

THE GAP FACT PROVEN

A Debate between Charles McGhee (Anti-Gap Theorist) &
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Mr. McGhee wrote: "God didn't make the light, he said "let there be" first and it was there. The darkness was there because there was nothing there to view the light. The earth wasn't habitable yet."

Sargent Answers: So, photon particles that make up light are eternal matter? God never created the visible light spectrum? Is that right? My Bible says that He made ALL things! The phrase "let there BE light" is a creative statement, not something that was hidden and brought out. Darkness is the ABSENCE of light. The light of God had to be hidden from view and the light that God said, "let there be light" was NOT God's light, but the light as we see it. But because you can not explain it, you have to resort to the age old ignorance and a historic position devoid of the truth about this GAP. You said "...the darkness was there because there was nothing there to view the light." And so you are saying there was something there to view the light after God said, "let there be light" please tell us who besides God? If God IS LIGHT, the light would be there already if God was THERE! Unless something was HIDING the light from view! OH, that's right WATER was there too! You never will get it right, because you MUST show that you are RIGHT no matter what. You have not answered where the darkness came from, you have not answered why God had to MAKE light, which He DID. You never answered anything accurately because if you do, it will show that there IS A GAP!

You have not responded to the types of the heavens, and the tabernacle and the human tripartite nature. The problem is people are three people in ONE... yet you would not have a clue about this when it relates to the heavens. Your sophistry in relation to the true rejects the obvious for the impractical and apparent unlearned lies of the historic position. Historic positions are not always accurate. Look in a mirror and tell me how many people do you see one or three? I know, both! No, it's ONE! You can't see the spiritual parts can you! Not unless you see them with the eyes of FAITH. If all the heavens are together in the same place with the light of God and NO DARKNESS, all that would be SEEN is ONE HEAVEN! Because there was ONE heaven in Genesis 1:1 and yet all three were there AS ONE. If you don't see this, you are spiritually blind; nothing else can be a good reason for this.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "(plenish has no usage and never has, there is not even an example in the link you posted. Anyone can post a link on the internet, I'm not convinced. Please use this in a historic sentence with quoted source.) The word is not in use anywhere, and it is NOT in the Bible. Replenish IS in the Bible, like Receive: ceive is not a word in use, to Receive it to be given something, and to be given something again. Replenish is to fill and to fill again. Many words similar to this can be given, and I have also given words in use with the prefix from 1611 in the Bible. Which you ignored, this shows you are not being honest in this debate and are just arguing for the sake of argumentation. "2 Peter 3:5-6 is definitely of Noah's Flood and there were no heavens in Genesis 1:1." And "The

heaven in Genesis 1:8,9,14 are singular. It's only the fourth day here in Genesis 1:14-19. The heaven was not stretched out yet. It wasn't finished!..."

Sargent Answers: Ignoring the FACTS again Charles? You gave NO PROOF from the text or context of 2 Peter 3:5-6 where it says this is "Noah's Flood!" There are heavens in Genesis 1:1 spoken of as singular because they are all ONE! You ignore the facts, which only makes you look foolish. Let's see if the heaven was not stretched out yet, or was not finished! According to YOU! According to the BIBLE: Genesis 2:1, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." And Genesis 2:4, "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens," Oh, you missed this didn't you! "...in the DAY..." singular!

So, the earth and the HEAVENS were made in ONE DAY! Thus heavens and heaven are the same in some instances. Or you have to say day and days are the same! Funny how that is so TRUE! The Bible is still true just as it says it and defines its own words. That is what makes ME a Bible believer I have not had to alter anything. I have allowed the BIBLE to define what it means. I have NOT appealed to anyone else, I have not appealed to altering any passage. I never once said anything should be CHANGED anywhere.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "The other two heavens wouldn't have existed yet and by you claiming they did, there will be a total of 5 heavens because God said, he "made the firmament" in Genesis 1:7"

Sargent Answers: No, actually you can not count! In math, 3 that are also 1 is only a mathematical problem where you have not understood this tripartite nature of the heavens. First the heavens of Genesis 1:1 spoken of as ONE heaven would be seen in that God parted the waters to make the firmament and called that HEAVEN singular. This is the heaven that we breath, because the air we breath also is where the land appeared. YET the same heaven given as the firmament is where the sun, moon and stars are made. And yet this firmament is a singular plural word just like the word Godhead, and the word heaven can be used. Heaven is singular, and heaven is plural, as is heavens. This is the Biblical usage in many places. Ignoring this fact places you in a precarious position because Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Heavens and firmament used together showing that firmament is a plural word for more than one of the heavens. Also the birds also fly in the firmament of the heaven yet the birds do not fly around the sun or the moon or the stars.

Mr. McGhee wrote: You said: "God didn't make anything until he said "let there be" first." And "Yet you said: "God didn't make the light, he said "let there be" first and it was there. The darkness was there because there was nothing there to view the light. The earth wasn't habitable yet."

Sargent Answers: SO, "let there be" is a creative work or not? Inconsistent huh!

So, the Heaven (capitalized) is which one, the first or second? You don't know! Which firmament is that? The one with AIR or the one without! Is it the firmament where the stars are or the firmament where the birds fly? You don't know do you?

You don't know why the "H" is capitalized in Heaven: Genesis 1:8, "And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." Yet the whole SEEN heaven are not one but TWO! So, it is Heaven. This Heaven is split as everyone knows to the first and second heavens. SO, you have proved that Heaven can be Heavens, as well as heaven and heavens.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "This means there was no Heaven before this! God is calling it by name for the FIRST time!"

Sargent Answers: Were you really speaking of Genesis 1:8 really? And you are going to stand by that statement? When the obvious statement in Genesis 1:1 is still there! This heaven is not part of the firmament yet it existed before Genesis 1:8 as heaven. The problem is that the word heaven is actually a word for heights or high places. The heaven of Genesis 1:1 is higher than the heaven that the sun, moon, and stars, which is higher than the heaven that the birds fly in. Yet, they are all there!

Yet you have never explained where water came from! Genesis 1:9, "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so." The water was there already, there is no passage that TELLS you in the Genesis account where WATER was made! Where is the "let there be" water?

Once again: Genesis 2:4, "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens," The earth and the heavens were made in one day! That must be Genesis 1:1 and heavens were already established before Genesis 1:2.

Genesis 14:19, "And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth." So, God is the possessor of only ONE heaven or all THREE?

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." Oh, a singular word HEAVEN used for ALL 3 HEAVENS!

Exodus 31:17, "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." Another example where the singular word HEAVEN is used for all 3 heavens! The words of God disprove your theory that heaven can NOT be used for heavens!

Deuteronomy 10:14, "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." NOW, here is a example of what YOU will never be able to explain! You are to BEHOLD, the heaven, AND the heaven of heavens... You can NOT see the third heaven! So, the heaven here AND the heaven of heavens is reviled as a singular plurality in its nature like the word GODHEAD!

In YOUR CONCLUSION you said: "God didn't make anything until he said "let there be" first." You're reasoning shows more of a GAP than I would ever believe. You have put a GAP in Genesis 1:1 AND 1:2, with a preconceived notion that these verses are further explained in the subsequent verses of creation; yet that notion can NOT be

verified, and furthermore, that theory has lack of evidence in the context where NOTHING in Genesis 1:3 to the end of the chapter where WATER was ever created! Nowhere is LAND ever created! Nowhere is DARKNESS ever created! Furthermore, there is NOTHING in the passages that says where VOID OR WITHOUT FORM WAS EVER CREATED! Genesis 1:2 is on its OWN with no connection to Genesis 1 before or after it. That is what makes IT a GAP!

Charles McGhee II the Anti-Gap Theorist said: “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:3 This means there was no light before then. "And God said, Let there be a firmament..." Genesis 1:6 “And God made the firmament..."Genesis 1:7 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. Genesis 1:8 And this will mean there was no firmament to be called heaven before then. NOTICE: it says Heaven, not heaven. This means there was no Heaven before this! God is calling it by name for the FIRST time!”

Sargent Answers: The first error Mr. McGhee said, is “this means...” assuming “...there was no light before then.” Yet what he misses is the FACT that “...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5b. That therefore means that in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God...” Light was there! It is God’s NATURE! Mr. McGhee’s assumption was obviously WRONG!

The Second error Mr. McGhee said is “...this will mean...” and assuming that “... there was no firmament to be called heaven before then...” The assumption here is that heaven MUST be a firmament, or that a firmament MUST be heaven! Yet Mr. McGhee has ignored the fact that the firmament makes up TWO of the heavens! And the word with the capital “Heaven” is the whole opening in the waters which BOTH heavens the first and the second are in! The birds are in the firmament, as are the sun, moon and stars! Yet this is NOT the same heavens! This proves once again that heaven can mean heavens, and firmament is a singular plural like the word Godhead. Heaven can be used in the same manner as I have PROVED over and over again FROM THE BIBLE! In the case of the capital “Heaven” It is what you see above you! THE TWO HEAVENS are the totality of the firmament, yet Mr. McGhee ignores the facts and insists on his own interpretations over what the Bible SAYS.

The third error Mr. McGhee said is “...God is calling it by name for the FIRST time!” No, actually someone just can’t read! Genesis 1:1 is before Genesis 1:8! So, it was NOT the first time! Where did you get that assumption from? Why is it the first time? Is it ONLY because it is capitalized? That is not a proof of anything except personification! That is the totality of the firmament. But you have once again proved that heaven, Heaven, and heavens mean the same thing. They are the heights or high places and we know there are three, because the Bible SAYS SO! Not because you attach a meaning to something and assume you are right just because you or someone else says so!

Please prove Heaven is NOT the name for the whole firmament where both heavens are spoken of, as well as both firmaments are spoken of, where the sun, moon, stars and BIRDS are! Mr. McGhee has fallen into the trap of private interpretation, and NOT comparing scriptures with the scripture! And when I say scriptures or scripture, I mean the SAME THING! Some singular words are in usage with their counterparts in the plural. Ignoring the FACTS, will not make them go away!

All the things that Mr. McGhee has assumed thus far have been proved to be in ERROR! The Bible SAYS otherwise. He has not provided evidence for his assumption in the anti-gap theory, has deliberately and unwisely attached meanings on things without Biblical reference, and repeatedly used other people as references for his assumptions without Biblically defining them. His defense of the anti-gap theory is therefore debunked in FULL. His argumentation that I am using sophistry has been proved to be a lie. And his ignorance of the FACTS supporting 2 Peter 3 to be referring to CREATION in the context, has lead him off the deep end to HAVE TO SAY THAT this passage is actually NOAH'S flood! That remarkable error FIXES forever his assumptions and creates more problems for him that he will not EVER answer. The earth was NEVER standing in the water and out of the water in Noah's flood! Noah's flood was NOT at the time of CREATION! The time this refers to is given more than once. 2 Peter 3:5-6, "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:" People are ignorant of this, that means it cannot be Noah's flood which people are NOT ignorant of. The next is that it is by the word of God the heavens were of old, another reference to the ORIGINAL creation, when God SPOKE things into existence from NOTHING! This did not happen in Noah's flood. The whole world was overflowed with water... PERISHED! None were saved! Did not happen with Noah's flood, after all, eight were saved in that instance. These passages do NOT line up!

The further study of the letters of Peter and Noah's flood where a reference shows up Peter gives the understanding that he is talking about Noah's flood which doesn't happen in 2 Peter 3:5-6; but it does happen in 1 Peter 3:18-20, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." And 2 Peter 2:1-5, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;" The obvious implication here is that Peter new full well what he was talking about even though Mr. McGhee does not.

The errors Mr. McGhee has made are so enormous in assumptions and prejudice towards "The Gap Fact" he would believe this error as a truth no matter what evidence is shown otherwise. He is caught in the paradox of circular reasoning: "the gap is not true because I do not believe it therefore I will find reason to present for this." This would be the only reasoning for anyone to this disregard the FACTS presented as he has done. Yet he is

caught up in this ERROR. Thank God it is NOT about salvation or your goose would be cooked!

Debate 2

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Plant life was replenished? No it wasn't. These herbs and fruit were for the animals to eat. These herbs and fruit were for the animals to eat. So what need would plants be to Lucifer and his angels if they didn't eat them?”

Sargent Answers: Why would you say they “didn't eat them?” Is it because they were not physical? And didn't need sustenance to survive? An implication of the new body we will have after the resurrection. And an account of God coming to Abraham in the form of 3 men: Genesis 18:1-2, “And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground...” 5, “And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.” 8, “And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.” Why did God, and the Angels of the Lord EAT? They did NOT need food yet “...they did eat.” This leads me to say that during the marriage supper of the Lord, we will EAT and not NEED the food for sustenance. It will be ONLY for pleasure. This does mean that plant life could have been around prior to Genesis 1:2, and there is no reason to assume there wasn't. Let's look and see what was going on with Lucifer: Ezekiel 28:14 “...thou wast upon the holy mountain of God...” and he “...walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.” Then we have this issue: vs. 15 “...till iniquity was found in thee.” And why? Vs. 16 “By the multitude of thy merchandise...” and what was that merchandise? “...they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned:” Whose the “they” that filled him with violence? Was it the merchandise? If the merchandise is called a “they” were there some sort of beings that belonged to him or what? In any case these things have yet to be answered in this. If Satan can now emanate himself or project himself from his location in the great deep to earth, and then also to the upper sea of glass as he does in Job 1 and 2 then this projected entity could take on a human form now by drinking human blood, or animal form by drinking animal blood, or a combination form from a mixed blood, the product could be Revelation 9:3-10. These are PHYSICAL beings! They are NOT human perse, nor are they animal. They are the product of supernatural procreation and regeneration, and products of devils and people who follow them. Now back to Lucifer who had this power and was “trafficking” in “merchandise” Ezekiel 28:18, “Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries...” What sanctuaries? “...by the multitude of thine iniquities...” MULTITUDE of his iniquities? What MULTITUDE? Were there MANY? “...by the iniquity of thy traffick...” SO, whatever that it was that HE was trafficking in, also produced iniquity which was accounted to him! He was trafficking in merchandise that is called “THEY” instead of “IT” or “THOSE” implying personage and not things. I do not believe it was human perse but it was something very wicked that was ON THE EARTH being bought and sold. It was so wicked that God said: “...therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the

earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.” This is only the surface of this issue, it goes much deeper.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “If the pre-Adamic race were Lucifer and his angels, what purpose was a pre-Adamic flood? It didn't kill them.”

Sargent Answers: Life as humans can be killed. Any pre-Adamic beings were not given life as we know it. As a projected being from Lucifer would not have taken on a form like man, and there was no man's blood for this to happen, there also were no women for any of them to cohabit with to bring forth what happened in Genesis 6. Which shows a viable issue of this happening with Lucifer. The issue is procreation, or to be like God being able to “create” which is what happened with Lucifer, and all down through the ages even to now, they are experimenting with the DNA to try to “create” life! In some way Cain was the product of Satan; not by seed; but by spiritual infiltration and satanic practice. Which makes you wonder why Cain's works were wrong and Abel's works were right! BOTH were WORKS. But, ONE had BLOOD! This is where it gets deep. Leviticus 17:11, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” This atonement is Old Testament atonement. It was good for a year and had to be repeated. But notice closely here “...the life of the flesh is in the blood...” This is why Satanist will drink the blood of their victims for power, when they get their power, it also transfers to the devils they bring up so they are able to put on more flesh. These disembodied spirits are the familiar spirits in the Bible. (Leviticus 19:31), which defile people. The wizards are the Satanist that promote these spirits in the world. They are either deceived humans, or the devils that other wizards have brought into this world by their witchcrafts and drinking blood. (Leviticus 20:6; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; 2 Kings 23:24; Isaiah 8:19; Isaiah 19:3; Mark 3:11; Acts 19:13-16; 1 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 16:13-14.)

Mr. McGhee wrote: “You believe Lucifer was cut down to the ground and this is why the earth was without form and void in Genesis 1:2. The verse goes onto say, ‘which didst weaken the nations.’”

