

THE ABOUT THE GAP IN Genesis 1:1-2

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The GAP in Genesis 1:1-2 is in the narrative where water shows up in Genesis 1:2 yet there is no statement where God says "...let there be water..." therefore 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.

To say that believing in the gap is a heresy is wicked! Heresy has to do with what one teaches about salvation that is wrong. The gap issue is not heretical to believe it or not! Heresy is a reason to part fellowship, but the gap issue is not!

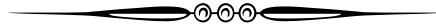
The problem with anti-gap theorist is that there are gaps all over the place in the Bible! There is a gap between the testaments; there is a gap between the gospels and Paul's letters, called Acts; there is a gap between God using judges to God allowing kings in the Old Testament; there is a gap between the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic covenant.

In the creative narrative there are actually many gaps: the gap where God never said, "...let there be water..." another gap where God never said, "...let there be darkness..." how about the gap where God never says, "...let there be the deep..." Because all three of these gaps in the narrative of Genesis 1:2 are located in **one** verse, this shows that this verse has a gap! This is a **fact**!

The rest you can do what you want with it. I have my ideas about what it is; but to say that what I would teach about it is Heresy is way overstressing what I believe about it. I NEVER have taught that if you do NOT believe in the gap that you are going to hell! This is totally inaccurate testimony of something that is not even taught as doctrine!



The debatable issues for why there is or is not a gap on both sides many have assumed things based fabrication, conjecture, reasoning and so on to line up with Genesis 1:1-2. I have **never** said that what I teach for the **why** there is a **gap** is written in stone, I am only giving what I see as an explanation of the **fact** that there is a gap in Genesis 1:2. No one has **ever** shown me or proved that these **gaps** are **not** gaps! The proof has **never** come from the anti-gap theorist and **never** will because the evidence shows that there is a very distinctive gap in the narrative! To say there are no gaps in the narrative is to deny the reading of the text. The “who, what, when, where, why, which and how the gap happened is another thing altogether. Yes there are many reasons behind the “why, etc.” of the gap; as there are many different theories why there is **no** gap using these same questions! But no one has ever proved that the gap does not exist!



Conclusion 1: The **gap** in Genesis 1:2 is seen because God never said, “...let there be water...” **why?** The **gap** in Genesis 1:2 is seen because God never said, “...let there be darkness...” **why?** The Gap in Genesis 1:2 is seen because God never said, “...let there be the deep...” **why?** These **gaps** are obvious to anyone that reads the text as it stands in the King James Bible! The text needs not be altered to see the Gap! And when I say Gap, I mean all three!

If the truth be known there are more gaps in the text of Genesis than anyone is willing to admit. An example is:

In light of 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?”

In Genesis 1:1, there **must** be a gap when the sons of God were created either prior to heaven being created or just after and before the earth was created. Another: “...let there be angels (sons of God)...” and how about the Cherubim and Seraphim? They are part of God’s creation, and **must** have been created prior to the fall of one of the Cherubim, namely Lucifer. Where in the narrative would they fit and in what **gap** would they have been created: i.e. when did God say: “...let there be Cherubim and Seraphim...”? The Genesis narrative **skips** over these creations thus causing GAPS in the narrative; and **must** be understood that in the telling of the story of Creation some things are left **out** and told later in the **whole** story. Notice that in Job 38:4-7 the **facts** that the sons of God were **there** during the creation of the earth, thus they by necessity of this fact had to have been created **before** the earth and **not after**.

I would submit **more** is involved in creation than what was given to us in Genesis when consulting the whole of the **truth** in the complete text of the Holy Bible. For this

Absolute Truth we refer to only **one** Holy Bible that Satan has not gotten his hands on to corrupt. And that Bible is the King James Bible, commonly called the Authorized Version. Altering this text results in **error, disbelief, doubt, anarchy, heresy, lunacy and all forms of Christian Cults**; of which we will endeavor **not** to do. Therefore I submit John 1:1-3, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” As part of the narrative of Genesis 1:1. As is: Colossians 1:15-17, “Who (Jesus Christ vss. 1-4) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” This puts a gap in the narrative of Genesis, **right** at the very **beginning!** i.e. “...And he is before all things...” Genesis starts: “In the beginning...” Before that Jesus Christ was one with the Father. But Genesis does **not** say this in the narrative: **that** constitutes a **gap fact!**

Hop, Skip and Jump! **gap, gap, gap!** Why is this a bad thing to some people? There are so many gaps in the narrative of the gospel that God wanted us to get more than one persons perspective on Jesus Christ’s life so He gave us four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Why not just **one**? Because God knew in the telling of stories there will be gaps and having four the gaps will fill in where God wanted them too and “NOT” where He didn’t. Some gaps will have to wait to be explained when we get home.

