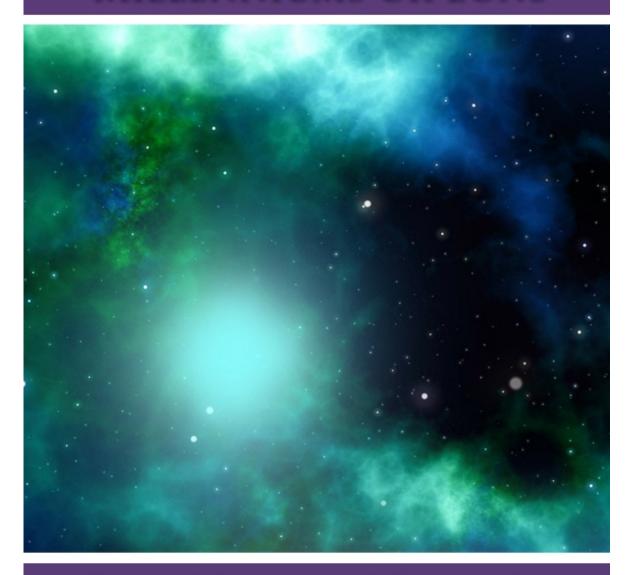
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THE DISTANCE A THEORY CAN TRAVEL. . .

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# STRAIGHT BETWIXT TWO

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#### **Example:**

John 3:16 (The Amplified Bible):\*

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### **Example:**

Romans 8:14 (The Amplified Bible):\*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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#### Forward:

In the passage of Genesis 1:1 we read that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," and according to Isaiah 45:18, He "created it not in vain." It is also clear from Deuteronomy 32:4 that all of "his work *is* perfect" meaning everything He created was created in perfection. However, by the time of the passage of Genesis 1:2 we read that "the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep." Right up front in Genesis we learn that something changed the entire creation from perfection in the light of creativity into something of imperfection in the void of darkness.

In Genesis somewhere between verses 1 and 2 something of a cataclysmic nature and events occurred because that perfect work we read about in Genesis 1:1 became *without form, and void!* There are untold ages between those two verses, and untold eons of unaccounted time between verses 2 and 3 where the passages of Scripture reveal to us echoes of devastation and extinctions in and of the original creation and its life followed by a reconstruction project of the newer heavens and earth and its new life, which commenced beginning at the first of Genesis with verse 3 – thus we have our title **Geneses** – the plural of Genesis!

From the first Apostle we further learn that "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" (II Peter 3:5–6). In the following study you will find the why, when, where, and how of the mostly unrealized destruction of the first heavens and earth. From the pen of Peter we find out that there was indeed a past world; it was the first creation of Genesis 1:1, and Peter also tells us what it was that finally destroyed both the heavens and the earth — water, the former heavens and earth was overflowed with water, {and it} perished! The passages relating to the distinction of the world that then was actually is

accentuated throughout the entire Bible. Many writers of the Holy Texts fill in details of these events, commencing with Moses in Genesis chapter one – thus we have our title **Geneses** – the plural of Genesis!

Peter further advances the narrative in verse 7, "the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store" meaning that there had to have been a first set of heavens and earth and that we live on the second earth and above we view the amphitheater of the second heavens. These were reconstructed rather than recreated as this study will clarify for you. We are informed that *the world that then was overflowed with water* where in early Genesis 1:6–10 the Creator displaces to the outer firmament the bulk of water that destroyed the first heavens and earth, and reestablishes this present earth (for His man), the very same heavens and the earth, which are now – thus we have our title **Geneses** – the plural of Genesis!

Only through knowing these eternal truths of the two heavens and earths will we have the correct time and place for all of our paleontological and geological evidence to fit perfectly into both the sciences and the Scriptures. We can well conclude that all the fossils and remains from the antediluvian ages that are unearthed belonged to *the world that then was*, and as a result, we may remove all the friction caused by modern theories regarding the first and second heavens and earth leading to the misconception that there is only one continuous world – thus we have our title **Geneses** – the plural of Genesis!

The Apostle advances his readers in II Peter chapter 3 beyond *the world that then was* and further beyond *the heavens and the earth, which are now* by informing us in verse 12 that we are to "look for new heavens and a new earth," bringing his readers' view to the expected future with a third set of *new heavens and a new earth* – thus we have our title **Geneses** – the plural of Genesis!

