

Source of all Knowledge!

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The source of all knowledge is the God in whom we trust, and He had printed all that we need to know to live a right life here and live with Him forever later. The Bible gives the true history of the world as it is the final authority on all matters about which it speaks.

We believe that the New Testament doctrine of salvation by faith in the Atonement sacrifice of the Lord Jesus is true and important knowledge—and we must also believe that the historical account of how life began in Genesis is an accurate account of events.

The apostle Paul refutes the world's idea of millions of years of the earth, and he disproves that death and destruction happened *before* Adam. ¹ *Corinthians* 15:21 “*For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*” We know and believe it happened that way.

The world ignores that truth and compromises the doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ. Everything in the universe—every plant and animal, every particle of matter or light, is bound by laws—which it has no choice but to obey—such as laws of nature ^{Jeremiah} 33:25 “*Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth*”—but we know God has given the laws of nature.

The logic of God is built into the universe, so it *has* to obey laws—such as of chemistry—which are derived from the laws of physics—and many

of which are derived from other laws. Fundamental laws of nature exist because God made them—they are the logical and the orderly way that the Lord upholds and sustains the universe.

An atheist cannot explain the orderly state of the universe—which would not obey laws if there were no Lawgiver. The laws of nature are perfectly consistent with the story of Creation. The law of bio-genesis states that *life* always *comes* from *life*. Life systems, like organisms, reproduce other organisms after their own kind—this has been proven.

God created the first kinds of diverse life on earth, and He made them to reproduce after their own kind ^{Genesis} 1. Evolution defies the law of bio-genesis because life did *not* spontaneously form, as they believe. Life requires a specific chemistry.

The human body is powered by chemical reactions and depends on the laws of chemistry operating in a uniform fashion. Every living being has information stored on a long molecule called DNA. God created the laws of chemistry in just the right way so that life on earth would be possible.

The lightest element—hydrogen—will react with oxygen to form water. When frozen, water forms crystals with six-sided symmetry—like snowflakes. The properties of elements are logically organized into a periodic table—this did *not* happen by chance. All the atoms and molecules are bound by the laws of *quantum physics*—which is a branch of science that studies very miniscule things which make up everything around us.

The laws of physics describe the way the universe operates—how *energy* is transported; how *gravity* operates; how *mass* moves through space; and many other facts. God created all these laws—and if basic constants were slightly different life would not be possible.

God gave the *right* values so the elements and compounds would have the *right* properties—and life *would* be possible. We do not completely

understand many aspects of the universe. As the apostle stated ¹ *Corinthians* 13:12 “*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*”

The law of physics would not work if there were not laws of mathematics. These laws are *true* because God's nature is *logical*. We are to believe in faith that there is a God who created all these laws. Humans *discovered* mathematical laws—not *invented* them. All *laws of nature* depend on *laws of logic*. An atheist cannot explain laws of logic—although they admit they exist.

We are made in the image of God, so we can *reason* logically—although we do not always *think* logically. The laws of nature are uniform and apply throughout the universe—they will apply in the *future* as they have in the *past*. God cannot change and is Lord over all creation—*He* has ^{Jeremiah} 33:25 “*Appointed the ordinances [laws] of heaven and earth.*”

Because so many today have accepted the theory of evolution, some Christians have attempted to place a *gap* between the first two Bible verses—called the *Gap Theory*. ^{Genesis} 1:1 “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*”

Some place millions of years and billions of fossils between those first two verses. They even put the fall of Satan in this time, but any rebellion of Satan during this gap of time contradicts God's creation on Day 6—^{Genesis} 1:31 “*And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*”

A nineteenth century writer Pember (*Earth's Earliest Ages* 1884, defended the authority of Scripture and was adamant that one had to begin from Scripture alone. He said the church is weakened when man's philosophies interpret Scripture. ^{Quote} *By skillfully blending their own systems with the truths of*

Scripture, they so bewildered the minds of the multitude that but few retained the power of distinguishing the revelation of God from the craftily interwoven teachings of men unquote.

Pember did not want to question six literal days of creation—but did not question the long ages either. Therefore, he tried to *reconcile* the long ages with Scripture. He justified the gap theory by saying—*There is room for any length of time between the first and second verses of the Bible.*

Exodus 20:11 *“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”* The creation of the heavens and the earth Genesis 1:1, and the sea and *all that is in them* was completed in six literal 24-hour days.

Any gap theory would put death, disease, and decay *before* the Fall, which is contrary to God’s Word. Romans 5:12 *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”*

There could not be sin or death *before* Adam, because Adam was the first man 1 Corinthians 15:22 *“As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”*—and as a result of Adam’s sin—death, disease, bloodshed, and suffering entered the world.

Before Adam sinned, there could *not* be any type of death—and there could *not* have been a race of men before Adam who died—as some try to speculate—because 1 Corinthians 15:45 *“The first man Adam was made a living soul.”*

Animals and humans were originally created to eat only plants—which is consistent with God’s description of His creation as *“very good.”* Genesis 1:29 *“See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.”*

30 *“Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, 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.”* It is the reason that many become vegetarians and avoid eating red meat—but we cannot depend on our diet to assure good health.

A fossil record which gives evidence of death, disease, and decay—and fossils have been found of animals apparently devouring one another—which could not be described as *“very good.”* The death of animals and humans as seen in the fossil record must have occurred *after* Adam’s sin, but *not before.*

Romans 8:22 *“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”* Clearly, the whole creation was subject to decay and corruption because of sin. The gap theory is saying that death, disease, and decay existed *before* Adam sinned, which contradicts Scripture.

Gap theorists say the earth is very old—a belief based on the geologic evidence interpreted that sediments containing fossils formed at the same *rate* as they do today. They say the geologic column represents *billions* of years. The gap theory refutes the historical record and event of a global Flood.

Genesis reveals the world-wide Flood as a judgment for man’s sin Genesis 6:5 *“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,”* therefore water flooded the earth for over a year.

Genesis 6:17 *“Behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.”* Only eight people, along with two of every clean, and seven of some unclean animals, survived Genesis 7:23 *“Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.”*

God’s Word stands the test of time, and we must accept it as God stated it. 2 Peter 3:6 *“Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”*

The *hope* we have is the *God* we trust—2 Peter 3:9 *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* Repentance is the key—being *inwardly humbled and outwardly reformed!* Being Sure of the Future, July 9, 2023.

After knowing what God has written—and how we must *trust* Him in faith through the shed Blood of His Son, as empowered by the Holy Spirit—Hebrews 2:1 *“We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.”*

God provided a way to *redeem* man through His Son—Who suffered the curse of death for us. He tasted *“death for everyone”* Hebrews 2:9 and took the penalty that should have been ours. If He loved us enough to *die for us*—we must love Him enough to *live for Him!*

Jesus defeated death when He rose to life after three days. We can be free from eternal death in Hell, if we believe in Jesus and trust Him as our Lord and Savior—Healer, Protector, and deliverer. At that point we are *forgiven* and *given* eternal life with Him! *That* promise is from the *“Source of all Knowledge!”*

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