The **gaps** of Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 and 1:3 are totally and without controversy: **facts!** There is **no** guess work involved! Those that do NOT understand it have not examined the **facts!**



Conclusion 2: In Genesis 1

1. There is NO mention of the creation of Angels (sons of God in Job 38:4-7) Where does it say they were **created**? Simple: it **doesn’t!** That is a **gap!**
2. There is NO mention of the creation of the Seraphims or Cherubims (morning stars in Job 38:4-7) Where does it say they were **created**? Simple: it **doesn’t!** That is a gaping **gap!**
3. There is **no** mention of the creation of darkness (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.”) Where does it say it was **created**? Simple: it **doesn’t** say! That is once again, a **gap!**
4. There is NO mention of the creation of the great deep (Job 38:30, “The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.” With 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.”) Where does it say it was **created**? Simple: **it does not say so!** That is another **gap!**
5. There is **no** mention of the creation of **water!** (See above in the great deep) Where does it say it was **created**? **It is not there.**
 6. There is **no** mention of the original earth being halfway submerged in the face of the deep stuck in ice (see above with 2 Peter 3:4-7, “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: 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.”) Where does it say any of this in Genesis? **It doesn’t say!** That my friend is once again another **gap!**
 7. There is no mention of the creation of **who** in the world showed up in Genesis 3 to **tempt** Eve? That **old serpent**? (Revelation 12:9, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” With Revelation 20:2, “And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,”) You know who that Old Serpent is don’t you? You **should!** **Where** does it say **he** was **created**? Simple: **it doesn’t!** And we all now know that this can mean only **one** thing: another **gap!**
 8. There is no mention of **who** was **doing** the **creating** in Genesis: (John 1:1-3 with Colossians 1:15-17) Now **that** is a total **gap** in the narrative!



Conclusion 3:

In plainer words our conclusion **proves** that in Genesis God never said “let there be angels”; God never said “let there be Cherubims”; God never said “let there be Seraphims”; God never said “let there be darkness”; God never said “let there be the great deep”; God never said “let there be water”; God never said “let there be that old serpent, the great dragon called the Devil, and Satan. God never said “Jesus Christ God’s Son is doing the creating or holding it all together” So we have eight gaps in the narrative that we can demonstrably and experientially prove without a shadow of a doubt; **eight gap FACTS.** And there are many more than that.



The Doctrine of the Gap Fact:

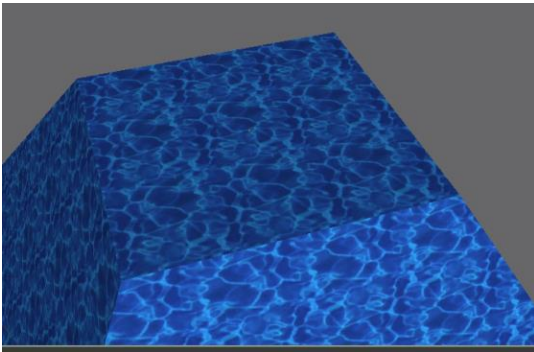
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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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

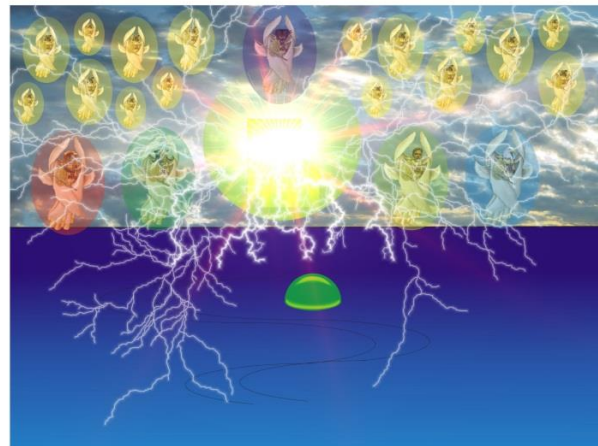
Genesis 1:1a, "In the beginning God created..." Here we see that God created TIME. All of God's creation exists **in time**. Understand that God IS light: 1 John 1:5b, "...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." We see that in this beginning there is NO darkness aside from what God makes that 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