## **Straight Betwixt Two**

This work presents a journey that takes the reader through and then way beyond two leading concepts, one is the theory of evolution and the other is the belief of creation. True, these subjects are vastly separate; however, between them is a perfectly balanced platform for enlightenment where science and the Bible actually mesh together in the support of both physical and spiritual evidence.

In brief, this manuscript airs a refreshing approach into the origin of all species, recaptures lost periods of time, and returns many missing links to their proper foundation giving researchers in such fields of theology, evolutionary biology, paleontology, geology, etcetera, a fresh premise on which to forge ahead to understand the origins of all life's creations which will be revealed throughout the chapters in this text.

Normally seen is either a half full or half empty glass and rarely considered is that there could be something else betwixt the two which is the perfect amount, and that is where this book will uniquely come into its own to fill in the full story of creation and the Creator's universe and world-making process.

There is a vast reservoir of untapped information usually not approached because if scientific theory strays too close to religion there is scorn for being unscientific and if the religious stray too close to evolution it seems unbiblical. These concepts leave both parties barred from discovering the missing links of a full-on panoramic view of life and creation.

There are no known theories that can be applied to prove this manuscript to be incorrect, although all true science may be applied to prove this research to be totally spot-on, and there are no known dogmas of religion that can be applied to prove this research to be incorrect, although the Bible itself may be applied to prove this research to be completely true. Within these pages that reader will treasure a schematic that promotes a realistic view into creation's purposeful design.

The subject within is controversial and to compensate it is tenderly written with respectful attendance that caters to each reader, knowing full well that most will approach this subject from one of the two opposing sides. The manuscript originates from neither side, affording the author freedom to delve into untouched areas and to retrieve hidden gems, and when viewed in the light of day makes sense, feels right, and fits comfortably with sensible reason.

# **Chapter One**

### Six or Seven Days, Six or Seven Thousand Years, Millenniums or Eons

#### The Distance a Theory Can Travel...

In our youths we were more than likely told by our parents or at church by a clergymen or in Sunday school lessons or through pamphlet handouts that God created the heavens and the earth in six or seven days, six or seven thousand years ago. In our youths we were also told by our parents or at school by our teachers or from history books, movies, and documentaries that the creation and earth evolved beginning with an explosion in a big bang that transpired millenniums or eons ago, rather than six or seven thousand years ago.

And honestly, the plethora of information can cause confusion, debate, frustration, and even vex us as we are trying to think through it, especially in the minds of the young and impressionable who hear such contradictory viewpoints over such an important topic that are upheld by some of the smartest people in our communities, states, and countries from around the world. Knowing the details of how we arrived here is important and just may have something to do with where we are going as individuals and as a race.

If there is a Supreme Being behind the creation that we find ourselves in, then we are told there is one of two places where we will end up, and if evolution is behind the creation that we find ourselves in, then we must be heading someplace other than to heaven or hell, which developing place of evolutional theory is undefinable because of the ever-changing and evolving man and his world into something else more complete ever on the horizon. Whatever beings our future descendants may evolve into will assuredly find that place of hopeful peace and happiness or it will end in extinction. Still, perhaps not for the religious as some have hope because man can also reason out that someone from heaven just may be picking them up and carrying them to a place of hopeful peace and happiness and tossing others away into another place that will end in extinction.

The outlooks on both sides are hopeful and equally helpless as they are out of our complete control, or perhaps fate or faith will have a part to play. Between the two prospects we find each carrying two possible conclusions, one good, the other bad; one pleasant, and the other unpleasant. Hanging on the periphery of both

concepts of creation and evolution there is on the positive side at least a semblance of a better hope. Still, we must try and find one of these worthy of conviction for our future hopes and dreams, or simply live in the moment and forget about anything other than to imagine that we will become nothing at the end of this current life and essentially say, "let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die" (I Corinthians 15:32).

Oh, the confusions of fatal dilemmas the human brain can struggle through in search for truth and happiness, or just perhaps, optimistically, could there be proof? Did a Supreme Being leave us any documentation? And if He did, can we honestly trust it and should we ever believe it? Where do we turn for genuine guidance and help?

There are many, many schools of thought where we can begin to find something on which to hold onto and accept as our own belief system through life, but when all these ways are combined or boiled down there are really only two main ways in which they all lead. One is on the creational side, and the other is on the evolutional side, and it is into these two opposing sides that we will approach our subject for insight into the knowledge of not only where we hailed from, but to also know where the world and mankind is heading, and most importantly where we as individuals are traveling in this moment of our lives.