Sargent Answers: And? What's the problem? I was saved and I grew in the Lord! That statement is true even though it did not happen at the same time. There were no nations when you said he fell either. AND? The problem is here the statement being made is “after the fact” and nations have already fallen by him. It is an appendage statement. Notice the contextual tenses: “...how art thou cut down to the ground...” this is PRESENT tense. While “...which didst weaken the nations!” this is PAST tense. They are NOT the same event. The “present” tense issue happened in the PAST and the past tense issue was happening in the past, present and future. It is shown how the Lord divided Scriptures at the comma that messes with the minds of men. That is why the Jewish leaders of Christ's day could not see that there were TWO events of the Messiah's coming. And many passages given in the Bible prophecy have both events in the same sentence separated by a comma and some are even placed backwards with the second coming in the sentence before the first. The reason for this is obvious. There is an enemy of the Lord that the Lord does not want to know what is happening. This being was created perfect in wisdom; but NOT perfect in understanding. So, Christ spoke in parables to keep the enemy from the truth. The same can be said for how prophetic

utterances were given. Prophecy deals with stating a thing that has not happened yet. It also deals with things that have happened that no one was there to see. However, the latter has no defining qualities to prove without comparisons of many of these types of prophecies that reflect on the same time frame. That is what makes it a mystery.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "What nations were there in Genesis 1:1? He will be cut down to the ground FOR weakening the nations. Read it in context."

Sargent Answers: There were not any nations until after the flood! Please name ONE nation that existed before the flood. Are you saying that Lucifer fell after the flood? Come on now; I am sure my previous answer to this will suffice.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "Lucifer being cut down didn't happen yet. Did verse 16 happen yet? No."

Sargent Answers: Are you saying that all this happens when verse 16 happens? You do know that verse 16 is the judgment of Lucifer as Satan? I'm sure you know this. You even answered this by quoting the passage: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Revelation 20:10 (see: Isaiah 14:15) Now, pray tell that did not happen YET! So, you are saying Lucifer has not fallen YET? I trow not!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited..." Isaiah 45:18 void = adjective -Genesis 1:2 vain = noun -Isaiah 45:18. Together the words "in vain" forms what is called an idiom. English 101 tells us that nouns and adjectives are different. This verse shows us that God created the earth with a purpose and that was so the earth can be inhabited by man. Compare scripture with scripture: I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Isaiah 45:19 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Deuteronomy 5:11 "In Vain" means without a purpose or value in Isaiah 45:18-19. Since no one can place the angels living here on earth like man is all throughout the bible, you have to conclude that the earth was created for man to have dominion over it."

Sargent Answers: Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." By your own definition "without form" and "void" are both nouns and the meaning of a VOID shows a VAIN creation if this is an extension of verse 1. However, it shows it is NOT a VAIN creation and FITS with Isaiah 45:18 if Lucifer was the cause of this VOID and NOT the creative motive for making it: to be inhabited. It was inhabited at the 6th day when God made man and put him in the garden, planting the tree of knowledge of good and evil told man not to eat from it and allowed Adam to name all the animals and made Eve and THEN rested on the 7th day. The order of these things is not of importance aside from the fact that these things had to have happened on the day Adam and Eve were created, and they were both created on the 6th day. Which brings us to the issue of when did Chapter 3 happen? Was it the NEXT day? Was it on the Sabbath day when God was

resting? I'm sure that resting could include looking in on Adam and wanting fellowship and this is why he came down there looking for Adam. I am not saying it was on this day, because it does NOT say. What I do know is chapter 2 was all on the 6th day. And chapter 3 happened after the 6th day. Now, if this is the case and from what I can see, it is; WHEN do you have Lucifer falling? It had to be PRIOR to the 6th day of creation, before man is made. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil show up on THAT DAY.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "The foundations would be when the earth was established or the rise of the earth to its finished form. Of course, it isn't finished until day six is over. The entire six days of the creation is God laying the foundations of the earth. So all this text is saying is that the angels clapped and sang because they were made on day one and saw the rest of the creation being founded."

Sargent Answers: I am not sure what verse you are getting this from: "The entire six days of the creation is God laying the foundations of the earth" I do not recall this anywhere in the Bible. I know there are foundations of heaven: 2 Samuel 22:8, and the foundation of the world were discovered: 2 Samuel 22:16, because they are hid. Plant life is not the foundation of the world. The foundations of the earth are NOT in Genesis 1:2-31. They are NOT there! Job 38:4-11, "Where wast thou when I laid THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath LAID THE MEASURES THEREOF, if thou knowest? or who hath STRETCHED THE LINE UPON IT? WHEREUPON ARE THE FOUNDATIONS THEREOF FASTENED? or who LAID THE CORNER STONE THEREOF; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the SEA WITH DOORS, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I MADE THE CLOUD THE GARMENT THEREOF, and THICK DARKNESS A SWADDLINGBAND FOR IT, And brake up for it MY DECREED PLACE, and SET BARS AND DOORS, And said, Hitherto SHALT THOU COME, BUT NO FURTHER: and HERE SHALL THY PROUD WAVES BE STAYED?" Please read this carefully and ponder the meanings of these things in relationship to creation. This all happened in Genesis 1:1. Now consider these verses in the same discourse God had with Job: Job 38:30-33, "The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?" The stars are known by these names even now. The "...face of the deep is frozen..." has to do with contextually outer space and the other side of the deep. It is the FACE of the deep. The deep was there in Genesis 1:2 so it had to have been created prior to this. The stars are an incidental creation along with the sun and the moon, on the 5th day. To continue with the foundations: Psalms 82:5, "They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course." Psalms 104:5, "Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever." Proverbs 8:29, "When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:" Isaiah 40:21-22, "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:" The "beginning" and "the foundations of the earth" are synonymous here. This is also at the same time as when God stretched out the heavens as a curtain.

SO, who are “the inhabitants thereof” that was as grasshoppers? This is happening during Genesis 1:1.

Isaiah 51:16, “And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.” A few things with this verse to note: not all these things happened at the same time even though they are in the same sentence. How do you plant the heavens? Laying the “foundations of the earth” is Genesis 1:1: see Isaiah 40:21-22 above. It has been shown that the foundations of the earth is a statement that would be similar to the foundations of this house. There is a corner stone, there are things BUILT on the foundation but not all the house is the foundation and in like manor not all the earth is its foundation.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “God is all powerful, he don't need light too see to make anything.”

Sargent Answers: This is true; however, the fact is even greater a thing than that: 1 John 1:5, “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” This begs to answer the question that if God IS light, then where did that darkness come from? God not needing light to see is not quite the right understanding of the events here. If God made light in verse 5; what is the light that God IS? And if God is LIGHT why did He have to make LIGHT in that darkness? The issue is that of DARKNESS, not light. It had to come from SOMEWHERE! I know where it came from: God MADE IT! Now isn't that a hoot! God is LIGHT, and He made darkness so he could make light! This would mean that the light that God IS; is not the same light in which he MADE and called by the name Day. This also means that the sun doesn't produce light! Because light was there before the sun or moon show up. If darkness is the absence of light; and God is light, then was God's light put OUT? God forbid! It MUST have been a different KIND of light. OR, there was something in the WAY of God's light, LIKE WATER! Water defuses light you know! To DEFUSE means that it breaks up light and that is why deep in the waters of earth it is dark! SO, when God made LIGHT it was a LIGHT that was NOT his “nature” or his own light; but a different light. The photons or light partials were created.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Is the earth beautiful in Genesis 1:2? Nope. It's not finished. When you first move into a home it is void. Is the house destroyed? Of course not. It needs work to make it habitable. Remember God is at work here. God is setting a pattern for man to follow.”

Sargent Answers: The answers you are looking for is in asking the right questions: WHERE DID THE WATER COME FROM? WHERE DID THE DARKNESS COME FROM? God is LIGHT, and IN HIM is no darkness at all! You have God, heaven, earth, then without form, void, darkness, the deep and the face of the waters! The Bible defines these things to be bad: without form, void, darkness. Now read this carefully: Jeremiah 4:23-27, “I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.” This is Genesis 1:1-2.

Here is some of the context: 28 “For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.” The REASON for the heavens to be black! Notice the next verse: 29, “The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.” Notice the city shall flee, not the people of the city. The horsemen and bowmen are not humans here just like the horsemen of Revelation are not human Revelation 9:16-17. Also the bowman here is not human like the bowman in Revelation 6:2. Notice also the fiery darts of the wicked in Ephesians 6:16 are from Satan. This was a place where “...not a man dwell therein.” It did NOT say that men fled from the cities! It said that MAN DID NOT DWELL THERE! Notice the context once again: “I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man...” THIS is Genesis 1:1-2. back to Jeremiah 4:30, “And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.” God is talking to Lucifer now as Satan: the devil even now is depicted all red: crimson! The decking with ornaments of gold would reflect how people idol worship. They know not what they worship, they worship devils. The rentest his face with painting, is to make a devils face appear to be a good thing by camouflage. SO, face painting or the art of tattooing is linked to Satanism. The idea is to make them appear better, because people by nature think they are rotten, not good enough for their own standards. This is getting from Satan to Satanism to the people that have no idea they are Satan’s children. Notice that “thy lovers will despise thee” which is the case of anyone that falls for Satan’s lies to worship him or love him. They end up despising him. (Revelation 17:3-18) One more verse: 31, “For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.” Why did she say this? It is because this woman is shown in Revelation 12:1-17. Notice this in Jeremiah 4:31, “...my soul is wearied because of murderers.” John 8:40-45. Murder was the violence that took place in part; remember it was a multitude of sins that Lucifer committed. It was NOT just one thing.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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. Exodus 20”

Sargent Answers: We are to suppose from this that God told Adam and Eve THIS! Yet, that is NOT the case at all. No one know about the sabbaths until Moses. NONE of these: Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Judah or Job recognized the sabbaths! They did NOT KNOW anything about it UNTIL MOSES! It was Moses that WROTE Genesis 1:1-2. So, God instructed him to write after the fact, and place REASONS for there being seven days in a week! That has NOTHING to do with the Gap of Genesis 1:2. Not if the gap happened on the first day like I have been saying!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "The earth in Genesis 1:1 was without form (unformed) and void (unfilled or empty of life). Vain means "without a purpose or value" in Isaiah 45:18. The verse goes on to say "he formed it to be inhabited." The reason why the earth was created in the first place was so that people (not angels) can live on it. Inhabitants equals people. God created the earth without form and he's giving us the details about how he's going to form and fill the earth over the next 6 days starting at Genesis 1:2-31."

Sargent Answers: I do not agree with the traditional rewording of Genesis 1:2. When someone says without form means unformed and void means unfilled or empty of life; I assume this person is first NOT a Bible believer but a skeptic and a Bible corrector. Nothing personal, but here in this case this is what is happening. This comes from believing scholarship instead of believing God's words. The unformed and unfilled comes from a book called "Unformed and Unfilled" a critique of the Gap Theory, by Weston W. Fields. Who in his book appeals to the Church Fathers page 20-44, tradition page 28, the Babylonian Talmud page 19, Hebrew and Linguistics page 18, Medieval Mystics page 32, the Septuagint page 24, the Original Greek and Hebrew page 28, Opinion page 44, Grammar and Syntax of the Original Text page 47, Science page 46-47, His Own Translation page 86, Assumption page 108, the NASB page 117, to a Better Translation Should Be Rendered page 123 and many other sordid things.

I actually enjoy reading CRAP like this because it allows me to find the truth by reading all the lies. It forces me to seek from the Bible what is true and reject this writer's lies as rubbish. The words do have meanings. VOID does mean EMPTY, but to say it means empty of life is an ERROR. This is NOT implied in the passage let alone in the text. Next the words without form, has nothing to do at all with unformed. As you can see plainly in verse 1, the earth WAS formed! If we read this the way you want it to read we would have to re-write the Bible to say: Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning God created the heaven and UNFORMED the earth. And the earth was UNFORMED, and had NO PEOPLE; and darkness APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the UNFORMED waters THAT WHERE ON THE UNFORMED EARTH." I do this only to show how ridiculous it would be to make these changes to the text. I can show the Hebrew wording here that does not account for this liberty. I believe VOID means EMPTY, or a VACUUM. Notice the EARTH was without form and VOID. This is not saying that people are void from the earth. It is saying the very EARTH was VOID. If the earth is WITHOUT FORM, and yet a form is present in verse 1, then something happened to its FORM to make it without form. This is just simple logic based on what the text SAYS. You can say a word means anything and then proceed to alter the Bible to make it say anything you want. That is NOT advisable; but people do it all the time! Now, I write a check; and make a blunder on that check; so I VOID that check. Does this mean that the money that check was meant for was VOID? Or just the written document of that check was VOID? I declare the latter to be the truth. The same for the Earth, God did not void the earth of people that did not exist there yet! That makes absolutely no sense at all. Why make a statement like that? To make us scratch our heads? NO, there is something ELSE here that IS A MYSTERY that God requires men to THINK, REASON, and most importantly STUDY. Words can be tricky; that is why God told us not to mess with His words! Words are precise and God is precise with His words. Here in Genesis 1:1 God said seven words in Hebrew. There are ten words in the English. That does not mean there are added words. Certain words in Hebrew are compound words to us in English where the English

equivalents are NOT compounded words. This alteration between languages is called idiomatic divergences in linguistics, and are NOT SCIENTIFICALLY translated in the Bible, because the Bible is a supernatural book, God brought about its translation and used specific words to convey what God wants US to get from His words in English. The words here are not to be negated or voided from the text and rewritten to make a new meaning from what is WRITTEN.

The statement: "God created the earth without form and he's giving us the details about how he's going to form and fill the earth over the next 6 days" is almost laughable. But, I understand how this can be taken in this way. The problem is, God would not create something and turn around and call it nothing! Isaiah 45:18 as you pointed out says: "he formed it to be inhabited" OH, now wait: I thought it was FORMLESS, or WITHOUT FORM? How is it then FORMED? How can you FORM a FORMLESS thing? Me thinks you are beside yourself in this matter! Remember I am going by what it SAYS and NOT by anyone's "definition" of the words. I do NOT believe without form, means God creates light, shows land and makes space, and makes plants and makes the sun moon and stars, and makes animals and then man, has anything to do with the form of the earth, or its VOID state in the sense that this was an ORIGINAL creation. Why? God made NOTHING in creation a VOID! Man was NOT VOID before God breathed into him the breath of life; he never said man was a void before the completion of making him a living soul!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "Isaiah 64:8 says, "But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." When you drive past a house that is starting to be constructed, the first thing that doesn't pop in your mind is that it was destroyed. You conclude that this house is not finished yet, it still needs windows, wall, carpeting, appliances, furniture, etc. and most of all, people. This is what was going on in Genesis 1."

Sargent Answers: Oh? I thought you said all of Genesis 1 was the foundation? Have you changed your view on this? I am inclining to agree with this as a work in progress from Genesis 1:3 to 1:31 and then interjecting parts of Chapter 3 into day 6. However, Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 are not part of this progression and verse 2 does not explain at all verse 1. Notice the sequence of creative things throughout this first chapter. Vs. 3, "...Let there be light..." vs. 6, "...Let there be a firmament..." vs. 9, "...Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together..." and "...let the dry land appear..." vs. 11, "...Let the earth bring forth grass..." vs. 14, "...Let there be lights in the firmament..." vs. 20, "...Let the waters bring forth..." etc... Notice this sequence of phraseology used here where God is creating or altering things. Notice the ABSENCE of this in Genesis 1:1 and 2! Nothing is said like: "...Let there be darkness..." or "...Let there be the deep..." or "...Let there be WATER..." And WHY? Because: these things are a direct reaction of a major catastrophe and NOT part of God's original INTENT of his creation. I did NOT say that God did NOT know this would happen! Just like Adam's sin, and the major catastrophe this caused, God knew it was going to happen before it happened and ALLOWED it.

I would contend that the foundation of the earth was settled in Genesis 1:1, and the foundation was built on after a major catastrophe of verse 2. The implications of verse 2 demand these things: WHERE DID THE WATER COME FROM? WHERE DID THE

DARKNESS COME FROM? We know that God made them, so why is it they are NOT LISTED LIKE everything ELSE is listed as something God CREATED?

Mr. McGhee wrote: "The use of the word "was" indicates that the earth was created without form and covered in water and not that it "became" that way as a result of judgment. The darkness is simply the absence of light and the void is from the earth being empty of life. The trees, plants, animals, birds, people will fill that void as explained in the creation account. There's no other way to look at it. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 If "was" in not present tense, Jesus is not God."