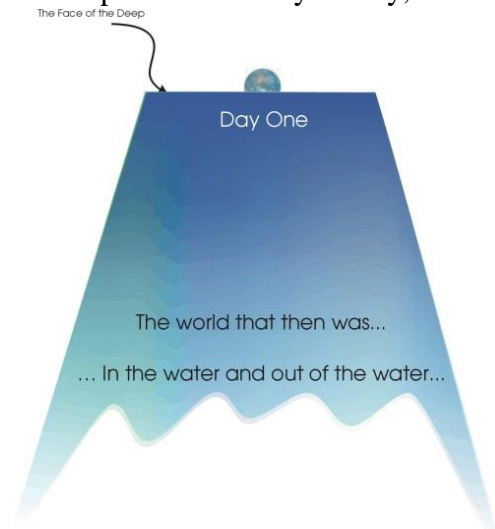
the deep waters of the sea of glass which is the floor in the original heaven. The waters diffused the light of God, which is why it is called the great deep. This diffusing of God's light is where the darkness was located. So we see that the water would have had to exist prior to Genesis 1:2 where it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

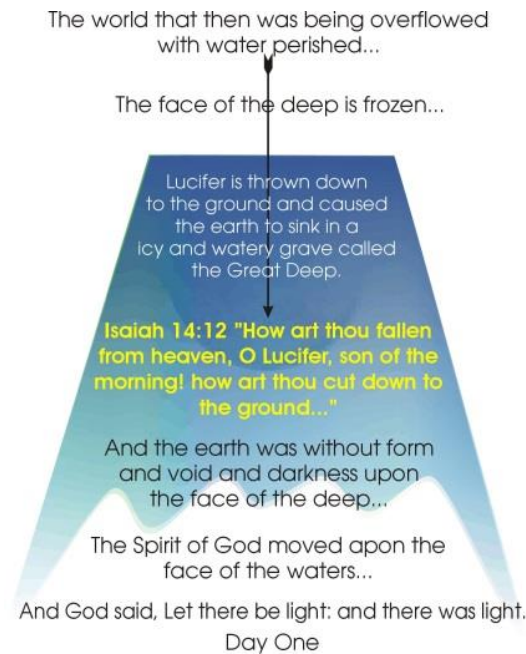
the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in 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