Where do I personally stand on these two sides or subjects? Speaking for myself, I believe in the truths of God's Word (period)! However, I do not believe in most of what I was taught from my Christian upbringing or from the religious world around me, but in the parts that I still hold onto, I do with comprehensive conviction. Then do I believe that the evolutionist theories are basically based on the wrong premise? I believe the provable facts of men's word (period)! However, I do not believe in most of what I was taught from my secular upbringing or from the nonreligious world around me, but in the parts that I still hold onto, I do with wide-ranging conviction.

All the concepts that I grew up with have been placed on the balance beam of the Scriptures, not on what people have written or said about them, but what I have personally read from them, and whatever tipped the balance, that I have discarded as error, and that which I have deemed as error has no place in my life or in my mind's belief system for defining and accepting the direction I have accepted as truth for my life.

What I would like to do for you is to explain what I have found so that you can decide for yourself and hopefully you find this fair enough. We have minds and we can logically think on our own, and all I can honestly do is to tell you some of the things that I have reasoned out, show you some things I have learned and give you my reasons, and this may give you a springboard for fresh reflection and conviction.

The first question we will consider is how can anyone believe in and accept both the instantaneous creation of God's divine design, and the narration of life that was developed over long periods of time? Truth is, I do, and it is relatively easy for me to do so because I understand the sequence of details about the times and ages from the words of God, and from the evidence that has been unearthed heretofore. What I mean by this is that geologists believe the age of the earth to be somewhere between 3.8 to 4.5 billion years old, since the big bang when our place in the universe started with a collection of particles that formed to become planet earth. I was also taught to accept and believe from my upbringing that the earth was only about 6 or 7 thousand years old, back to the Book of Genesis with the narrative of, "In the beginning," which most Christians and other religions around the world teach in one variation or another.

Is there no way that both assumptions can be correct? I believe that with a rethink, yes there is! We only need to see the distance a theory can travel, and I will give you viable evidence throughout this book, and in my mind the proofs are indisputable. Ah, you may be thinking that one way is simply a diversion by referring to another dimensional world and to the physical world being somehow separate but equal or parallel universes or many-worlds interpretation or corresponding earths with alternate realities and somehow they are intertwining in some fantastic way; but no, I have no such beliefs or research to offer along these lines. However, I have found a Straight Betwixt Two (Is it the true Straight? I think so, you may decide on your own), and I'll show you the safe passage through them that I have found so that you can view what I have seen and where we can go. We will need to send a few peacetime salvos at both sides of the aisle of the creationist and evolutionist postures now and again, but the seas of confusion will part, this I can assure you. Then you may resound with your own salvos of joy on your own voyage while you learn to navigate through the Straight and into the quiet of peaceful waters.

Briefly, let us examine the main religious belief regarding the timing of the creation. Over the centuries there have been plenty of biblical theologians who have studied the genealogies of the Bible's ancestral family lines from both directions of before and after the flood of Noah to produce some very logical calculations of when the earth should have begun or did begin. The age of Noah sets the perfect timepiece for such a research project.

This is very tedious research; I know how difficult the undertaking was because I worked it out myself with about thirty sheets of paper all taped together in a scroll; this was way before the aids of charts and spread sheets that are now available on computers. I followed and marked with chronological charts, graphs, and timelines following each age of every person who was born through Noah's bloodline both backward and forward. On this chart I was able to link them all together, and therefore I was able to deduce relative time connections of every generation from Adam up through to the birth of Christ, and from the first century to the present was an easy calculation. I was not looking for dates, but for time and links from Adam to Jesus (Luke 3:22–38).

Another interesting point was even with all the super long ages of many of the people recorded from the pre-flood period in all the beget passages not one of them lived beyond the moment when Noah entered into the ark, and I checked and rechecked all of them — the perfect calculation in Scripture was utterly astounding to me. This was before I knew of other documented studies which I was so glad to read and compare with my studies that provided me with some reasonable confirmation. I had a lot of fun studying and learning about the minute details found in the most unlikely places such as in the "begets" which befuddled me before my research began, then I saw the logic behind all those names and their placements. Often it is the meaning of the names that reveal deeper truths that are hidden in plain sight when discovered and brought up to the surface.

Biblical researches have reasoned out many different assumptions regarding how old the world should be from these biblical generation figures. There have been others who have simply added a year or more to each of the days mentioned in Genesis chapter one to stretch-out and capture more lost time; however, there is no basis for us to follow suit and apply this type of theoretical math. We will be sticking to one twenty-four-hour cycle equals one whole day which will become very important to us when we enter the first week of Genesis.