Sargent Answers: Jeremiah 4:23-31 as mentioned before shows that the earth was without form and void! The definition of without form and void; is without form and void! The word was, is not an issue. The WATER IS! Where does it say, "...let there be water..."? How about where does it say, "...let there be darkness..." That is NOT in the Genesis Account. "WAS" is an issue? Ok, let's ponder this passage: Isaiah 52:13-15, "Behold, my servant shall (future tense) deal prudently, he shall be (future tense) exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were (past tense) astonished at thee; his visage was (past tense) so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall (future tense) he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall (future tense) shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told (past tense) them shall (future tense) they see; and that which they had not heard (past tense) shall (future tense) they consider." Yet this is all future from the viewpoint of the prophet that said it. The tense is not the issue (the gnat strained) the water and darkness are (the camels swallowed [not dealt with because of the gnat])! It all is an issue of what you want to strain at! Just don't swallow the lies of scholarship. You cannot interpret the word WAS the same in all passages of the Bible. Just because it is used in one place because the writer was writing after the fact does not mean that the next writer was doing the same thing. The definitive of the Word was God, is in being, not an altered status of an inanimate object like the earth. The earth was created in Genesis 1:1. The definitive statement shows the earth with form and void-less: Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This shows little but tells more than it shows. To say God created earth is to say it is EARTH. Thus to say God then calls earth without form or formless is to say God did not create EARTH, but instead God created something that will BECOME earth. A form called earth is a globe; a formless earth would be a glob! An earth that is THERE would be MATTER; a VOID that is THERE would be NO MATTER! Or ANTI-MATTER! What's the matter, there is no matter, if it is VOID, it does NOT EXIST. I contend that it was THERE, but not in the original form as it was in Genesis 1:1 as the EARTH. It was the EARTH and WORLD that THEN WAS. 2 Peter 3:5-7, "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and THE EARTH STANDING OUT OF THE WATER AND IN THE WATER: Whereby THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS, being OVERFLOWED with water, PERISHED: 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."

Mr. McGhee wrote: "So David Sargent, you believe God created an earth and placed it in heaven of Genesis 1:1 but no one inhabited this earth that was in God's heaven because "the HOST of heaven inhabits HEAVEN!" Then you turn around and say, "they were wiped ...off the earth and some would have stayed in the heaven of God..." How can the

angels be "wiped off the earth" when you believe they didn't inhabit the earth at all? The reason why the earth was created in the first place was so that people (not angels) can live on it."

Sargent Answers: So, you think inhabit is reserved for people only? I see; and you think I contradicted myself. Which I did not. You forget that the earth was IN HEAVEN. There was a large body of water there as well, it is called the sea of glass which is before the throne of God. The mountain of God that is in Ezekiel 28:14; Ezekiel 28:16 is the earth as seen from a distance was a mountain in the sea of glass; as part of it was under the waters and part above the water and stuck up into heaven. (2 Peter 3:5-7) Lucifer ruled this place, and could fly around in the heavens as he was a cherubim: Ezekiel 28:14, "...thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." If you believe the Bible; you could see this. Where did you think the mountain of God was that Lucifer walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire? There is another reference to the mountain of God and it is called: Horeb in Exodus 3:1. I am not saying they are the same thing, but they are both given the same name: Mountain of God. There could be a resemblance there at Horeb of a round mountain on top of water. Anyway, there are too many things that are getting in your way here. Adam's Eden did not have a mountain of God, nor did it have any stones of fire! I'm sure if they were there Adam would have stayed away from them as God placed him in a garden eastward in Eden. Makes you wonder how big Eden was. I think Eden was the same as the land grant given to Abraham and the twelve tribes of Israel. And if the garden was eastward it would be around Ur of the Chaldeans or south of that in Babylon! From what it looks like given the rivers in Genesis where Adam was created would have been the North part of Eden. Back to the issue with people and not angels being inhabitants of the earth: Of the words: inhabit, inhabitant, inhabitants, inhabited, inhabitants, inhabitest, inhabiteth and inhabiting 8 words that show up in the Bible of this nature: 283 hits in 260 verses. The issue here is quantity when it should be quality! Because this word is not used for angles it never means angles. This type of round-a-bout understanding of words is not accurate. The use of these words with LAND or HILL or CITY or FIELD or COUNTRY shows these to be humans, HOWEVER, there are some FEW choice passages that are NOT about humans at all:

Psalms 22:3, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." This one is GOD!

Isaiah 40:21-22, "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:" This is obviously a reference to Genesis 1:1 and some kind of inhabitation that were as grasshoppers, which happened to be at the same time when the heavens were stretched out like a curtain and like a tent.

Isaiah 45:18, "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else." Yet here it does NOT say inhabited by people! It defiantly did not say inhabited by SINFUL people!

Isaiah 57:15, “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” God is the one inhabiting in the verse, and he inhabits ETERNITY. Not even the angels did that.

Ezekiel 26:19-21, “For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee; When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.” Here we have the word used with the negative inverse. But notice this context: this is saying that God will make a desolate city that is NOT inhabited: likening this to Genesis 1:2 “...bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee...” and “...descend into the pit...” like the end of Lucifer will be: but look it says: “...with the people of old time...” and “...I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more...” Just like Lucifer!

Daniel 4:35, “And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?” Now here we see that all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as NOTHING! WAIT! I thought that God wanted the earth INHABITED? Why inhabit the earth with what God considers to be NOTHING? How senseless is this? God’s intent is NOT to populate the earth with SINNERS! But SINLESS sons of God!

Zephaniah 3:6, “I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.” See, they are cut off, and NONE inhabitant! NONE! So there is NO MAN! And you thought God wanted to inhabit the world with PEOPLE!

Revelation 12:12, “Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” The heavens get to rejoice while the inhabitors of the earth get the DEVIL! Oh, how much the Lord wants earth to be inhabited by sinners! I speak tongue in cheek in case you didn’t get that!

But wait you said: “100% of the time, these words: inhabitant(s), inhabit (ed), (ers), (ing) are referring to I just gave 280 reasons why inhabitants ALWAYS mean people.” I guess you were wrong.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “No one can present a single verse from the bible that shows the angels ever lived here on this planet in Genesis 1:1.”

Sargent Answers: WOW! You answered your own question! You presented the verse and say no one can present a single verse from the Bible that shows the angels ever lived here on this planet IN GENESIS 1:1. Well, Genesis 1:1 is NOT all that is IN the Bible! It is NOT the ONLY VERSE! And they did NOT live on the PLANET EARTH; they lived

IN HEAVEN where THIS EARTH WAS AT THAT TIME. You'd think you could get it after 3 or 7 times around this thing! Job 38:4-7, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Verse 7 is your one verse. Wow, don't you feel stupid?

Ezekiel 28:13, "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God..." Ezekiel 28:14, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God..." Ezekiel 28:17, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground..." Ezekiel 28:18, "Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities..." Isaiah 14:5-22 is a proverb taken up to the king of Babylon. This is in a mystery form and is about Lucifer's fall, the saying of his heart, and what he has done in the meantime, as well as his judgment in the end of time and his eventual outcome. The fall is also in the previous passage and both places God casts him to the EARTH to the GROUND. When you ask for an impossible situation you force the issue. No one can produce one verse from Genesis 1:1 that shows what you ask for! However, within reason I can show that this is the truth from these passages I have provided. There is NOT one verse that does this because it is a MYSTERY! Like a lot of studies in the Bible that are not exclusively in ONE verse that are MYSTERIES and reserved for those who have wisdom and understanding. Which we all need to pray for more and more in these last days. The prophecies of Daniel for example have been revealed and show the actual time line from Adam to Christ, and the Church, and the Tribulation. But you won't get all that in just ONE verse! You really don't want one verse, you want to believe what you want no matter what the Bible says.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "Is the earth beautiful in Genesis 1:2? Nope. It's not finished. When you first move into a home it is void. Is the house destroyed? Of course not. It needs work to make it habitable."

Sargent Answers: WAIT... "Is the earth beautiful in Genesis 1:2? What about 1:1? You are running ahead of the issues here! How about is the earth beautiful in Genesis 1:1? YES! Funny how that is so true: I guess if you can say it isn't in 1:2, I can say it is in 1:1! Just because we say so is not much of an answer is it? Perhaps this is NOT the right answer, because the word BEAUTIFUL is NOT in the passage! Why would this be a question? Beauty to people is NOT the same as beauty to God! If you are not sure about this, take a look at the cherubs: all FIVE of them! They looked like animals but one looked like a man, then there is the fifth that looked like a dragon! You did see that one right? God thinks a dragon is beautiful, did you know that? God created Lucifer perfect in beauty and describes this being in Job 41. The trouble is you can not place the fall of Lucifer anywhere else. If you place his fall AFTER the 7th day, you have him falling after there is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which was on the 6th day! Eve could have been tempted on the 6th day, but I think it happened AFTER the 6th day. If God had a whole day to himself, (the seventh day) and on the 8th day chapter 3 starts, God would have showed up after his rest... that would have given Adam and Eve plenty of time to eat a taste of just about everything in the garden including the tree of life. But that was not what happened! The thought stream seems to keep going as if it was the next day. I

am inclined to lean in that direction although it does not say. So nothing can be definitive. What we do know is that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was there on the sixth day and Lucifer HAD to have fallen prior to that! NOW, please would you place his fall?

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Sargent Answers: We covered "was" before, but to reiterate past and present tense in prophetic passages or prophetic passages that are about the past do not always convey the proper tense, because the writer in this case Moses, was writing after the fact so, from his point of view it was all in the past. Why would he state something in that as present when it was not happening when he wrote it?

Mr. McGhee wrote: "So any idea of Satan being body slammed to the earth has been DEBUNKED."

Sargent Answers: The correct idea of Lucifology would be Lucifer was "body slammed to the earth" not Satan in Genesis 1:2, with Isaiah 14:12 and Ezekiel 28:17. He became Satan AFTER he was cast out of heaven. He has to have fallen prior to day 6 because that is when the tree of the knowledge of good and evil shows up; and then Satan shows up as the serpent in Genesis 3. He is NOT the god of this world YET, he is not the Prince of the power of the air yet! Because he has not made man fall and forfeit the kingdom of the world back to him. NOW there will be a time in the future when Satan will come down to the earth and that is in Revelation a future event; which should not be confused with the fall of Lucifer. At one time Lucifer was one of the good guys! Hard to believe, but this is what the Bible teaches. Compare Isaiah 14:4-23 with Ezekiel 28:12-19 with Ezekiel 26:17-21 with Isaiah 40:21-22 with 2 Peter 3:5-7 with Genesis 1:1-2 with Job 10:22 and Job 22:11 with Job 38:4-11 with Psalms 82:5 and Psalms 104:20 and Psalms 105:28 and Isaiah 45:7 with Romans 13:12 and 2 Corinthians 4:6 and Ephesians 5: 8 and vs. 11.

Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The RULERS of the DARKNESS of this WORLD are enemies of God and his people. If there was darkness when God is LIGHT 1 John 1:5, then that darkness was MADE by a power of EVIL. God made darkness but in this case in Genesis 1:2, GOD is THERE and God IS LIGHT! He did NOT say anything about making darkness THEN! It just SUDDENLY shows UP along with WATER and THE DEEP. It was Lucifer that caused the earth to plunge into the watery grave when he was cast down to the earth. The earth was sent into the waters of the deep. This is the darkness already there so the deep, the waters, and the darkness are all one in the same thing in essence. The deep is called that because those waters are very deep, it is called the great deep. The diffusion of light the deeper you go into the water is what caused the earth to be without form and void. It was gone from its place.

The idea that LUCIFER was thrown down to the earth is a BIBLE idea; the idea that Satan will one day be chunked down to the earth is also a BIBLE idea. Neither can be debunked.

Charles McGhee said: "And they did NOT live on the PLANET EARTH; they lived IN HEAVEN where THIS EARTH WAS AT THAT TIME." -David Sargent. God clearly said he formed the earth to be inhabited. The earth becomes habitable on the third day. What is the point of the earth being in heaven if you believe nothing inhabited it? The earth was never in heaven. This is private interpretation. Genesis 1:1 doesn't say, "In the beginning God created the earth in heaven."

Answer: Let's see if it's a "private interpretation" as you say: Job 38:33, "Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?" What ordinances of heaven? How is the earth's dominion SET in relationship to the ordinances of heaven? Someone is not thinking here: the earth as ALWAYS been in heaven, it is surrounded by the first heaven, and the second heaven! Before there were these two heavens there was ONLY ONE and the earth was IN HEAVEN: if it was NOT, then it did not exist anywhere! Genesis 1:1 does say there were ONLY heaven and earth; there was no "SPACE" there was no other PLACE where the earth WAS! This is ridiculous in light of the fact that earth IS in the heavens NOW.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "I would contend that the foundation of the earth was settled in Genesis 1:1, and the foundation was built on after a major catastrophe of verse 2." -David Sargent. -THE FOUNDATIONS 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38 The "when" of verse 7 is a reference to the when of verse 4. This is when the foundations of the earth were laid. The key is that foundations is plural. The gapper supposes this simply means when the earth was made in verse one exclusively. This is wrong. You can NOT decree the sea at the same time you are laying the foundation of the earth is it does not exist. In Job, ALL the sons of God AND the morning stars are shouting for joy."

Sargent Answers: Here Mr. McGhee is assuming to many things: Assumptions: 1. that foundation and foundations could mean the same thing. 2. That it "...is wrong" to make something singular out of something that is plural or vice-versa. 3. That the sea in the passage is a sea ON THE EARTH when that is NOT what it said. If the context of this passage was read, and I did quote it as well it shows that this sea is NOT on earth, but in fact is the waters that are "the deep" as they are called in Genesis 1:2; and the waters of 2 Peter 3:3-7. This sea is also called the sea of glass: Revelation 4:6 and Revelation 15:2 of the later it is mingled with fire which means this sea is going through alterations in time which is seen by WHEN these things show up. In the OT this same sea which is the deep is covered in ICE: Job 38:30 or FROZEN. This was the condition of the sea of Glass in Genesis 1:1 through the Church age. It is during the tribulation when this sea of Glass is mingled with fire. The FACT that this sea in the context of Job 38 is NOT a sea ON EARTH is also in the types of the heavens in the tabernacle and is shown as the veil between the inner court and the holy place. This veil was RENT when Christ died, and the Lord went to heaven in the REAL holy place behind the veil to apply the blood in the

true tabernacle: Hebrews 8:2, the lord pitched the heavens and the earth, which happened in Genesis 1:1. All the heavens were there but were not as they are now. All the heavens were ONE and THREE at the same time; just like God. This tabernacle is the true one and it is the heavens: Hebrews 8:7; Hebrews 9:8-24 (especially vs. 23-34). The earth was originally made in Genesis 1:1 there were no fallen beings so all the sons of God and morning stars were shouting for joy; I see no issue here. It was after the earth was made that the issue with Lucifer happened. The sea has nothing to do with it because it was NOT on the earth; the earth was sitting IN that sea.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "In the above text (Job 38) does it not say "ALL the sons of God"? Would evil, wicked, fallen sons of God be shouting for joy? When were these foundations laid? Here is more proof that the foundations were laid AFTER Gen1:2. Notice where the foundations of the earth are mentioned. Look at the simple order of WHEN the foundations were laid."

Sargent Answers: First of all NO ONE is saying they fell prior to the creation of Genesis 1:1. Where did you get this from? NOT ME. I do not believe there was a fall of Lucifer prior to Genesis 1:1. There is no evidence to this assumed issue. A foundation is the FIRST thing laid (Zechariah 12:1) during the building process; it is what all else is built on top of, not the reverse. Try building a foundation on the top of the house! That is not how it works. It is CALLED a foundation because of this LIKENESS in BUILDING. A foundation is ALWAYS FIRST (Hebrews 1:10) or beginning (Matthew 13:35) or of old (Psalms 102:25) and ALWAYS on the BOTTOM (Deuteronomy 32:22 a term used for the bottom of), or the root, or the core of any type of building process. The foundation of the earth is obviously NOT the earth itself. The fact that a foundation can be finished and not the whole house is obvious from Luke 14:29. Notice God laid a foundation and OTHERS build THEREON: 1 Corinthians 3:10. The foundation is not built on top of the foundation; and the foundation is NOT the BUILDING it is only a PART of the building. In this case the foundation of the earth is ONLY A PART of what the earth is. It is THE foundation OF THE EARTH (Isaiah 48:13); which is FOUNDED on WATER! 2 Peter 3:4, "...from the beginning of the creation." Vs. 5, "...the earth standing out of the water and in the water..."

