several generations for some families such as during the Dark-Ages. It is hard to be technologically advanced if for a long time you are living with few numbers of people, off a bare minimum of resources and trying to meet your basic requirements for life - food, shelter and protection. It was not until the past few centuries, after the Dark-Ages, that civilizations began to flourish again.

I hope this article has raised your curiosity for the evidence of man's true origins and early history. Although there is no way to scientifically "prove" any theory of origins or man's early history, I believe that modern scientific evidence indicates the above account to be true. There are many books with much more detailed evidences not mentioned in this article which strongly support the historical accounts of God's creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's flood, and the dispersion of families at the Tower of Babel as recorded in Genesis in the Bible. Due to this and many more evidences I have studied, I have learned to trust the reliability of the entire Bible.

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