

THE GAP FACT

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There is a Gap in Genesis 1:2 it is obvious to anyone that believes what they read in the Bible. The GAP is that it never says "...let there be WATER..." or "...let there be DARKNESS..." or "...let there be the DEEP..." for that matter ...it never said "...let there be land..." Funny how people MISS the facts when trying to believe in Creation WHICH I DO! I do NOT believe in a Theistic Evolution; because all forms of Evolution with out SOMEONE CONTROLLING IT is a lie. I have said before that the Computers of our day have evolved from the original IBM PC, however I do NOT mean it POPPED up all by itself and altered in this same manor! Evolution as taught by Darwin is a hoax. If anyone can produce ONE verse where the Bible says: "...let there be WATER..." or "...let there be DARKNESS..." or "...let there be the DEEP..." or "...let there be land..." I will concede that there is NO GAP, but until then: THERE IS A GAP AND THAT'S A FACT! No one has proven otherwise and they NEVER WILL!

Pet doctrines even when the Bible has a gap and people just ignore this fact. The context of Genesis 1 dictates the fact of a gap. Without "...let there be water, and god called the water: water..." now that GAP FACT that is GLARING at everyone and anyone that can READ; the passage will just not go away! But wait! There is more! There is no creative statement about WATER, DARKNESS, THE DEEP or THE GROUND (dirt)! Once someone proves beyond a shadow of doubt that these creative statements are IN THE CONTEXT of Genesis 1, I will concede that there is no gap! Until then the Gap is a FACT! If you want to talk about WHY there is a gap, you will have to concede that THERE IS A GAP first!

The book: "Unformed and Unfilled, A Critique of the Gap Theory", by Weston. W. Fields has so many flaws in it and it is just a rehashing of the same old "the gap is always associated with theistic-evolution" which is a lie. His appeals throughout the book are appeals to linguistics, the mythological Septuagint, opinions, a Jesuit, the original text, recognized grammarians, his own translation, Hebrew grammar, statements: "should be rendered" and appeals to "a better translation"! All of which are appeals to FAITH and DOUBT! I believe what my Bible SAYS: That is FAITH; He does NOT believe what the Bible SAYS and ALTERS it to prove his point! DOUBT!

From: <http://www.onlinebaptist.com/home/topic/4747-gap-theory-refuted/>

Q: Did Jesus allow for a gap?

A: If you carefully study the words of Jesus, He made it plain that there can't be a gap of billions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.

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THEY SAID: "In Mark 10:6, Jesus said, But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. In these very words, Jesus clearly teaches that Adam and Eve were created in the beginning of the creation? Not after billions of years had passed.

Also, the expression “beginning of the creation” rules out any “re-creation” or “second start” as taught by many gap theorists.”

ANSWER: OK, here is a great example of someone NOT answering the question!!! Notice that the question is “DID Jesus ALLOW for a gap?” It did NOT say a gap of billions of years! THAT is NOT the question!!! WOW, how some people are so asphyxiated on Evolution that they can NOT see the TRUTH about Creation! Pray tell WHERE did God say: “LET THERE BE WATER!” in Genesis 1? I never read in Genesis 1:1-5 anything but DAY ONE! Please show me where there is a PRE-DAY ONE! I’d like to see that! Please show me where God said: “LET THERE BE DARKNESS!” in Genesis 1? OH, it’s not there! God SKIPPED over creating WATER and DARKNESS! THAT SKIP looks to me like a GAP IN THE NARRATIVE! NOT in an expanse of unknown time! What evolutionist moron PUT that in there?

From: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2010/11/05/feedback-modified-gap-theory>

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “The “modified gap theory” or “precreation chaos gap theory,” which is the proposed “gap” between Genesis 1:2 and 1...:3, is unscriptural, and ultimately unnecessary. In fact, several gap models have been proposed over the years for one reason—to add secular ideas of long ages to the Bible. Here are some of the various models:”

Answer: Wait, let’s get ONE thing straight, people can make all the theories about a gap all they want to. That proves NOTHING! You can make all the anti-theories about NOT gap all you want to and it proves NOTHING! All everyone wants to do is talk about theories. Let’s DEAL with FACTS: The TEXT itself is the CREATIVE days: ok, let’s assume all the days are EQUAL, and that they are LITERAL DAYS of 24 hours (even though there were no clocks at that time) Also, let’s assume (for argument sake) that the First day started in Genesis 1:1 (with no pre-day time) In other words TIME starts with day ONE and God started in Genesis 1:1. God made all things with the WORD of God which is Jesus Christ. In other words everything that exists was created by being SPOKEN into existence. AND that there was NOTHING that was NOT spoken into existence, else it was NOT created! So, when we see the word created, we can assume God spoke something then, even though it does not say he did. We can also assume that when god said “...let there be...” that this was the creative Word of God actually DOING the creative work itself even though the word create or creation is not there. NOW, in viewing through Genesis 1; we see “God created the heaven and the earth” ok that first establishes these things as being CREATED. And we can assume they were created on day ONE, because the text does NOT say it was created later, or on a previous day. Next we must skip or jump over, or umm cross the GAP between Genesis 1:1 to verse 3, and see the NEXT creative element: where God said: “...Let there be light...” So, now comes a perplexing issue: we have skipped over some THINGS that were NOT created but just suddenly SHOW UP! The perplexing issue here is how does God get from LIGHT to darkness so that he must CREATE light? (1 John 1:5) AND for that matter, we arrive at the beginning of DAY 2 and God divides instead of CREATES! Genesis 1:6, what is it