Wait: what fallen sons of God? Surly you are not talking about Genesis 6? How does that fit in Genesis 1 anywhere? Mr. McGhee, are you serious? What fallen sons of God where there in Genesis 1:1?

Mr. McGhee wrote: "22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. Proverbs 8 Verse 29 matches perfectly Gen 1:9,10.

To say otherwise is to just ignore what is obvious. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. Genesis 1.”

Sargent Answers: The passage is from Proverbs 8 which starts with: “: “Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?” Wisdom and Understanding: Proverbs 8:11, and verse 12, “I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.” And vs. 14, “Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.” SO in verse 22, “The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.” The question here is WHO is the ME? It is UNDERSTANDING! Who did YOU think this was? You were not thinking this was Jesus Christ I hope! Jesus Christ IS GOD; He was never “set up” vs. 23, and He was NEVER “brought forth” vs. 24 & 25, AND in verse 26, “While as yet he had not made the earth...” The HE IS the WORD of GOD! SO, who is this about? It is about UNDERSTANDING! Vs. 27, “When he prepared the heavens, I was there...” If this “I” is Jesus Christ, then WHO IS THE “he”? This has nothing to do with the gap issue. It is a PROVERBIAL allegory where wisdom and understanding are talking. What we can glean from this however is that wisdom and understanding were THERE prior to God making ANYTHING physical including time. Let’s see how this fits in with Genesis:

23, “I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.” Wisdom and Understanding were set up prior to Genesis 1:1.

24, “When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.” The word depths is in dimensional geometry the third dimension where the first and second are length and height. This could also be a depth in this way, where the first and second are length and breadth, and therefore depth would be equal to the height, on the reverse side. Thus the heavens have a length, breadth, height and depth. Ephesians 3:18, “May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;” This would be space ergo: heaven.

25-27, “Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:” Notice here all these things are physical things, and understanding is still talking. Here also we have a corporate preparing of the heavens, which is a general statement about Genesis 1:1 through 1:8. It is not a definitive statement about creation or the fall of Lucifer. Notice he had not made the earth yet, ergo matter.

28-31, “When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as

one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.” Here we have more general statements which are not consecutive nor are they combined at the same time. The foundation of the earth cannot be accounted at the same time as the delights were with the sons of men. This leads to complete anarchy and lacks the element of study to rightly divide the word of God. There is a time element there between the two.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “In construction, you set the corner stone when you're laying a foundation of stones. Why? Because if the corner stone is off a little bit, the whole foundations off. So that corner stone is a key stone because it gives you the straight lines for both edges and then you can lay the foundation. 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. Psalms 102:25 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; Hebrews 1 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; Ephesians 2:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Isaiah 28:16 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. 1 Peter 2 The King James Bible has its own built in dictionary as Ephesians 2:20 says that a corner stone is a foundation.”

Sargent Answers: NO the passages YOU have produced are in part about a CHIEF corner stone! In a building that is a “Cube” there are 4 corner stones in the foundation. The corner stones are only PART of the foundation, they are NOT the foundation. A foundation being the corner stone is NOT in any part of the scriptures: the Chief corner stone is a “CAP” stone, not IN the foundation as this stone was REJECTED by the builders because it was in the wrong shape. It was the shape of a pyramid. The same shape of the building. But it will not fit on a corner; it only fits on the top. In this case the Apostles are also part of the foundation. Ephesians 2:20, “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone...” This shows that the corner stone and more importantly the chief corner stone is NOT all the foundation.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “The foundations would be when the earth was established or the rise of the earth to its finished form. Of course, it isn't finished until day six is over. The entire six days of the creation is God laying the foundations of the earth. So all this text is saying is that the angels clapped and sang because they were made on day one and saw the rest of the creation being founded.”

Sargent Answers: Mr. McGhee has not even defined what the foundation of the world IS, how can he know WHEN it was established? Nothing even suggests in any passage of texts that the foundation has anything to do with "...the rise of the earth to its finished form."! This has YET to be proven from the Bible. If the "...entire six days of the creation is God laying the foundations of the earth..." then this suggest that the roof is the same as the foundation of a building! This is just nonsense and not Biblical. It is made up from wanting to prove there is no gap! There is an absolute GAP FACT: It exists in this form: The Bible does not EVER say: "...let there be water..." it does not say: "...let there be darkness..." it NEVER says: "...let there be the deep..." This CONSTITUTES a GAP of things that just SHOW UP and were NOT SPOKEN of as being CREATED in the creative construct from Genesis 1. None of the issues have been dealt with by non-gapers, and they never will be because there is no answer for these things accept the FACT that there IS a GAP in the creative dialogue construct. The Bible does not say God created the earth without form and void. This is what McGhee clearly rewrites the Bible to say. Yet this theory is without form and void!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "How about is the earth beautiful in Genesis 1:1?" -David Sargent Why would God place a habitable earth in heaven, have nothing live on it and then slam Lucifer in to this earth causing it to be without form and void? Then you believe all of this took place in a single day. This is crazy!"

Sargent Answers: Now we see that Mr. McGhee is quoting me, quoting him! Is there a point here? So, your question why? The "this is crazy" statement sounds like the evolutionist telling me I'm crazy for even believing the Bible in the first place. Yep, the Bible sometimes sounds "crazy" however, in this case you have yet to tell me WHERE Lucifer's fall is placed. You do understand by placing his fall after the seventh day, then you have placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil BEFORE Lucifer's fall. There were NO people around when Lucifer fell. He fell before the knowledge of good and evil. He was the first being to sin. God did NOT curse the earth because of this sin. That was from Adam's sin because Adam was MADE from the dust of the earth. Lucifer was NOT. The question is why would God place a habitable earth in heaven, have nothing live on it and then slam Lucifer into this earth causing it to be without form and void? The obvious second question is why do I believe all this took place in a single day? If you had read all the things I have written you would know these answers to these questions. I have already answered them. If there is going to be discussion further, I will wait till you have read what I have written, and allow you to answer MY questions before we continue with the debate. I will respond to only the few things left. But please read what I have written so you do not look like you are lazy, or ignorant in the matters I have already dealt with. I know you are not lazy nor are you ignorant, so perhaps these things were kept from your understanding. My questions were: When did God say, "...let there be water..." or "...let there be darkness..." or "...let there be the deep..."? These questions will not be answered because the closed mind will not receive these things as true without understanding.

The Bible says: "In the beginning God..." This statement shows a truism that cannot be altered in anyway, even the atheist in calling themselves atheist have to admit to a "no God" theory, and cannot call their believe in the "no God" something that does not contain God, or the concept of God. The word "created" comes next in the verse. There are six times this word is used in Genesis 1. However, it is NOT used for every day of the

six. It is important however to know that these were six literal days and not a day year augmentation as some prophetic passages are. The question is when did day ONE start and is Genesis 1:1-2 a synopsis of verses 3-31? If it is a preview of the creation of earth, why is it not summed up like the “preview” in chapter 2? Genesis 2:4, “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,” This is a true synopsis of the whole of Genesis 1. And notice there is a singular DAY used here for the DAY of creation.

I do not believe the earth was FINISHED in Genesis 1:1, I never said that it was. I believe God’s intent was known by Himself before He created ANYTHING. And what happened all during the events of each day were KNOWN before God started making ANYTHING! THEREFORE, Lucifer’s fall was already KNOWN by God, the establishment of the WATERS, and the earth standing in the water and out of the water was a prerequisite for God’s foreknowledge of Lucifer’s REVOLT. God KNEW this would happen, and made it so that what took place thereafter SET THE STAGE for the rest of His creation. Some things in these six days were UNCOVERED, ALTERED, MOVED or DIVIDED, because they were already HERE! You do not ever see any verse where God says, “...let there be LAND...” or dirt, or ground or earth! God moves the water out of the way and the dry land appears. Water was covering the land up, and yet the land was already THERE! It was ALREADY created in Genesis 1:1. See the word “created” in verse 1? It is a definitive statement of FACT. Not a preview of the creative structure that was to happen later. The synopsis or preface concept will not hold up in the light of what is missing from the rest of the verses. “...let there be...” Water? Darkness? The Deep? Land? And as if that weren’t all: the “firmament” is called Heaven! Do you know when HELL was created? Is this firmament the 3rd heaven? Is it inclusive of the first and second heavens? The firmament is where the sun moon and stars are located, and it is also where the birds fly! Why is there an issue with “all of this took place in a single day”? ALL of WHAT? Let’s see, God created the heaven and the earth. That sounds like a POOF and there it is. So, that accounts for billionth of a second! If you want to account for God creating all the spirit beings prior to this ok, let’s say God spoke to create them or just a definitive statement of creation. In any case, POOF and there they are! What this accounts for a billionth of a second! So we are up to 2 billionths of a second. It is not time that is the issue here, that is irrelevant to beings that are “like” Lucifer who was made perfect in wisdom and beauty, who produced merchandise and was trafficking in this merchandise and got VIOLENT with his abilities! The obvious spoiled “first born” son complex. He became a bully to everyone including to God: see Isaiah 14 for the 5 “I will’s” of Lucifer. This obvious rebellion was NOT to be tolerated and God faced off with Lucifer in a battle. The bell rang and they came out from the corners to fight. They locked arms, and in one swift maneuver, God took Lucifer down to the GROUND! Ding Ding, the match was OVER! I didn’t even run an hour with this yet! Ok, maybe an hour of Lucifer producing his merchandise and trafficking it and his diatribe. But the fight was a “one punch knock-out!” When this creature fell, it was the fall of creation! He hit the ground plummeting the earth into its watery grave of the sea of glass, breaking tons of ice off and sending all this into the waters. The deeper the earth sank, the darker it got because it was going away from God’s light. God then knowing this would happen, and having the earth in the right position to continue with his creation made photons (light) and continued with the making of “stuff”. As I have reiterated this would not have taken a whole day of 24 hours to happen. It may have; but my thinking is that when God said “And the evening and the morning were the first day.” That the day

was over! I'm wondering if it got dark again for that first NIGHT? I am wondering did it ever get dark again with NIGHT until the sun and moon show up? I believe it DID!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "I'll say this again: Does the earth look beautiful in Genesis 1:2? Nope. It's not finished. When you first move into a home it is void. Is the house destroyed? Of course not. It needs work to make it habitable. Remember God is at work here. God is setting a pattern for man to follow. 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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. Exodus 20 When you drive past a house that is starting to be constructed, the first thing that doesn't pop in your mind is that it was destroyed."

Sargent Answers: Ok, Hold on there, pull up on them reins! Why would you ask a question like this in the fashion of a Catholic missal? The question is VOID because you did NOT ask this same question of verse ONE! This is a false balance. When you first move into a house and it is VOID, then you can't move INTO it because IT IS NOT THERE! You think VOID means EMPTY! Ok, if the HOUSE is VOID that means where it WAS is now EMPTY. After this many times of explaining this, you'd think he could get it. Charles do you know what space is? You know outer space? The Bible calls it a firmament. And do you know what this word means? 7549 in the Strong's Concordance: רָקִיעַ raw-kee'-ah, an expanse, visible arch of the sky. However, we know this in outer-space to be a VOID. It is an EMPTY. Yet there are things IN it, but not everywhere. And where there is not substance, it is EMPTY. The word VOID is: 922, also used in Jeremiah 4:23 where the same issue is being discussed: בֹּהוּ bo'-hoo: meaning empty a VACUITY, which is a vacuum! Like OUTER-SPACE! And again it says: an undistinguishable RUIN: emptiness, VOID. This is a root word, and vindicates the reading of the King James text. When the Earth was without form and VOID it was in the state of undistinguishable RUIN, IT was emptiness, it isn't that it was empty, THE EARTH was an EMPTINESS itself! It was in RUIN just like the Bible SAYS it was. WITHOUT FORM AND VOID! Now if you want the Bible to teach that the earth was just empty meaning without stuff in it: then the wrong word is used! It should read: Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was without FORMATIONS ON IT, and VOID OF STUFF ..." Which it just does NOT say!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "You conclude that this house is not finished yet, it still needs windows, wall, carpeting, appliances, furniture, etc. and most of all, people. This is what was going on in Genesis 1."

Sargent Answers: And how this argument destroys your previous argument that all of Genesis 1 is the foundation! If it was NOT finished; Which I never said it was; then how is it all the foundation if what you are saying likening it to a building. The WINDOWS are NOT the foundation! The furniture is NOT the foundation! What are you trying to say here? Are you CONFUSED? You have now reversed your position to a GAP. Because if you believe Genesis 1 is like that of a building, then the foundation was COMPLETE in Genesis 1:1. I have not contended that the universe was complete until after the end of Genesis 1.

Charles McGhee said: “Why can't Genesis 1:1 be an opening statement? God then gives the details of the heaven and earth in their PRESENT conditions and how he is going to make them habitable for man, animals and fowl. God took dirt and formed it into a man (Adam) and he created an earth that was without form and formed it to be inhabited. Simple.

Sargent Answers: Simple? Let's see how simple this stacks up: you said, “Why can't Genesis 1:1 be an opening statement?” Because it ISN'T! If it were an opening statement then somewhere you would have this statement: “...let there be water...” and you would have “...let there be darkness...” and you would have “...let there be land...” but you DON'T have any of these things instead you have them just SHOWING UP WITH NO STATEMENT aside from Genesis 1:1 where LAND is created. Therefore it could not be an opening statement as such. Some things are just not simple. Salvation may be simple, and it is easy for anyone that knows he is a sinner to be saved. However certain doctrines are more complex, and for the simple minded, just get saved; and don't worry about what all took place and what God did for you. Dealing with propitiation, redemption, justification, spiritual circumcision or reconciliation are not just simple things to understand, especially in how they all fit together. You do NOT have to know these things to get saved: all you need to know is that you are a sinner, and God offers his free gift of eternal life to sinners to save their souls from hell. See how simple it is? But what happens when a sinner turns to Christ for salvation, WOW, that's another thing. He is redeemed, justified, reconciled to God. His sins are propitiated and he is spiritually circumcised! But to understand these things REQUIRES understanding. And takes STUDY; it is not given to everyone to know the deep things of God.

Mr. McGhee wrote: ““The correct idea of Lucifology would be Lucifer was “body slammed to the earth” not Satan in Genesis 1:2, he became Satan AFTER that. He has to have fallen prior to day 6 because that is when the tree of the knowledge of good and evil shows up...” -David Sargent 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2 This "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" has nothing at all to do with the fall of Lucifer. "The tree of the knowledge of good and evil" was only put there as a command for Adam. All Adam had to do was listen to this one command.”

Sargent Answers: Adam did listen to the command. He did NOT eat from that fruit on the 6th day. And possibly didn't eat from it on the 7th day. But he could have. The fact that Evil is present in the world refutes your issue about Lucifer falling after this. If Evil is present on the 6th day, how could God say everything he made was GOOD? The point is if EVIL existed, it holds that Lucifer became Satan (the personification of evil: Devil even has the word EVIL in it!) and when this happened HE is the progenitor of EVIL.

EVIL: 7451 רַע rah: (from 7489: רָעַע raw-ah': a primary root; prop. To spoil [literally: by breaking to pieces] fig to make or be good for nothing, i.e. bad [physically, socially or morally]: afflict, break [down in pieces], displease, [be bring, do] evil [doer, entreat, man], do harm, hurt [behave self, deal] ill, do mischief, punish, still, vex, [do] wicked [doer, -ly], be [deal, do] worse.) bad or [as noun] evil [naturally or morally]: adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease [-ure], distress, evil [{-favored -ness}, man, thing], + exceedingly, X great, grief [-vous], harm, heavy, hurt [-ful], ill [favored], + mark, mischief [-vous], misery, naught [-ty], noisome, + not please, sad [-ly], sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked [-ly, -ness, one], worse [-st], wretchedness, wrong.

This is the EVIL that is used here for the tree of the knowledge of good and EVIL. If exists this tree, the knowledge would have to have had some action for there to be this knowledge or it would not be known what it is. Adam did not KNOW about EVIL until he DID the EVIL. Then the KNOWLEDGE of good and evil was IN HIM! Thus it stands that Lucifer's fall was PRIOR to this tree showing up. Further evidence of this is seen in 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." I draw your attention to the phrase: "...for the devil sinneth from the beginning." Thus in Genesis 1:1 the statement "In the beginning..." would line up with this account. Notice this peculiar wording: Ezekiel 28:13, "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God..." This suggests that Eden was a garden or that Eden was IN the garden of God. Whereas notice this: Genesis 2:8, "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden..." Here God planted a garden eastward IN Eden! They are NOT the same. Some things have the same NAME and are different things. (See 2 Chronicles 29:12, for another DIFFERENT Eden; this time it is someone's name.) If the tree was only there fore Adam as a command, then why did it PRODUCE an alteration IN EVE and then IN ADAM after they ate from it? What is the POINT of the serpent in Chapter 3? What is his MOTIVE? Satan knew he could not approach Adam, even indirectly through the serpent because Adam named all the animals and Satan could not allow Adam to know who he was. So Adam named all the animals and would have known if the serpent was normal or was altered with an unclean spirit. That is why Satan approached Eve.