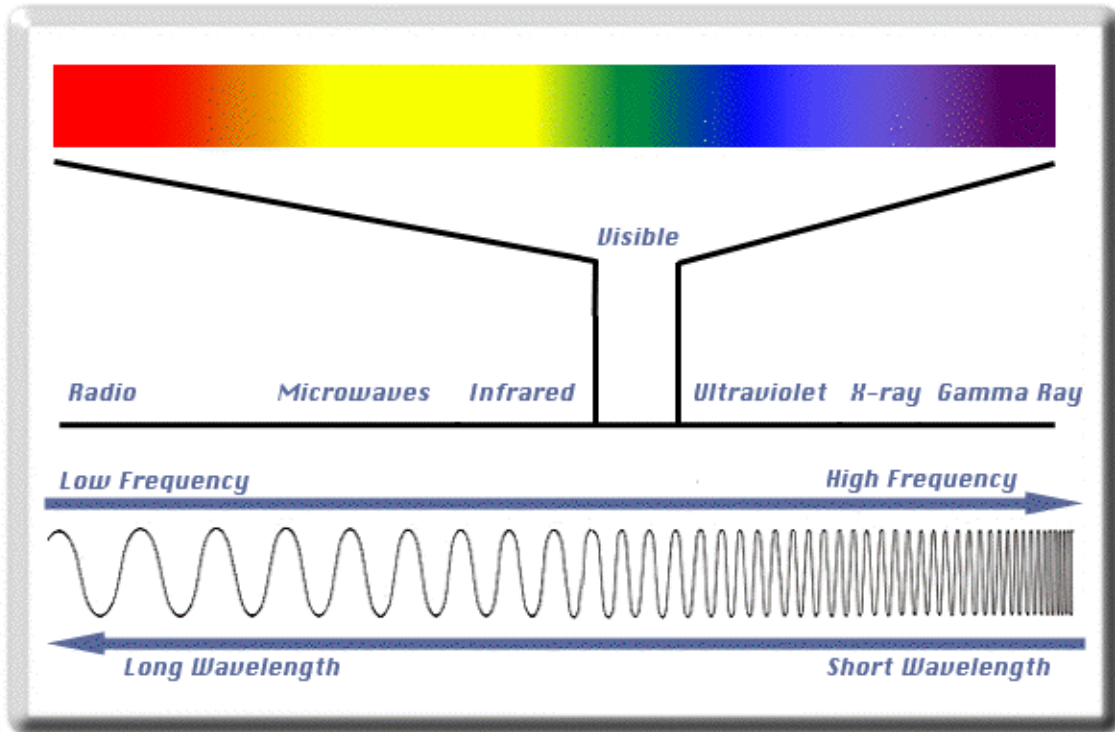


brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring 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.

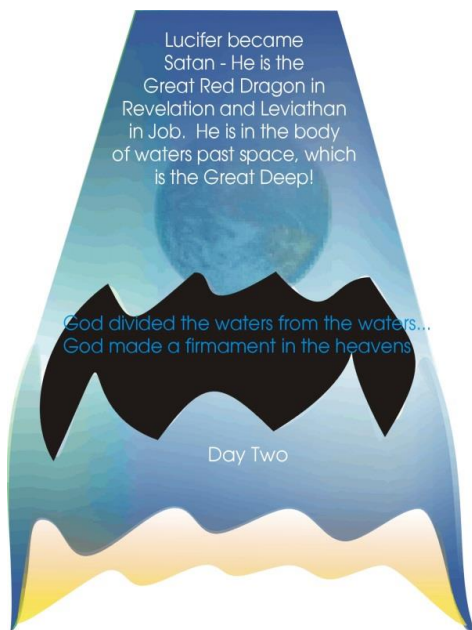
Then God made the earth: Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” This original creation of the earth is further revealed in 2 Peter 3:3-6, “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise 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." Light was created

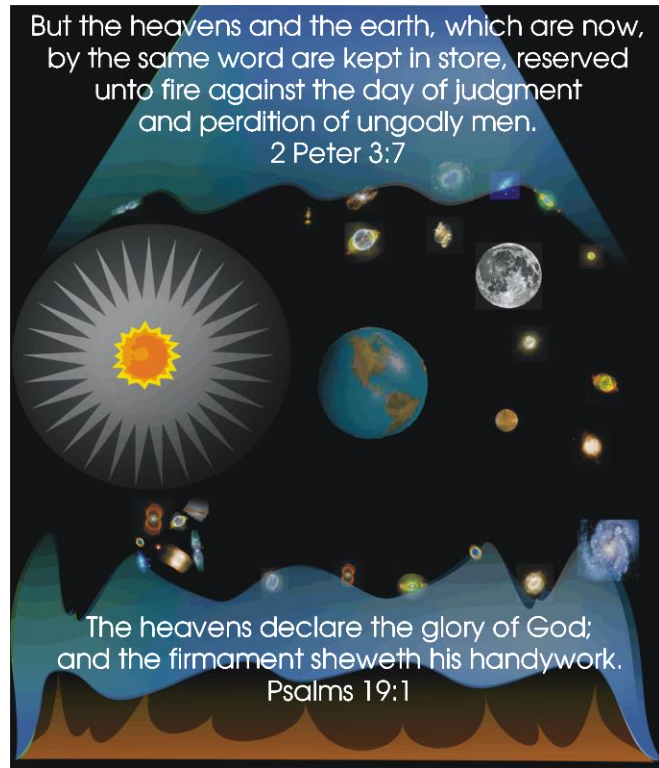
because God is now working in the darkness of the waters and not in the original heaven.

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.

Assessment:

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Problem:

Where did it say water was created? Where does it say darkness was created? Where does it say the deep was created?

Resolution:

Somewhere prior to these things showing up God had to have said "...let there be water." And "...let there be the deep." And "...let there be darkness." Because God made everything by the Word of His power John 1:1-3, 10; Proverbs 16:4, Colossians 1:16-18.

Conclusion:

These things that suddenly show up without any creative statement about their beginnings constitute a GAP in the narrative and therefore the Gap is a 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!