that He is dividing? Where did the WATERS come from? I don't remember reading that! Did we MISS something? I'm sure we are in Day 2, and I know I have not read: "...let there be water..." anywhere! OH, wait, we SKIPPED OVER a part there DIDN'T we! That GAP is where water FIRST shows up! But wait, it doesn't say: "...let there be water..." SO, the narrative shows absolutely and emphatically that THERE IS A GAP! The missing elements of creation are: Water, Darkness, The Deep! SO? What does that mean? That means all the CRAP that you get from anti-gap theorist and MOST ALL GAP theorist are CLUELESS about this GAP! Because THERE IS NO THEORY TO IT! The GAP is a FACT!

I will concede this if you can prove to me that God said: "...let there be water..." then do the same for darkness and the deep! Three elements are without beginning! WHY? Well if you ask WHY, then YOU have conceded that THERE IS A GAP!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: "Pre-time gap. This view adds long ages prior to God creating in Genesis 1:1. This falls short for a number of reasons. For example, how can one have millions of years of time prior to the creation of time?"

Answer: this is a faulty REASON for a gap, but to even contemplate this as a possible REASON FOR a gap you have to first KNOW that there IS a gap! I for one believe there IS a GAP and it happened in the FIRST DAY and the days were all 24 hour allotments of time. There is way to much faulty reasoning for this to be a reasonable WHY to the gap.

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: "Ruin-reconstruction gap. This is the most popular gap idea, which adds long ages between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. It was popularized by Scottish pastor Thomas Chalmers in the early 1800s. This idea is promoted in the Scofield and Dake study Bibles and is often associated with a Luciferian fall and flood. See the refutations here and here and in the book Unformed and Unfilled.

Answer: Notice that this also is answering a REASON FOR a GAP and not answering the GAP itself. This one has more credibility to it, however, where they insist in more of a gap in TIME than what is in Genesis then it can be shelved as far as the time element. However the book Unformed and Unfilled is NOT the solution to this problem. This book is written by a Bible perverter who insists on altering the text to prove his point. This is NOT necessary, and only lends to DOUBT about what God said, than building faith in the words of God. For this reason I would reject the entire book by Weston W. Fields. I have a copy, and it is quite marked up with notes. He not only alters the text, and suggests that a better translation should be made, he appeals to original manuscripts that do not exist, he appeals to the Babylonian Talmud, Medieval Mystics, Linguistics, Traditions, Church Fathers, Opinions, a Jesuit (popish priest), Hebrew grammar, Recognized Grammarians, his OWN translation, assumption, the NASB, and other sundry extra-biblical and non-biblical proofs. All of which sum up to 0; a goose egg! The bottom line is he is NOT dealing with the TEXT as it stands, to prove HIS point he MUST alter the TEXT. THIS disbelief in the word of God comes from years of DOUBT and disbelief, from the people that taught him, and the people that taught them. As a BIBLE BELIEVER, I wouldn't fall for that nonsense for ONE second! He was "...weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." (Daniel 5:27)

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “Modified gap/precreation chaos gap. This view adds long ages between Genesis 1:2 and 1:3, and is primarily addressed in this article. One refutation of this view is in the Proceedings ...of the Sixth International Conference on Creationism, 2008, by John Zoschke, A Critique of the Precreation Chaos Gap Theory, ed., Andrew Snelling.

Answer: This is just another attempt to EXPLAIN WHY there is a gap! To even respond to this is the ACKNOWLEDGE that there IS a GAP. We are NOT dealing with WHY there is a GAP, we are dealing with THAT there is a GAP!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “Soft gap. This also includes a gap between Genesis 1:2 and 1:3, but unlike previous views, it has no catastrophic events or destruction of a previous state. It merely proposes that God created the world this way and left it for long periods of time in an effort to get starlight here. In essence, this view has a young earth and old universe. The problem is that stars were created after the proposed gap (Day Four), and it is unnecessary to make accommodations for long ages to solve the so-called starlight problem. See Anisotropic Synchrony Convention by Dr. Jason Lisle. Late gap. This view has a gap between chapters 2 and 3 of Genesis. In other words, some believe that Adam and Eve lived in the Garden for long ages before sin. This view has problems too. For example, Adam and Eve were told by God to be “fruitful and multiply” in Genesis 1:28, and waiting long ages to do so would have been disobedience. In addition, there is the problem of Adam only living 930 years (Genesis 5:5). For a refutation see When Did Adam and Eve Rebel?.