If the personification of EVIL did not exist prior to EVIL showing up; then it would not have shown up. Adam was not already created evil or as a sinner. Adam was not in an elite group of "elected" people that go to heaven, or hell; Adam had a CHOICE. He did not have to eat from that tree; he could have eaten from the other tree: the tree of life!

Just like Moses God set up a standard; but that standard must have some relevance to what it standardizes. You are not going to get a standard chocolate pie, and use this as any standard in building a sky-scraper! That is NOT the right standard. It stands to reason that therefore by the very nature of a standard; both sides have already been met: Deuteronomy 30:15, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;" God sends evil spirits all throughout the OT. Judges 9:23, "Then God sent an evil spirit..." This accounts for the fact that there is always a cause and effect, and never the opposite. The effect is not the cause, which causes the cause! This round-a-bout theological juggling act was the case where the tree of knowledge of good and evil show up, with no cause prior. Evil must have a prerequisite experiential event before a tree of its knowledge appears! The knowledge of evil is the EFFECT. It was EATING the tree

that CAUSED Adam to fall; not the knowledge of Evil! That was the effect of eating it as well as spiritual death. Adam did NOT have the knowledge of Good and Evil, even though the tree was the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. Thus the tree itself could NOT have existed without Lucifer's fall being prior to it.

Job 28:28, "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." How can you depart from evil, if you do not have the knowledge OF evil? You would not know what to depart from! Adam knew he should obey what God said. But he didn't! In the same vein: if God is LIGHT and in Genesis 1:2 show up instead of God's light, then there MUST be something BLOCKING that light. Cause and effect! Job 30:26, "When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness." The fact is Darkness is NOT listed as being created; the same can be said of WATER, LAND, and the DEEP! Isaiah 5:20, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" There is a reckoning coming soon! Cause and effect, which we see all throughout the Bible: Isaiah 7:15, "Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good." The Lord does all these things, that is not what we are debating, it is the WHEN that is illusive in the text. If God created LIGHT it is obvious that God created darkness: "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things." Isaiah 45:7. It is the cause and effect of these things that show and place them in the correct and proper order. Evil had to exist by someone sinning already before Adam did. That person is Lucifer who became Satan after his first fall.

Mr. McGhee wrote: ""Eden in the book of Ezekiel is not the garden, the garden was IN Eden and Eden existed prior to Adam. God planted the garden eastward in Eden, yet it does not say when God made Eden." -David Sargent 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Ezekiel 28 Why can't Lucifer have been in "Eden the garden of God" (Adam's Eden) and ascended up to "holy mountain of God." Just because Lucifer dwelled in heaven doesn't mean he was barred from visiting earth. As Satan he was able to."

Sargent Answers: because Lucifer was cast to the ground and Satan exists as a great red dragon in the sea above your head! The "holy mountain of God" that Lucifer was on, was the earth, in Genesis 1:1, and above the earth. He maintained a merchandise that is said to be a "they" and he trafficked in them, while walking in the midst of the STONES OF FIRE that were IN EDEN that Lucifer was involved in. Adam's Eden was EASTWARD IN Eden, and there were no stones of FIRE there; there was NO TRAFFICKING OF LUCIFER'S MERCHANDISE IN ADAM'S EDEN! Because they were NOT the same! The answer to WHY, is because I can READ! I read what it SAID! They are NOT the same: In Lucifer's Eden, there is NO tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and there is NO TREE of LIFE! The Mountain of God IS the EARTH in Genesis 1:1; standing in the water and out of the water: 2 Peter 3:5; which YOU have already said you were wrong about. Earth as it was, was very different before Genesis 1:2. Yes it was NOT finished. But as a GLOBE it was finished to that point. Even the whole globe is NOT the

foundation of the earth. A foundation is the basic under girding of something. A Thing that holds up a house; it is not the whole house!

Job 2:2, “And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.”

This verse is not about Lucifer; this has to do with Satan’s DOMAIN after he got Adam to fall. However; what you don’t get from this is the HOW Satan goes in the earth, or how he walks up and down in it! Job 41 is another drawn curtain on this being and the description is that of a fire breathing dragon! This being is up in the sea of glass which can go right up to the throne of God, and swim down through that sea, to the blackness we see in space. There the Devil must project himself down to earth, and because of the nature of his projections he can manifest himself as an angle of light, or a business man, or a beautiful woman. 2 Corinthians 11:14, “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.” Read this chapter to get the context. It shows Satan dealing with Eve and his ministers are ministers of righteousness! Notice the transformations involved in the passages. The only other place this word is used is Romans 12:2; where we are to be transformed; however this transformation is NOT PHYSICAL or our APPEARANCE! So, even though it is the same word it is used differently. I have discussed already this transformation and the reason why in Satanism there is a need for blood to put on flesh, because the life of the flesh is in the blood.

Now about: “Satan is really barred from heaven” this is true and false! Remember there are THREE heavens, so the question is WHICH ONE are you talking about? The sea of glass is before the throne of God in the third heaven, which is actually the first heaven in Genesis 1:1. We count it in reverse because we are breathing the first heaven, and the second heaven is where the sun, moon and stars are located. The third heaven would be behind the veil like the tabernacle. This enormous veil is a body of water called the sea of glass. At the top of this sea the Bible says it is frozen, and the throne of God is right there in front of it. Satan would not have to enter into the third heaven to present himself to God, just come up to the top of the waters. At the same time he is IN the sea, which is the veil between the third heaven and the second, he is STUCK in this water. He will get out and come down to earth during the tribulation because there will be an opening in this water soon. At the rapture the Lord opens up the RED SEA and we cross Jordon and enter into heaven, while the dragon fights with Michael and is chunked out of heaven (the second heaven) and cast down to earth (the heaven of the earth) is the first heaven. It is only given to those with understanding, to understand the mysteries of God. The generalization of the word heaven and heavens when there are three is the problem that is easily resolved.

The issue: “Men are condemned to die because of what Adam did not Satan.” The issue here is because in the Gap Lucifer falls before Adam and therefore Satan’s sin would condemn men and NOT Adam’s sin. This would only be true if WE WERE BORN FROM SATAN and NOT ADAM! This has been overlooked by everyone. The REASON WE “inherited” the SIN nature is because we were IN ADAM when HE SINNED. We were NEVER IN SATAN OR LUCIFER WHEN HE SINNED! You’d think this people could get this.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "This is NOT a reference to Genesis 1:1-2 at all. This is God bringing judgment upon the land of Judah. Read the whole chapter. It gives you WHY, WHO, WHAT and WHERE in this chapter. If God really wanted the reader of Genesis 1:1-2 to conclude that the earth was judged there, the details would be there in the SAME chapter. You wouldn't have to wait 748 chapters to find out what didn't happen in Genesis 1:1-2."

Sargent Answers: Referring to Jeremiah 4:23-31: Compare:
Genesis 1:2, "And THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM, AND VOID; AND DARKNESS WAS UPON THE FACE OF THE DEEP. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Jeremiah 4:23, "I beheld THE EARTH, and, lo, it WAS WITHOUT FORM, AND VOID; and the heavens, and THEY HAD NO LIGHT."

Job 41:31-32, "He maketh THE DEEP to boil like a pot: he maketh THE SEA like a pot of ointment. He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think THE DEEP to be hoary." (HOARY = WHITE OR WHITISH)

Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was without form, and void; and DARKNESS WAS UPON THE FACE OF THE DEEP. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Jeremiah 4:28, "For this shall the earth mourn, and THE HEAVENS ABOVE BE BLACK: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it."

Ezekiel 26:19, "For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall MAKE THEE A DESOLATE CITY, like the CITIES THAT ARE NOT INHABITED; when I SHALL BRING UP THE DEEP UPON THEE, and GREAT WATERS SHALL COVER THEE;"

Jeremiah 4:27, "For thus hath the LORD said, The WHOLE LAND SHALL BE DESOLATE; yet will I not make a full end."

Jeremiah 4:30, "And when THOU ART SPOILED, what wilt thou do? Though thou CLOTHEST THYSELF WITH CRIMSON, though thou DECKEST THEE WITH ORNAMENTS OF GOLD, though thou RENTEST THY FACE WITH PAINTING, in vain shalt THOU MAKE THYSELF FAIR; thy LOVERS will DESPISE THEE, they WILL SEEK THY LIFE."

Isaiah 14:17, "That MADE THE WORLD AS A WILDERNESS, and DESTROYED THE CITIES THEREOF; that opened not the house of his prisoners?"

Ezekiel 26:17, "And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, HOW ART THOU DESTROYED, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their TERROR to be on all that haunt it!"

Ezekiel 26:18, "Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in THE SEA SHALL BE TROUBLED AT THY DEPARTURE."

Ezekiel 28:14, “Thou art THE ANOINTED CHERUB THAT COVERETH; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon THE HOLY MOUNTAIN OF GOD; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”

Isaiah 14:12, “HOW ART THOU FALLEN FROM HEAVEN, O Lucifer, son of the morning! HOW ART THOU CUT DOWN TO THE GROUND, which didst weaken the nations!”

Ezekiel 28:12, “Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; THOU SEALEST UP THE SUM, FULL OF WISDOM, and PERFECT IN BEAUTY.”

Luke 10:18, “And he said unto them, I BEHELD SATAN AS LIGHTNING FALL FROM HEAVEN.”

Genesis 1:1, “IN THE BEGINNING God created the heaven and the earth.”

Ezekiel 28:13, “Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared IN THE DAY THAT THOU WAST CREATED.”

Genesis 2:4, “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, IN THE DAY THAT THE LORD GOD MADE THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS,”

Ezekiel 28:15, “Thou wast perfect in thy ways FROM THE DAY THAT THOU WAS CREATED, till iniquity was found in thee.”

Ezekiel 28:16, “By the MULTITUDE OF THY MERCHANDISE they have filled the midst of thee with VIOLENCE, and THOU HAS SINNED: therefore I will CAST THEE AS PROFANE OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.”

Isaiah 14:13-14, “For thou HAST SAID IN THINE HEART, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

Ezekiel 28:17, “Thine HEART WAS LIFTED UP because of thy beauty, thou hast CORRUPTED THY WISDOM BY REASON OF THY BRIGHTNESS: I WILL CAST THEE TO THE GROUND, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”

Ezekiel 28:18, “Thou hast DEFILED THY SANCTUARIES by the MULTITUDE OF THINE INIQUITIES, by the INIQUITY OF THY TRAFFICK; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee TO ASHES UPON THE EARTH in the sight of all them that behold thee.”

Luke 10:18, “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

Isaiah 14:9, "HELL FROM BENEATH IS MOVED FOR THEE to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations."

Isaiah 14:11, "Thy POMP is brought down to the GRAVE, and the NOISE OF THY VIOLS: the WORM is spread under thee, and the WORMS cover thee."

Isaiah 14:15, "Yet thou shalt be BROUGHT DOWN TO HELL, to the sides of the pit."

Notice vs. 27, "For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end." The whole land, not just an isolated area of land. And notice there isn't even 8 that survive this. However, also notice that it is not a full end, it is an alteration. If this were all referring to "...God bringing judgment upon the land of Judah..." What does this: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light." have to do with it? NOTHING! This is how prophecy is written. Prophetic utterances of the past come out the same way. Look at Isaiah 14:4, 12, and Ezekiel 28:12, 14. In Isaiah this was written to the king of Babylon, and in Ezekiel it was written to the king of Tyrus, yet both references are about Lucifer as the covering cherubim and his sin and subsequent body slam to the earth causing a cataclysmic and catastrophic event to occur on the earth. Sorry these two passages have EVERYTHING to do with Genesis 1:1-2 and especially verse 2.

Now notice vs. 28, "For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it." There was a CAUSE for the heavens to be BLACK. "FOR THIS SHALL THE EARTH MOURN, AND THE HEAVENS ABOVE BE BLACK..." refereeing to the previous verses, 23-27. This is another reference to Lucifer's fall. This is obvious to anyone with understanding.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "However, recognized grammarians, lexicographers, and linguists have almost uniformly rejected the translations..."

Sargent Answers: "recognized" whatever! I would contend that this "was" was intended to convey the viewpoint of the writer, and not the event's in the text. The writer WAS looking back at this event, not that it happening at that moment. The writer WAS Moses, and it therefore stands to reason that the "WAS" was past tense only because of this viewpoint. After all "the Earth that THEN WAS" is the same issue in 2 Peter 3:6. It is evident that this event happened IN THE PAST. This is NOT the ISSUE at all. The word "was" is just a gnat, to strain at, when swallowing the camel! WHERE DOES IT SAY: "...LET THERE BE WATER..." OR "...LET THERE BE LAND..." OR "...LET THERE BE DARKNESS..." OR "...LET THERE BE THE DEEP..." I see THAT as the GAP issue and NOTHING ELSE. I place Lucifer's fall there, because it just makes common sense. If you can find THESE things being created anywhere in Genesis 1, then show me! It's NOT THERE! THAT makes Genesis 1:2 a GAP in the creative account. You'd think people could get this simple issue. It is NOT a theory at all! What took place might be a theory, but a GAP is there in any case. It is NOT a narrative of verse 1. It is OUT of place, and does NOT fit with the chronological wording that comes in the rest of Genesis 1. All through Genesis 1 you have the words: "...let there be..." Yet you

NEVER see these words for WATER; it shows up suddenly and without a creative statement for it! THAT is a GAP! You NEVER see these words for LAND; it shows up suddenly and without a creative statement for it aside from verse 1! THAT is a GAP if you think it shows up when God uncovered the land from under the waters! You NEVER see these words for DARKNESS; it shows up suddenly and without a creative statement for it! THAT is a GAP! You NEVER see these words for THE DEEP; it just shows up suddenly and without a creative statement for it! THAT is a GAP! I have numbered 4 gaps in 1 all in Genesis 1:2 that no one has explained and no one WILL! Why? It is because THEY ARE ALL IN A GAP IN THE CREATION DIALOGUE WITH NO EXPLANATION WHATSOEVER. Now the Angels, the Cherubim and Seraphim had to be created somewhere after heaven and before earth was created, you got three more gaps.

“Was”? PFT... what non-sense! Keep the text as it is, and explain what I gave you above!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Genesis 1:2 It doesn't say: "And the earth BECAME without form, and void..." Was is PRESENT tense. -Scripture with Scripture (was or Became) And the earth was without form, and void; Genesis 1:2 "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:25 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. Genesis 3:10 At the time God called out to Adam, he was naked. God said "they were both naked" so my point is that the word "was" in this verse is PRESENT TENSE. 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. 3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. Jonah 3 Did Nineveh become a great city when Jonah entered into it? AT THE TIME God told Jonah to "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city." THAT GREAT CITY! It was a great city before Jonah ever set foot in it as I've stated before. The word "was" in this verse is clearly PRESENT TENSE. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 Did Jesus become God? The word "was" in this verse is PRESENT TENSE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. Genesis 19:26 If you substitute the word "became" for "was" in this verse, Lot's wife wasn't the one that became the pillar of salt. She looked back at some other woman who was already a pillar of salt. Salt doesn't have eyes. So yes, the word "was" can be past or present tense. In Genesis 1:2, it is PRESENT TENSE.

Sargent Answers: Ok, still straining at that gnat? The fact that “was” is always past tense, and the exception is present tense is NOT in the interpretation of the passages where that word appears. The examples for the most part given were where the writer is writing AFTER the fact and WAS shows his viewpoint while WRITING in the present, all the things he is writing are in the PAST. Therefore WAS fits the narrative in this view as a thing that happened in the PAST. There is another use for WAS, as a state of being verb which is NOT used in any time tense and that would be where the “... Word WAS God.” This is a “state of being verb” and has NO past, present or future tense to it. It is like saying “equals” or “the same as” which established the state of being tense and not a “time” tense. I still contend that “WAS” in the passage is only a VIEWPOINT of the WRITER; and NOT a contextual ISSUE. It is a ridiculous point in light of WHERE DARKNESS, WATER, DIRT & THE DEEP were CREATED in the text, or context of

Genesis! NOWHERE! Without these things BEING CREATED in the form presented in Genesis 1:5, "...Let there be light..." Genesis 1:6, "...Let there be a firmament..." (vs. 6-8 show water as already created! WAIT! When did it say: "...Let there be WATER..."?) GAP! GAP! GAP!

Please list for us the verse in Genesis 1, where WATER, LAND, DARKNESS, and THE DEEP are said to have been: "...let there be _____..." We will concede that there is NO GAP when YOU show me THOSE VERSES!

Mr. McGhee wrote: "... (Dispensational Truth, p. 22) -Clarence Larkin... ...C.I. Scofield... ...Dake's Annotated Reference Bible..." etc. etc. etc...

Sargent Answers: First things first: Most of what Clarence Larkin has in his books are good information. His take on the RV of 1881 is NOT, as is some of the linking Bible with Evolution. It doesn't take much common sense and the Spirit of Truth to figure out what is good and what isn't. The same can be said for Scofield, and Dake. I really do not care to discuss their take on the Gap because I AM NOT THEM, NOR DO I FOLLOW THEM IN ALL THINGS. I am a Bible Believer; and therefore will STICK TO THE BIBLE for what we are dealing with is the Bible and NOT what SOMEONE SAID that the Bible says. I HAVE a Bible and CAN read it for MYSELF to know whether it is true or not.

I do NOT believe there is anything WRONG with my Bible, especially when it comes to SCIENCE. I am NOT talking about pseudo-science or science falsely so called, like EVOLUTION. I would NEVER agree with the twisted unscientific menagerie of evolution.

My belief is that from Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 1:31, starts with day ONE and ends with day SIX. Genesis 2:1-3 is the continuance of Genesis 1, and completes the days with the SEVENTH. Genesis 2:4 gives a synopsis of God's creative days, and then verses 5 and 6 would be the sixth day prior to man being formed while in verse 7-17 Adam is alone, Then in verse 18 is another summation of the proceeding verses, of the creation of Eve: Which goes down to verse 25 the end of the chapter. This means there were 7 literal days in Genesis 1:1-2:25. Where the chronology jumps back and forth in Genesis 2, it however ends at day six. The obvious thing here is because chapter 2 starts with the seventh day; it is finishing up chapter 1. Chapter 2 therefore starts the thought and goes back to the sixth day in verse 5. But notice verse 4, "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens," The heavens and the earth already have had generations when they were created, IN THE DAY that the LORD God MADE THE EARTH and the heavens." It is important to realize that God MADE the earth in DAY ONE. He also made the heavens; which is NOT a contradiction of the heaven in Genesis 1:1, because all the heavens were ONE heaven. All three were the same one. So, just as God is ONE God, and exists in 3 persons, so the heavens were all three there in ONE; NOW we cannot see the third heaven, because there is a darkness between the second and third heavens. We can see the darkness, but not the light of God on the other side. Therefore the "...heavens were of old..." 2 Peter; are still the same heaven in Genesis 1:1.

2 Samuel 22:17, “He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of MANY WATERS;” (2 Samuel 22:12)

Psalms 18:16, “He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of MANY WATERS.”

Psalms 29:3, “The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon MANY WATERS.”

Psalms 93:4, “The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of MANY WATERS, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.”

Ezekiel 43:2, “And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of MANY WATERS: and the earth shined with his glory.”

Revelation 1:15, “And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of MANY WATERS.”

Revelation 14:2, “And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of MANY WATERS, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:” Voice is word 5 (5), 10 (5), 17 (7), 26 (9).

Revelation 19:6, “And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of MANY WATERS, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” Voice is word 8 (8), 16 (8), (23) 7.

Job 12:15, “Behold, he withholdeth THE WATERS, and they dry up: also he SENDETH THEM OUT, AND THEY OVERTURN THE EARTH.”

Job 26:10, “He hath COMPASSED THE WATERS WITH BOUNDS, until the day and night COME TO AN END.”

Job 38:30, “The WATERS are hid as with a stone, and THE FACE OF THE DEEP IS FROZEN.”

Psalms 33:7, “He gathereth THE WATERS of the sea together as AN HEAP: he layeth up THE DEPTH in storehouses.”

Psalms 74:13, “Thou didst DIVIDE THE SEA divide the sea by thy strength: thou BRAKEST the heads of the DRAGONS IN THE WATERS.

Psalms 104:3, “Who layeth the BEAMS OF HIS CHAMBERS IN THE WATERS: who maketh the CLOUD his chariot: who walketh upon the WINGS OF THE WIND:”

Psalms 104:6, “Thou coveredst it with THE DEEP AS WITH A GARMENT: the WATERS STOOD ABOVE THE MOUNTAINS.”

Psalms 104:5-9, “Who LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou COVEREDST IT WITH THE DEEP AS WITH A GARMENT: the WATERS STOOD ABOVE THE MOUNTAINS. At THY REBUKE

THEY FLED; at the VOICE OF THY THUNDER THEY HASTED AWAY. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast SET A BOUND that they may NOT PASS OVER; that they turn not again TO COVER THE EARTH.”

Psalms 148:4, “Praise him, YE HEAVENS OF HEAVENS, and YE WATERS THAT BE ABOVE THE HEAVENS.” Read that one again!

Proverbs 8:29, “When he GAVE TO THE SEA HIS DECREE, that THE WATERS should NOT PASS HIS COMMANDMENT: when he APPOINTED THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH:”

Proverbs 30:4, “Who hath ASCENDED UP INTO HEAVEN (CHRIST!), or descended? (CHRIST!) who hath gathered the wind in his fists? (CHRIST!) WHO HATH BOUND THE WATERS IN A GARMENT? (CHRIST!) who hath established all the ends of the earth? (CHRIST!) what is his name, (the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY) and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? (LORD JESUS CHRIST)”

Isaiah 28:2, “Behold, THE LORD hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, AS a FLOOD of MIGHTY WATERS overflowing, SHALL CAST DOWN TO THE EARTH WITH THE HAND.”

Isaiah 35:7, “And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the HABITATION OF DRAGONS, WHERE EACH LAY, SHALL BE GRASS WITH REEDS AND RUSHES.”

Isaiah 51:10, “Art THOU NOT IT WHICH HATH DRIED THE SEA, the WATERS OF THE GREAT DEEP; that hath made the DEPTHS OF THE SEA A WAY FOR THE RANSOMED TO PASS OVER?” Read that again... and again... and one more time!

Job 38:8-11, “Or who shut up the SEA WITH DOORS, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the CLOUD THE GARMENT THEREOF, and THICK DARKNESS A SWADDLING BAND FOR IT, And brake up for it MY DECREED PLACE, and set BARS AND DOORS, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?”

Daniel 7:9, “I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose GARMENT WAS WHITE AS SNOW, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.”

Ezekiel 26:18-21, “Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure. For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make THEE A DESOLATE CITY, like the CITIES THAT ARE NOT INHABITED; when I shall BRING UP THE DEEP UPON THEE, and GREAT WATERS SHALL COVER THEE; When I shall BRING THEE DOWN WITH THEM THAT DESCEND INTO THE PIT, WITH THE PEOPLE OF OLD TIME, and shall set thee in THE LOW PARTS OF THE EARTH, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, THAT THOU BE NOT INHABITED; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; I

WILL MAKE THEE A TERROR, and THOU SHALT BE NO MORE: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou NEVER BE FOUND AGAIN, saith the Lord GOD.”

Isaiah 34:7-8, “And the UNICORNS SHALL COME DOWN WITH THEM, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. For IT IS THE DAY OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE, and THE YEAR OF RECOMPENCES FOR THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION.”

Revelation 4:6, “And before the throne THERE WAS A SEA OF GLASS LIKE UNTO CRYSTAL: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.”

Revelation 15:2, “And I saw AS IT WERE A SEA OF GLASS MINGLED WITH FIRE: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, STAND ON THE SEA OF GLASS, having the harps of God.

It is obvious from these passages that there is a body of water blocking the light of God in the third heaven. This body of water is the same as the sea of glass, and the great deep. The face of this great deep is frozen, which would make it look like a sea of glass. This deep is so large it is unfathomable; however, it is a heap of waters that we will go through at the rapture, and come back through at the advent of Christ when the unicorns come down with us. This body of water held the earth and at one time WAS the foundation of the earth. That foundation is NOT MOVED, and yet the earth by an overflowing was not only MOVED, but the deep IS the foundation of the world and it is LIKE a garment. It is like the garment that Christ wore, without seam. After the earth was in the firmament the foundation now is nothing. Job 26:7, “He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.”

The world that then was at the creation in Genesis 1:1 was standing in the water and out of the water, had to be submerged into the waters for Genesis to continue because when the Lord made the firmament and opened up between the waters by separating the waters from the waters, this made outer space INSIDE the great deep. Once the waters above and below were separated the Lord also separated the waters on top of the land so that the land appeared. Notice that LAND APPEARED and was NOT CREATED in the Genesis 1:3-31 account. Land NEVER is said to have been made! That is because it was created in Genesis 1:1! Water, Darkness and the Deep are also missing from the narrative in Genesis and THAT makes a GAP. The distance, what happened to CAUSE this gap, and other things come from STUDYING the Bible to find out what happened because it is NOT in the narrative in Genesis. According to the Bible water is made before the earth and darkness was IN the waters, and the waters are called the DEEP! If the first verse of the Bible is true, and in God is LIGHT and in him is NO DARKNESS AT ALL; then in Genesis 1:1 there is ALREADY LIGHT. The darkness is from the earth being submerged into the waters of darkness. What caused this evidential catastrophe? The fall of the most powerful creature God ever made: Lucifer! This is substantially the only explanation to all these verses, as well as the reason WHY these things are not found as being created in the narrative in Genesis.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “How these gappists substituted the word "was" for "became.”

Sargent Answers: Don't you mean: they substitute "become" for "was"? And the fact that there IS a gap no one has disputed. The GAP is: 1. nowhere does it say in the narrative in Genesis 1: "...let there be darkness..." or "...let there be water..." or "...let there be land..." or "...let there be the deep..." THAT IS WHAT THE GAP IS! The rest is just reasoning what made this gap. Some try to line up a gap with evolution while others seek to alter the text. I have done NEITHER. Please stick with what we are debating in this debate and NOT what others have said. I am NOT debating THEIR side of this. Even if they believe there is a GAP which is obvious, we do NOT agree on WHAT it is, or in rewriting the words of the Bible, or WHY there is a GAP. Retain "was" as a past tense word from the point of view that Moses was writing after the fact which puts all the things he is writing IN THE PAST. NOT PRESENT TENSE. That is why WAS is used. It is NOT important in any way to prove or disprove the GAP FACT. I have NEVER said "was" means "became". You are not quoting me there.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "-Just which flood was Jesus comparing his second coming to? Let's take a look: 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person..."
6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 2 Peter 2
3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 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. 2 Peter 3 EXAMINATION OF 2 PETER 2 and 3 2 Peter 3:5-6 is to 2 Peter 2:5 2 Peter 3:7 is to 2 Peter 2:6 "the world...overflowed with water" = "flood upon the world" "the world that then was" = "old world" "judgment and perdition of ungodly men" = "bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" "fire against the day of judgment" = "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes"

Sargent Answers: Jesus Christ compared the Second Coming to the flood of Noah. That is the flood that is NOT a mystery. The flood of Genesis 1:2 is actually NOT so much a FLOOD as it was an overflowing of waters or that the world was submerged IN water. This is obvious in the making of the firmament: When was LAND created? If you make verse 1 a preview then the narrative would start and somewhere you would read: "...let there be darkness..." and "...let there be water..." and "...let there be the deep..." and "...let there be land..." Yet these things just show up without a statement in the narrative that they were ever created! THAT is what constitutes the GAP FACT! This is indisputable. Please PROVE that these ITEMS of MATTER were CREATED IN THE NARRATIVE of Genesis 1. This is my challenge to Charles McGhee that I have made on numerous occasions and has gone ignored every time because it is impossible. He knows if he even says anything about it, it will prove conclusively that THERE IS A GAP and he will be forced to admit that THERE IS A GAP after all, and he will have to finally become a "gappists" as he calls it.

Let's examine WHY 2 Peter 2:4-9 is NOT the same as 2 Peter 3:4-7

2 Peter 2:4, “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;” (absent from 2 Peter 3)

2 Peter 2:5, “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;” (absent from 2 Peter 3) Notice how no one is IGNORANT of this flood!

2 Peter 2:6, “And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;” (absent from 2 Peter 3)

2 Peter 2:7, “And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:” (absent from 2 Peter 3)

2 Peter 2:8, “(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” (absent from 2 Peter 3)

2 Peter 2:9, “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” (2 Peter 3:7 as a cross reference does not make the events the same any more than Lucifer’s fall and anything other than Genesis 1:2)

2 Peter 3:4, “And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” (absent from 2 Peter 2) it never discusses anything pertaining to the BEGINNING of the CREATION.

2 Peter 3:5, “For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.” (absent from 2 Peter 2)

2 Peter 3:6, “Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:” (could be mistaken for Noah’s flood, so why doesn’t Peter SAY its Noah’s flood? Because: no one was ignorant of that flood! And the WORLD perished in this flood, but not in Noah’s flood, the earth was the same, and 8 people were saved in the Ark. Not at this event.)

2 Peter 3:7, “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.” (2 Peter 2:9 as a cross reference does not make the events the same any more than Noah’s flood at 2 Peter 3:12)

2 Peter 3:12, “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (Absent from 2 Peter 2)

2 Peter 3:13, “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” (Absent from 2 Peter 2)

Here is the pattern of the group of things in 2 Peter 2: first we have the angles that sinned, also given an account of in Jude 1:6, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." This is obviously a reference to Genesis 6:1-7. This sequence of events in 2 Peter 2:4-9 continue in order AFTER this first event. What is NOT in this discourse is any fall of Lucifer. The second group where God spared not the OLD WORLD, but saved NOAH and EIGHT PERSONS is not consistent with 2 Peter 3. If Peter talked freely about Noah in Chapter 2, why not say that he was talking about Noah in Chapter 3? This absence of Noah, or anyone else escaping this catastrophic event in 2 Peter 3 shows that the event is very different. Another thing to notice is that in 2 Peter 3:4, the contextual beginning of this is "...from the beginning OF THE CREATION..." this could NOT be Noah's flood. Noah's flood happened in 1,656 years AFTER CREATION! That's like saying someone invented the light bulb in 373 AD! This is now ranking in the area of baboonery! In 2 Peter 3:5, we have A MYSTERY: "For this they willingly are ignorant of..." Someone is IGNORANT of this FACT that IN THE BEGINNING OF CREATION, when GOD MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH: "...that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water." Obviously from: John 1:10, "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." Who is this talking about? John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." This BEGINNING is the same BEGINNING as Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This means Jesus was THERE! And In John 1:2, "The same was in the beginning with God." The Word (Jesus Christ) was there WITH God and John 1:3, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Jesus Christ MADE EVERYTHING in the BEGINNING and NOT when Noah's flood happened! 2 Peter 3:6, "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." The world that then WAS, is obviously the EARTH of Genesis 1:1, as it was being overflowed with water therefore WAS Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." WHAT? WHEN DID GOD SAY, "...let there be the FACE OF THE WATERS." When did God say, "....let there be water..." NEVER! The narrative SKIPPED OVER THIS! That is what a GAP is! 2 Peter 3:7, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now..." is the same heavens and earth of Noah's day BEFORE THE FLOOD. The flood of Noah's day did NOT ALTER the heavens.