Answer: See there is a theme developing with EVERY one of these answers in how people view the GAP! The Bible never says what the TIME period is in Genesis 1:1-2, The first mention about a time is in verse 5. It would make sense to start with LIGHT so you can give a day and night break down of creation because PRIOR to this there were NO DAYS or NIGHTS! In the previous verse there was ONLY NIGHT! Which is WILD when you take into the account that in God is LIGHT and in Him is NO DARKNESS AT ALL! Deal with it!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “This modified gap theory is inconsistent with God creating everything in six days, as Scripture states. The plain meaning of the text is that everything was created sequentially: the earth, light, plants, sun, moon, stars, birds and fish, beasts, and man. The modified gap suggests that Day One lasted for millions of years while the rest of the days were normal length.”

Answer: True, the plain meaning of the text is that everything was created SEQUENTIALLY and in a LITERAL six days! THAT means water, darkness and the deep were CREATED between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, but the TEXT is VOID of the creative ACT. THAT VOID DICTATES IN THE NARRATIVE a bonafied GAP! I did NOT say a GAP of TIME! I SAID a GAP in the NARRATIVE! You start dealing with a time element and you start trying to explain WHY there is a GAP and not dealing with the GAP itself!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “Exodus 20:11 states, “For in six days the Lord made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Thus, the creation of the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1) and the sea and all that is in them (the rest of the creation) was completed in six days. Is there any room for an alternative interpretation that truly honors Scripture, based on this clear passage?”

Answer: Yes we have established that from the very beginning of this. The assumptions are grounded on the FACTS in the text. But even Exodus states that the SEA was created, yet where does GOD say, “...let there be water...”? SO, you got a problem, your proof text CLAIMS water WAS created during that time, just like I SAID; and yet, the water IS NOT EVER CREATED IN THE NARRATIVE, it is SKIPPED OVER! OH, THAT is a GAP! IN THE NARRATIVE!!!!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “Since the sun, moon, and stars were not created until Day Four, the modified gap theorist has to either accept billions of years with nothing in space but a lush earth, or rearrange the order of the Genesis 1 creation account without any hermeneutical basis.”

Answer: OK, I have NEVER believed in these THEORIES about WHY there is a GAP. I GOT my reason for believing WHY, but that is NOT the issue. Once you place billions of years you are just trying to line up the Bible with Darwin! Let me say this: was Adam created a BABY? Or was he created a MAN full of stature in size? The Bible says he was a MAN! THEREFORE Adam had “BUILT IN AGE” – ahh... SO, Why can not God have created earth to have “BUILT IN AGE” just to deceive people that do not want to believe God’s holy words! But ALTER them to prove how much they disbelieve God’s words!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “Using Scripture as our starting point, we can show that the physical evidence is consistent with an earth being a few thousand years in age. There is significant evidence that can be discussed—the decay and rapid reversals of the earth’s magnetic field, the amount of salt in the oceans, the wind-up of spiral galaxies, helium in zircons, C-14 in diamonds, and much more.

Answer: This is about a GAP, not a debate against Evolution! I know there are some people that can only see Creation vs Evolution in everything. But this is NOT about evolution at all. It is about the NARRATIVE in Genesis 1 and the GAP IN THAT NARRATIVE. These things are pointless in the light that what I have said FITS with EVERY ONE of these things. I still believe that the GAP is a FACT.

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “The modified gap also calls into question the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Consider that He said in Mark 10:5–8 that mankind was made from the beginning of creation, not billions of years later:”

Answer: Still dealing with the time element and NOT the Gap?

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and the two shall be one flesh: so then they are no more two, but one flesh. The modified gap attempts to blend secular long ages with the Bible, but there is no need for a gap. The modified gap does not “bridge the gap” (pun intended) between biblical creation and long ages. Instead, it is an arbitrary attempt to compromise with secular interpretations of the age of the earth and universe.

Answer: Wait! You just made a **BLUNDER!** You are NOT suppose to **BELIEVE** something that is NOT so! And you are **TO** believe something that **IS SO!** How can you ever know the truth if your attitude is: “...but there is no need for a gap...” When the narrative is obviously **GAPPED WIDE OPEN** but you are ignoring it because of these idiots that think evolution has some merit!