Mr. McGhee wrote: "2 Peter 3 EXAMINATION OF 2 PETER 2 and 3 2 Peter 3:5-6 is to 2 Peter 2:5 2 Peter 3:7 is to 2 Peter 2:6 "the world...overflowed with water" = "flood upon the world" "the world that then was" = "old world" "judgment and perdition of ungodly men" = "bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" "fire against the day of judgment" = "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes"

Sargent Answers: Cropping out what LOOKS the same is not STUDYING to RIGHTLY DIVIDE the words. All you are doing is making a LIAR out of God! I answered this previously. This makes you look foolish. When you compare the Scriptures make sure you are RIGHTLY DIVIDING THEM. Proper study is to DIVIDE: i.e. LOOK FOR THE DIFFERENCES FIRST! Not the similarities! Just because something LOOKS the same, doesn't mean that it is. AND, just because something LOOKS DIFFERENT, does not mean that it is. LOOKS can be DECEIVING! John 7:24, "Judge not according to the

appearance, but judge righteous judgment.” 2 Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Mr. McGhee wrote: “The earth wasn't standing out of the water and in the water until God places the firmament in between the waters. This did not happen on the first day. 2 Peter 3:5 is a reference to Genesis 1:6-7 not Genesis 1:2. God divided the waters on the second day and the waters above the earth came crashing down in Noah's flood.”

Sargent Answers: That is NOT what the passage said: 2 Peter 3:4: “...FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION.” And 5: “For this THEY WILLINGLY ARE IGNORANT of, that BY THE WORD OF GOD THE HEAVENS WERE OF OLD, AND THE EARTH STANDING out of the water and in the water:” They were NOT IGNORANT of Noah’s flood! THIS however IS about the BEGINNING of the CREATION and has NOTHING to do with Noah’s flood. Charles McGhee said: “The earth wasn't standing out of the water and in the water until God places the firmament in between the waters.” Yet Mr. McGhee refuses to comment on where the waters came from! This insistence that the missing narrative is not a gap has been repudiated on many occasions and left ignored by Mr. McGhee. There IS an OBVIOUS GAP in the NARRATIVE of the CREATION. This GAP is the missing verses that would have said: “...let there be water...” and “...let there be land...” and “...let there be darkness...” and “...let there be the deep...” 4 counts of a GAP FACT. These GAPS in the narrative suggests that these ELEMENTS were THERE ALREADY in Genesis 1:1 and that Genesis 1:1 is PART of the narrative OF creation, and therefore Genesis 1:2 is an OBVIOUS GAP where the narrative is ALTERED and some of the elements of creation are MISSING, or SKIPPED! GAP! That is a GAP if I ever saw one! It is obvious to me that Charles McGhee is MISSING (gap) the point here! All this STRAIN about incidentals and ridiculous verse comparisons has NOTHING to do with the FACT that in the GENESIS narrative of creation, there exists an OBVIOUS GAP! If you can find for me the passages in Genesis 1 that shows the creation of WATER, LAND, DARKNESS and THE DEEP, I will concede to there being NO GAP. When Mr. McGhee says: “The earth wasn't standing out of the water and in the water until God places the firmament in between the waters” I believe there is more to it than that. How can the earth be standing in the water and out of the water anywhere? It was NOT STANDING in water anywhere in that narrative. I’m not sure where he is getting this from, but it is NOT in any Bible I have ever read. The firmament is BOTH the first AND second heavens: The SUN, MOON, STARS and BIRDS are IN the FIRMAMENT of the heaven. The EARTH is NEVER standing IN water anywhere during this time. It is completely SUBMERGED IN WATER WHEN God MAKES the firmament! LAND is NEVER created; WATER is NEVER created... Why not DEAL with the ISSUES?

Mr. McGhee wrote: “If there really was a flood in Genesis 1:2, why didn't God speak on it in the same chapter?”

Sargent Answers: Quite frankly this would mean God revealing his plan before it was time and that would give the Devil ammunition to counter what the Lord had planned and put into action. God has given US many mysteries and expects US (His Church) to rightly divided the word and FIGURE them out by STUDYING His words. God hides things from Satan, and some people that love wickedness, and others for His purpose.

Why did God NOT give us our NEW BODIES when we got Born Again? Same thing, the kingdom of God is IN MYSTERY FORM right now and NOT revealed to this world. People would SEE and Believe! That would completely ruin what God is doing THROUGH FAITH. This issue has gone into many tangents: but the basic issue is the narrative of Genesis 1, and the elements that show up suddenly but are NOT given the creative “let there be” command. The missing elements are WATER, LAND, DARKNESS, THE DEEP. Of these elements I can account for every one of them. But the FACT that the NARRATIVE SKIPS THEM CONSTITUTES A GAP FACT! Everything else is inconsequential to this narrative.

One last thing about this: the fall of Lucifer was the one single most damaging fall ever. Nothing could compare to it and nothing can be compared to it! It was the fall of God’s FIRST creation, and the MOST POWERFUL BEING IN THE UNIVERSE aside from God himself.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “So why would Jesus compare his second coming to a Luciferian Flood Judgment in 2 Peter 3 when he compared his second coming to Noah’s Flood so often in other bible passages?”

Sargent Answers: When did Jesus Christ compare his second coming to anything that is in 2 Peter 3? This was written much latter than Christ was on earth. The FACT is Jesus Christ compared his second coming to Noah, and Lot. Which 2 Peter 3 has NEITHER in. I do NOT remember reading anything in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John where the Lord is comparing his Second Coming to 2 Peter 3 or Genesis 1:1 or Isaiah 14:12, or Ezekiel 26 or 28. There is NO comparison there to make. SO, what in the world are you talking about? The comparison in 2 Peter 3 is NOT the second coming at all. I am sure you can READ right? 2 Peter 3:7, “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.” You are saying that this verse is the Second Coming of Christ? Which it is NOT. Where in the second coming is this fire? Notice the context is the whole heaven and earth: 2 Peter 3:10-12, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” Notice the “...day of the Lord...” and later the “...day of God...” The day of the Lord is NOT what this is likened to which is the second coming. It is the Day of God that this passage is likened to. Notice that it is heaven AND earth that will be burned up: 2 Peter 3:7, “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.” This does NOT happen when Christ comes back. There is a thousand years between Christ’s Second Coming and the New Heaven and New Earth: 2 Peter 3:12, “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” How is this the second coming? This is right before the New Heavens and New Earth are made. Revelation 21:1, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Why would scoffers be willingly ignorant of a flood that's mentioned nowhere in the scriptures?”

Sargent Answers: IT'S a MYSTERY; and they are WILLINGLY IGNORANT of it, because they CHOOSE to be! They MUST have an agenda! And as far as it is mentioned in Scriptures: it IS! You just read it in 2 Peter 3, Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 14:12-23, Jeremiah 4:28-31; Ezekiel 28:12-19 and the NARRATIVE of GENESIS 1. What is missing from that narrative: NEVER does it say: “...let there be WATER...” or “...let there be LAND...” or “...let there be DARKNESS...” or “...let there be THE DEEP...” WHERE is the NARRATIVE? God SKIPPED over it! GAP! And THAT is what constitutes a GAP! The GAP is in the NARRATIVE! Just gap over all the rest of the stuff and DEAL with SKIPPING over the GAP in the narrative!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Why would scoffers be willingly ignorant of a flood that killed no one?”

Sargent Answers: Whatever! WHERE'S the MISSING: “...let there be WATER...”? WHERE'S the MISSING: “...let there be LAND...”? WHERE'S the MISSING: “...let there be DARKNESS...” WHERE'S the MISSING: “...let there be THE DEEP...” THAT is what the narrative is like all throughout Genesis 1:3-31! When God MAKES things he SAYS let there be: POOF! And there it is! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN FOR WATER, LAND, DARKNESS, or THE DEEP? NOWHERE! MISSING! THAT constitutes a GAP! Undisputedly a GAP! Proven beyond any shadow of doubt! The rest you can doubt all you want. But as far as there BEING a GAP or NOT: it is OBVIOUS!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “I'll scoff too if God judged an earth that no one inhabited according to you.”

Sargent Answers: Whatever: I did NOT say NO ONE inhabited the earth! I said the earth was IN HEAVEN and the spirit beings inhabited heaven. THAT would place them ON THE EARTH AND IN THE HEAVEN. But because they are not BOUND to earth like WE are, then they did NOT inhabit the earth like WE do. SO I am right when I say yes they did and no they didn't. According to YOU, there is NO GAP! SO, God said, “...let there be water...”? WHERE? OH, NOWHERE? GAP! Here is YOUR rendering of Genesis 1:1-2: “In the beginning God is going to create the heaven and the earth and here's how. And the earth was in the formation, and uninhabited; and God said let there be darkness, and it was so, and God said let there be the face of the deep. And God said let there be waters, And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said let there be land mass with form to be inhabited and it was so.”

Are you saying YOU are one of the scoffers that are willingly ignorant of this mystery? You do know that it is the GAP that they are scoffing at? Funny how you just admitted to this!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Why should these scoffers be scared of a judgment that killed no one?”

Sargent Answers: You really are not getting it are you? When you say killed, why would the principalities and powers fear being killed? They live in terror of being sent to hell

fire though. Just like any person would. They were NOT drowned because they did not depend on the breath of life to keep them alive. The fall of Lucifer is hidden and embedded in Scriptures in this way, because of his present power as the god of this world. And God does not want people to worship him, or give Satan license to go after them. The fact that the earth perished in that flood is not meaningless. If that can happen, and the next time when the “earth” perishes it will be by FIRE, then everything and EVERYONE will BURN! Why would they NOT be in TERROR of this?

Mr. McGhee wrote: “The scoffers are ignorant of “the earth standing out of the water and in the water” (Genesis 1:6-7) and how these same waters came down and killed millions of people.”

Sargent Answers: Whatever! I have no idea what you are talking about! I think you are getting really mixed up with the facts as I have laid them down. The “earth standing in the water and out of the water, is a reference to Genesis 1:1, not to Genesis 1:6-7. What happened in Genesis 1:2 altered what was in verse 1 so that the earth was submerged IN water. It is no longer standing IN the water and OUT of the water. That is why there is NO MENTION of LAND being created, or WATER for that matter and even DARKNESS because the deeper you go IN water, the darker it gets. And that is a heap of waters! But that also PROVES that there IS a GAP! So you are saying Genesis 1:6-7 is the beginning as is Noah’s flood.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “That is nothing to scoff at.”

Sargent Answers: OH? Then why are you scoffing at it? Funny how you are now arguing with yourself.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “This judgment is recorded and known throughout the world.”

Sargent Answers: The hidden things of God are hidden for a reason. Just because you do not understand it, only means that you lack understanding. 1 Corinthians 4:5, “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.” Matthew 13:11, “He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.” The question is will you receive it? Mark 4:11, “And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:” WHY ask WHY? If you are asking; then why not ask why Christ spoke in parables? 2 Peter 3 is NOT about Noah’s flood! What is written about there has NOTHING to do with Noah’s flood at all. AND YOU KNOW IT! IT IS IN THE CONTEXT ABOUT THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. IT IS ABOUT THE CREATION AND THE WORD OF GOD IN CREATION! THAT IS THE TIME STAMP ON THE EVENT IN THE PASSAGE! Your guesswork on the issue has nothing to do with the FACTS!

FACTS: WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be WATER...”? WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be LAND...”? WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be DARKNESS...”? And WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be THE DEEP...”? Please deal with the camel and get rid of the gnats: or swallow that camel and keep straining at

the gnats! Some people will never get the truth because they have a dirty heart and God knows they do not want the truth.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “The reader of Genesis 1:1-2 will have to read 1,158 chapters of the bible to get to 2 Peter 3 to find out what didn't happen to the earth in Genesis 1:2.”

Sargent Answers: Actually anyone with even an ounce of common sense can see in Genesis 1 that the narrative is altered in Genesis 1:2 from what is before it and what comes after it in the context. It is not the same narrative as in Genesis 1:1 where God expressly creates something out of NOTHING! Where the rest of the time for the most part God is making stuff out of things that already exist!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Gap? Not possible.”

Sargent Answers: FACTS: WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be WATER...”? WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be LAND...”? WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be DARKNESS...”? And WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be THE DEEP...”?

Please provide me with verse in Genesis 1 where you found these missing elements in the narrative!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “This is a clue that the water is apart of the earth. The earth was created with the water. It says, “I will destroy them with the earth.” These wicked men were destroyed by water.”

Sargent Answers: What in the world? NO, NO, NO! That is NOT what this is saying: “I will destroy them with the earth.” Is to say I will destroy them (the people) with (at the same time as I also destroy) the earth. That is so obvious it's pathetic. The alternative would be: “I will destroy them with the earth.” By ONLY the water that is ON EARTH! Which we know that in Noah's flood it RAINED from HEAVEN! That was NOT ON EARTH it was IN HEAVEN! DUH! I got a visual on this at first glance and thought about it raining dirt from heaven! Um, whatever!

Please DEAL with the GAP: FACTS: WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be WATER...”? WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be LAND...”? WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be DARKNESS...”? And WHERE is the MISSING: “...let there be THE DEEP...”? The GAP is FACT! IT IS OBVIOUS! These people NEVER deal with the meat and potatoes of the issue, they want to swat at the gnats and swallow camels. Believe a lie then, it's no sweet off my brow. But you never will answer these things, because there IS no answer for them aside from affirming there is a GAP FACT!

Mr. McGhee wrote: “Once again, you've ignored and evaded my previous posts about 2 Peter 3. Perish means to die. The angels that allegedly perished here didn't die. World equals inhabitants and inhabitants means people. You say world can mean earth in 2 Peter 3:6...”

Sargent Answers: Perish means to PERISH... Die means to DIE... Perish also means to spend time in HELL. Not a death of the flesh, but a PUNISHMENT for the SOUL... In

the context of passages used in the Bible PERISH is used opposite of ETERNAL LIFE; thus it is in context not the death of the body, but the punishment of the soul in hell, not an end, but a beginning of an altered existence. Lucifer thus was ALTERED to Satan. If there were angels that followed him, they would have become devils. Hell was made for the devil and HIS ANGLES; i.e. devils.

You have assumed World “equals” inhabitants and then assumed that inhabitants “means” people. Let’s see what the BIBLE says about this in the context:

2 Peter 3:3-4, “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their on lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”
CONTEXT is CREATION! You keep ignoring this blatant FACT!

2 Peter 3:5, “For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:” The EARTH is originally standing out and in the water, yet this has no bearing on Noah’s flood because there is no account of this EARTH before or after Noah’s flood. This says EARTH! Not world... And so the EARTH in the passage is talking about the WORLD and vice versa.

2 Peter 3:6-7, “Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 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.”

Notice here that the WORLD that then WAS, being overflowed with water, PERISHED! NONE escaped this OVERFLOWING with water. This was not a flood like Noah’s flood where the waters rose because of rain. This was an OVERFLOWING with water. And the CONTEXT IS the CREATION! Ignore this simple fact and you mess up the location of this passage.

Mr. McGhee wrote: “What would be the point of judging the earth with a flood of this magnitude if it didn't kill anyone. It would've been a total waste of time.”

Sargent Answers: So, Mr. McGhee doesn’t follow the thought very well. “The waste of time” would not have been a waste of time IF you were following the “train of thought!” Obviously you are not debating to find the truth. Only a true seeker of TRUTH would not continue this past the discussion of these things. I have proved over and over that your assumptions are all incorrect. Perhaps you would not see this as a “waste of time” if you would argue the opposite side. Unless you are an incompetent debater! Which is seems you are. You have assumed everything in your arguments and made statements about things being equal that are not, just because you say so. Mr. McGhee has no scriptural evidence of this case, and no proof of his assumptions. Over and over again, we have proved that your assumptions are wrong using what the Bible says, and defining the words with what the Bible says in the context about these words. World can be used for earth or world system or masses of people and the new earth depending on the context. Where you make your rigidly defined assumptions with no evidence you are only making it a “waste of time!” World used as earth: 1 Samuel 2:8; 1 Chronicles 16:30; Isaiah 18:3; Acts 17:24; Romans 10:18; Psalms 24:1, “The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” WORLD and EARTH can be the same.

World used as a SYSTEM: Colossians 2:20; 2 Timothy 4:10; Titus 2:12; James 4:4, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” World used as masses of people: John 3:16-18; Psalms 22:27, “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.” World used as the new earth: Hebrews 6:5; World used in the sense of huge thing: James 3:6! SO, once again Mr. McGhee’s assumptions are totally WRONG! The BIBLE is totally RIGHT!

The discussion is not about how Jesus Christ’s return will be like Noah’s flood. 2 Peter 3 has nothing to do with that. As I have proved that the context is CREATION. This line of reasoning on your part is not applicable and proves nothing.