Troy Lacey and Bodie Hodge write: “It also opens up a major theological problem of death before sin. This results in the idea of death being “very good” (Genesis 1:31) and undermines the reason for Christ’s atonement to save us from sin and death. Death is the result of sin and did not occur millions of years before Adam.”

Answer: **WOW**, who was saying there was death before **ADAM?** Somebody is smoking too much crack! That would NOT have been me. Lucifer didn’t **DIE?** No angelic beings could **DIE**, they did NOT have the “breath of life” how therefore would they **DIE?** Who are you talking about that died? I thought this was about the **GAP!** To many chasing white squalls, or black cats to weed out the ridiculous and retain the sublime! For what I read is the narrative of Genesis 1 is “...let there be...” and there was, and God named it **ACCEPT FOR 3 PHYSICAL ELEMENTS** (or one) **WATER, DARKNESS** and **THE DEEP!** Once the verse can be found that say to each of these: “...let there be...” I will concede to that fact that there is no gap! But until then, the **GAP** is a **FACT!** Please prove me **WRONG**, I dare you!

The GAP FACT

Most "creationist" have an affinity to **ALTERING** what God **SAID** to prove that **GOD** didn't say what He **SAID** and **SAID** what He **DID NOT WRITE**. The issue of **ISSUES** is **Final Authority!** I believe the **TEXT** as it stands in my **HOLY BIBLE** the **Authorized...** Version commonly called **The King James Bible**. The trouble with people altering the text is that a word in **ANY** language has multiple meanings; however, it’s usage in the **CONTEXT** defines its meaning. **IF** you alter **ONE** word of the text and **MAKE IT A DIFFERENT WORD**, you alter the words that are next to it and their meanings! You can also alter the totality of a sentence by the alteration of **ONE WORD!** You can make a sentence say **JUST** the **OPPOSITE** by the alteration of **ONE WORD!** I believe God is very precise with **HIS WORDS**, and even with expressions **IN ENGLISH USAGE**. Because I believe God **PRESERVED HIS HOLY WORDS IN ENGLISH**.

This being said: I can show you in Hebrew or Greek, WHY a word is chosen IN ENGLISH for a particular sentence. This is not that hard to do, because the whole Bible has a supernatural continuity to it because even though the writers were men from all walks of life, on different continents, of different ages, through out the time of a few thousand years; YET, there is still ONE AUTHOR! If while God went to great lengths to inspire His HOLY WORDS, and allow the devil to get copies to corrupt; why oh why in the world would anyone think God would not PRESERVE HIS HOLY WORDS AT THE SAME TIME? I believe He DID. "If you mess with God's words; God will mess with your mind!" Quote by: Dr. Ruckman. I have seen this TRUTH over and over again.

SO, retaining the HOLY WORDS as the ARE in the TEXT, without ALTERING them to prove a LIE: the chronological stepping stones of Creation starting in Genesis 1:1 begin with GOD. The first act of creation would be the heaven. This is obvious from this passage. There is no doubt that God created heaven, and THIS is where it happened. NOW you have to deal with THIS FACT, and the later verse where a FIRMAMENT IS MADE by SEPARATING the WATERS! And the firmament is called Heaven! So, they say this is WHEN heaven was made and the first verse is a prelude to the active creation, making verse 1 and 2 the prelude, so they read these verses: Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth 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." This is how they RUN the two together and keep this from the context. This makes first day START with verse 3 instead of verse 1. Because THEY SAY, verses 1 and 2 are the prelude or preface to verses 3-31. The problem with this is that WATER is NEVER created in the NARRATIVE after verse 3, and it shows up in verse 2! The word heaven shows up as being CREATED in verse 1 and in verses 6-8 heaven shows up as a firmament (or emptiness) in the dividing of the waters.

The problem here is: THIS is actually two different heavens. They just ignore this FACT: in verses 14-19 God places the sun and moon and STARS in this heaven, and then in Genesis 1:20b we read: "...and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." How can the birds fly around where the SUN and MOON and STARS are? The answer is the firmament is TWO heavens, and in verse 1:1 was the creation of the 3rd heaven. The perspective is from our view. That 3rd heaven is actually the first one. It is the same with the view point of the body, soul and spirit: the Bible gives us God's perspective on this: 1 Thessalonians 5:23, given in this order: spirit, soul and body.

This "trinity" lines up with the heavens, because of the FACT that the tabernacle lines up with this "trinity" and the very Godhead lines up with this "Trinity" and the HEAVENS themselves line up with this trinity. Most creationists MISS this FACT. Hebrews 9:23-24, "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." John 2:19-22, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen

from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.” There are THREE heavens: 2 Corinthians 12:2.

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 can not 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!