CONCLUSION: Heavens, heaven, and heavens CAN be used interchangeably. 2 Peter 3:3-6 has a CONTEXT and that CONTEXT IS CREATION. PERISH NEVER means die in the BIBLE, it means to end up in Hell. This is an ALTERATION of existence, not an END of it. There is NEVER an end of life in the Bible. You are either in HEAVEN or HELL. This proves beyond any doubt that 2 Peter 3:3-6 is further explaining Genesis 1:1-2 and has NOTHING whatsoever to do with Noah’s flood. This further proves that there IS a gap in Genesis 1:2 and there is nothing else that can prove otherwise. This is a completed conclusion based on all existing posts with complete Biblical proofs of each error that Mr. McGhee has made in his “waste of time” attempting to debate this FACT. Thus the GAP is a FACT as I have presented it, and has NOT been disproved.

Mr. McGhee said: “Bottomline: Jesus compared his second coming to Noah's Flood.”

Sargent Answers: WOW, and no one is talking about Jesus’ second coming compared to Noah’s flood! What has that got to do with the GAP FACT and your anti-gap theory? NOTHING! Chasing rabbits huh... Just deal with 2 Peter 3 where it says CREATION! Deal with the FACTS and quit dealing with incidentals! Prove this is NOT about CREATION when it says CREATION! Show where in Genesis 1:1 water, darkness and the deep are spoken into existence. The GAP has NOTHING to do with anything you have dealt with. Once again the BOTTOMLINE is the GAP still exists IN THE narrative of Genesis 1:1-2 unless you can SHOW in that text where the things in verse 2 show up already created and NEVER have a statement about their creation anywhere in Genesis 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7. You have proved NOTHING aside from your incompetence in debating and your total wresting of the scriptures when it comes to dealing with what the Bible SAYS, where it SAYS it. I’m sure your waste of time accounts for your inability to handle the deep things of God and the hidden things of God. Please for your sake and the people you meet in the future: stick with the milk of the word. It would be hard to go wrong there. And now in conclusion:

1. I have shown that there is a gap in the narrative of Genesis 1:1-2.
2. I have shown that 2 Peter 3:3-6 is about the original creation in Genesis 1:1
3. I have shown that Lucifer’s fall would have had to happen in Genesis 1:2 causing the cataclysmic event.
4. I have shown that the cherubim and seraphim and the angels were created between the creation of heaven and earth in Genesis 1:1. Making for three more gaps in the Genesis narrative.
5. I have shown beyond any shadow of doubt the GAP is a FACT.

Now for the doctrine of the Gap Fact:

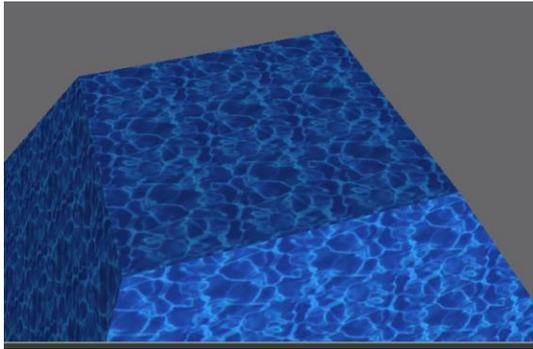
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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

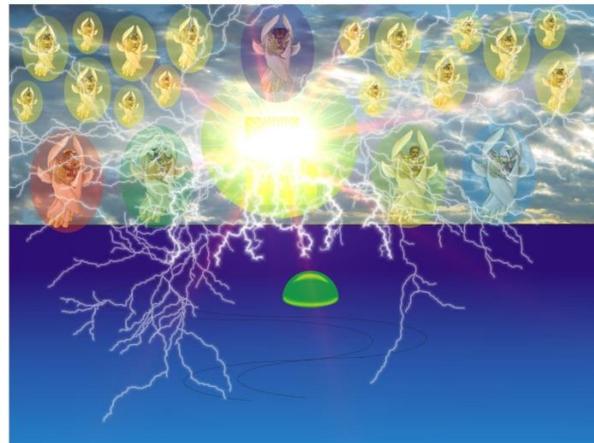
Genesis 1:1a, “In the beginning God created...” Here we see that God created TIME. All of God’s creation exists IN TIME. Understand that God IS light: 1 John 1:5b, “...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” We see that in this beginning there is NO darkness aside from what God makes that would hide his light.



NEXT: Genesis 1:1b, “...God created the heaven...” And now we have a space area. We are not talking about outer space. This is very different. This place was made to have a floor, and had clouds in other things: Revelation 4:6a, “And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal...” and this sea of glass was glass because its surface or the face of it was frozen: Job 38:30b, “...the face of the deep is frozen.” The deep is

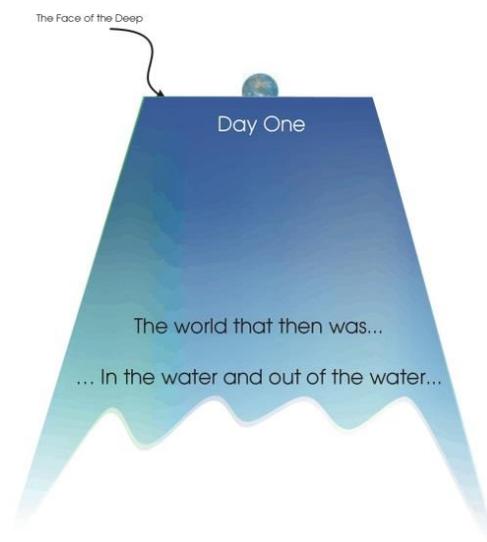
the deep waters of the sea of glass which is the floor in the original heaven. The waters diffused the light of God, which is why it is called the great deep. This diffusing of God’s light is where the darkness was located. So we see that the water would have had to exist prior to Genesis 1:2 where it just shows up, along with darkness and the deep. The water is the deep which caused the darkness.

Then we have the creation of the sons of God and the morning stars: Job 38:4-7, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” This would account for the spirit beings: the Cherubim, the Seraphim and the Angels. Lucifer was a



Cherubim: Ezekiel 28:12-19, “Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the

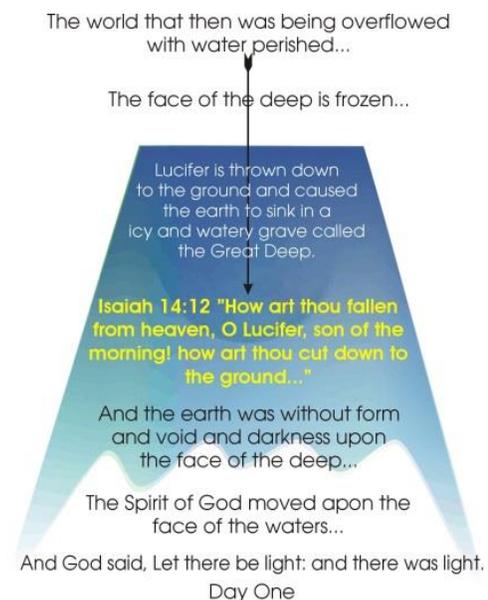
anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.” This covers Genesis 1:1-2 and the fall of this being resulted in the earth plummeting into a watery grave.



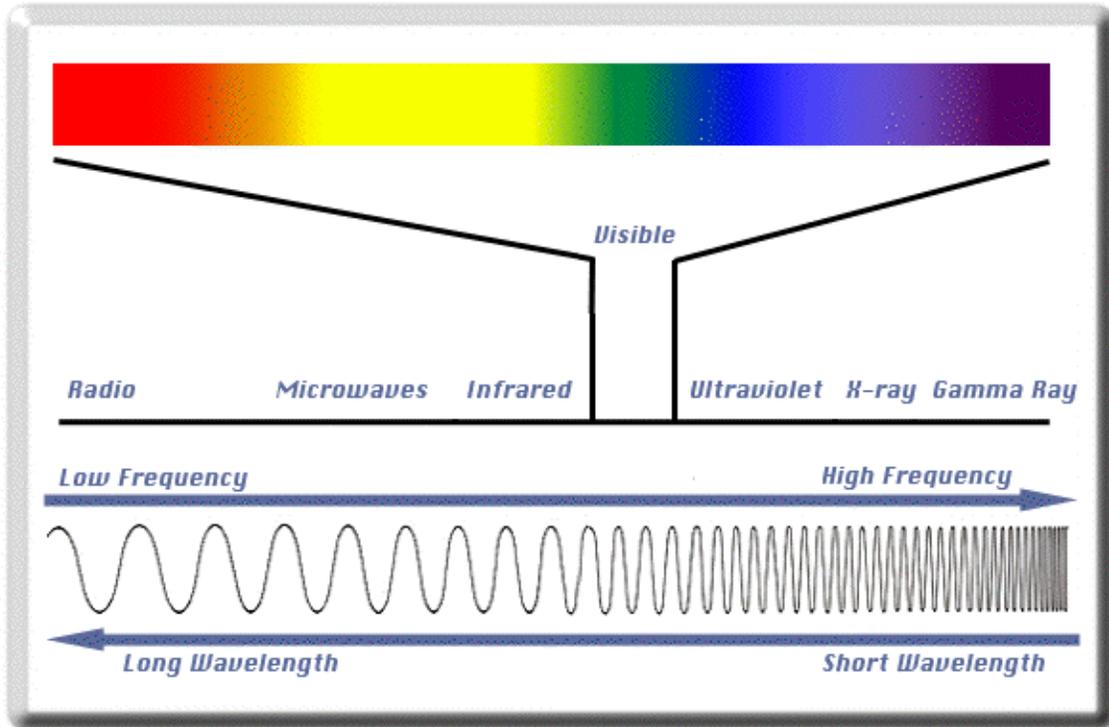
Then God made the earth: Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” This original creation of the earth is further revealed in 2 Peter 3:3-6, “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:” This original earth was **STANDING** in the water and out of the water.

Then something altered this original earth in Genesis 1:2a, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep...” So what happened to the earth to cause it to be without form? And what caused the darkness to be upon the face of the deep? This alteration from Genesis 1:1 is not the same. Something happened causing the earth to be submerged **IN** the water. The obvious implication shows up when God has to make the firmament **IN THE WATER** to expose the earth again.

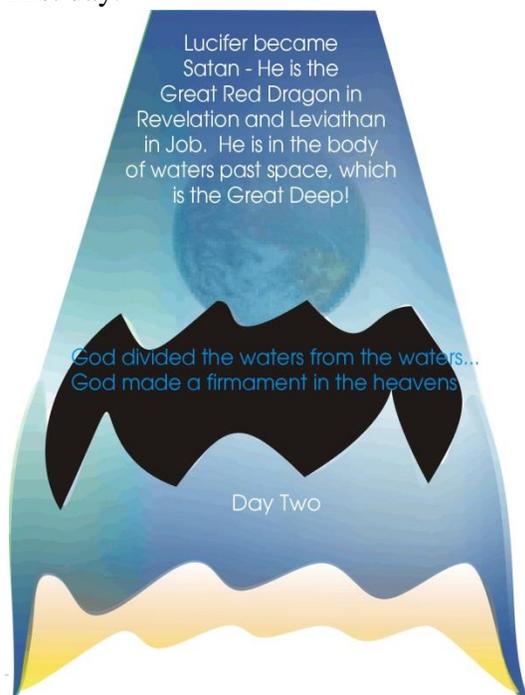
The darkness would be looking through the waters into the darkness to the earth that was now sunk into the waters and going deeper and deeper into the darkness eventually to be without form and void.



Then God makes light which would be the light particle not the light of God. God did not create himself here. Lucifer in his fall becomes Satan and is also plummeted into the waters. The Light that God made would be the photon particle and the spectrum of colors and the wave forms some of which were already created, but not in this fashion because prior to this God was the light of everything. But now God is working IN THE DARKNESS of the WATERS.



Genesis 1:3-5, “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”



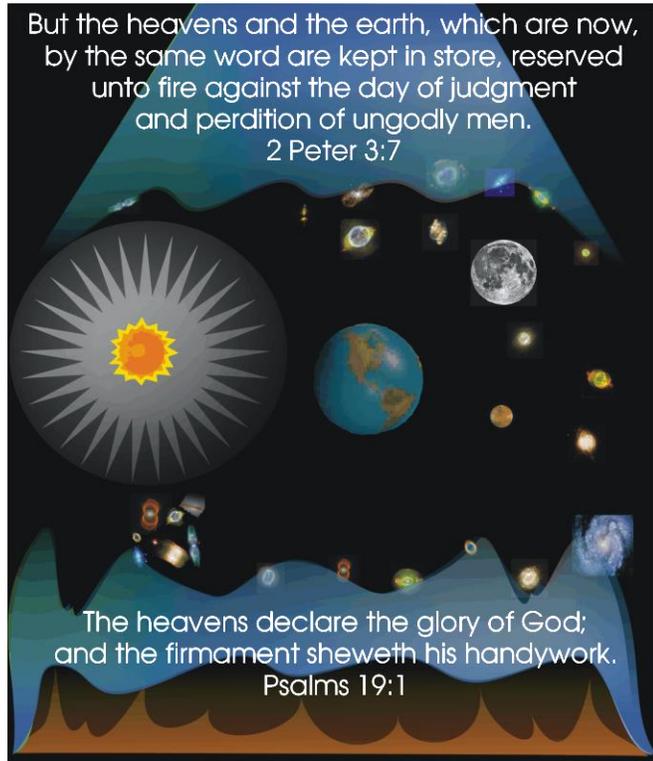
Genesis 1:6-8, “And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.”

Here is the issue: where is it said in the Genesis account that God ever created WATER? “Let there be water” is not there. That is a GAP.

After the firmament was made and the waters were parted, the world was uncovered from those waters. Yet it still never tells you

WHERE the water came from. No statement about water being created. Genesis 1:9-13, “And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day.” It is

also during this time that God makes plant life. It is important to know that this day is an actual 24 hour day, because plants were made before the sun. If these were thousand year time periods, the plants would all die without the sun’s rays.



Genesis 1:14-19, “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.”



It is obvious this is a re-creation of the original creation. There was a heaven in Genesis 1:1 already, there was LIGHT already: God is light. So, now God makes these things because the world has been plunged into darkness away from the heaven that God dwells in.

Then the next day: Genesis 1:20-23, “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and

God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.”

There is some obvious things about the creation of the animals and what they are patterned after: 2 Kings 2:11, “And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” And 2 Kings 6:17, “And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” What in the world are them FIRE HORSES? When did God make those? They are part of God’s original creation. The seraphim are fiery and serpentine in their nature. The cherubim are very much like this as well, this is why Lucifer could walk up and down in the mist of the stones of fire.

Next we have the creation of man: Genesis 1:24-31, “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

What the serious Bible student needs to grapple with is the fact that just because it says it was very good, does not mean it was perfect. And it does not mean that Lucifer had not fallen yet. Lucifer was created perfect in beauty and wisdom. God did not make him sin; that was HIS FAULT. When he BECAME Satan, Lucifer was no longer his name or title. God did not create Satan.

Now we are left with the fall of man, and the years and years of sin that that caused. Then Jesus Christ came to become sin for us. To take away all our sins and destroy the works of the devil.

Oh you afflicted, tossed with tempest, meek and mourn,
Will you battle, hearth and tattered, weary and worn,
Wait you bathe the bleak worry and battlement torn,
Till the truthful one finds your soul: horrid and scorn.

Birth your record till trouble will haunt you amidst

When taken away your soul to perish in the abyss
Forsaken and condemned your soul to be enticed
When all along in this life; you just needed Christ.

It is to this end that any deep Bible study should end up with. It is Jesus Christ who gets all the praise and honour and glory forever and ever. As far as the GAP in Genesis 1:1-2 goes, if anyone can show me where in the narrative of that passage God says “let there be water” I will concede that there is no gap. However, you will never do that because it is just not there and that is why I believe there is a GAP FACT.

The GAP FACT

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The GAP FACT remains,
With no contenders in the ring;
Says the Bible to the doubter,
Let me take you under my wing.

And teach from God’s Holy words,
Truth, and Life, and Error and Death;
Things no natural man will get,
Without that belief and trust and faith.

My text needs no revision,
Alterations I cannot stand;
Just read it as it is,
And you will see My Plan.

With nothing left undone,
I spoke everything into time;
Where I left out a creative task,
Too keep Satan from knowing mine.

Parables, and similitudes,
I used to compare the likes;
So proud men of high degree,
Would look like little tikes.

I skipped the “let there be water”
To show from where life came,
I left out darkness and the deep,
Because they are all the same.

The veil in the temple of Solomon,
The Glory of God did hide;
So the great waters do in the heavens,
Keep you from seeing inside!