There were two renowned men of letters of whom we are told in the historical records were totally unaware of each other's research, and still both of them came to the same basic conclusions. One man was Bishop James Ussher (aka Usher; c.1581–1656) the Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, and Vice-Chancellor of Trinity College in Dublin who was highly respected as a churchman and as a scholar. In 1650, he published his book *Annales Veteris Testamenti, A Prima Mundi Origine Deducti* (Annals of the Old Testament, deduced from the first origins of the world). He calculated that God had created the earth in 4004 BC, stating in the first paragraph of his "Annals" that, "In the beginning, God created heaven and earth, which beginning of time, according to this chronology, occurred at the beginning of the night which proceeded the 23rd of October in the year 710 of the Julian period [or in 4004 BC]."

A decade before Bishop Ussher, the honorable Doctor John Lightfoot (c.1602–1675), who was an Anglican clergyman, rabbinical scholar, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge had already arrived at Ussher's estimate of 4004 October 23 BC, but instead of the evening as Ussher derived, Lightfoot derived 9 AM. It is astounding that two different, esteemed scholars calculated the same date, and yet this seems to be the case as the records show us. And still not a bad timepiece even if the latter did peek at the former, he concluded his date with only about a twelve-hour difference while corroborating the latter. With all respect to the men and to the precise year, both of these men were incorrect as any geologist can prove almost without effort from any rock they may pick up in the backyard.

A Russian orthodox, evolutionary geneticist named Theodosius Dobzhansky put it this way in an essay, "Creation is not an event that happened in 4004 BC; it is a process that began some 10 billion years ago and is still under way." This essay was published in 1973 in The American Biology Teacher, volume 35, on pages 125-129. He certainly must have drawn on the figures of both Ussher and Lightfoot. Yet, with a rethink of all the calculations of religion and presented facts of the sciences of today, this text before you will prove that both the religious 4004 BC timing as well as the scientific estimates of 3.8 to 4.5 billion years are both close to the truth of the timing of creation and this earth, but not for the reasons the reader may imagine at this moment, and this book will be showing how the two actually fit perfectly into the Creator's grand scheme of creativity in universe and world making. The process of unveiling the answer will begin before the reader finishes this Introduction.

To the question, how can someone reconcile both scientific and religious dating of the same creation when they are billions of years apart? The answer honestly comes down to saying, "I have seen the whole process and it makes sense to me in every detail." I would liken the explanation to that of discovering the answer to a "who done it" mystery novel or movie or the magician's "sleight of hand" or a "brain twister" game or riddle, but once you know the secret and see how it was done, well then, all becomes clear. Then you realize the simplicity of the thing done and how it all works and then wonder how you could have ever been so fooled into seeing and/or hearing it in a way that would cause you to have originally comprehend it the wrong way. Once you know the answer, the mystery at once disappears and then all is self-evident in clarity of thought.

Under normal circumstances once we know how a thing is done, the zing of its initial mystery disappears because we gain the working knowledge of it; however, in our case the answer will cause the heart to bubble over with more and more enthusiasm. The whole answer is quiet simple once uncovered and brought out into the light, but this endeavor will take some time to unveil the whole thing for you with all the nuances, so let us be on our way through the straight and into the light of liberating truths.

Years ago the church for the most part believed and pronounced that the earth was flat or slightly dome-shaped like an upturned bowl that floated on a body of water like a piece of orange peel, and some of the scientific community has been blaming this false claim on God Himself! Some say that the Bible says the world is flat, but where does the Bible say this? Chapter and verse — please!

You see, I have read the Bible a few times over and I have studied basically every word in both Testaments, and I have never read nor was I able to study anything about the flat earth theory in any of the Scriptures or Texts. Often skeptics will attempt to quote a verse or two to paraphrase that since God stretched out the earth, it was flat, though no verse states this. The Bible does record that He stretched out the heavens (Psalms 104:2, Isaiah 40:22, and Jeremiah 10:12), but in the Text this phrase has reference to duration of time, (i.e., "from the beginning to the end"— Ecclesiastes 3:11 or "from everlasting to everlasting"— Psalms 90:2), and does not in any way represent anything flat other than the argument itself.

Another idea used to fuel the flat earth dispute to imply that the Bible "says" (by the way, the Bible does not say anything, it reads, displays, records words, and it

is God Who speaks in the human heart after His Word enters one's conscious mind) that the heavens are referred to as a "flat curtain." They get this idea mostly from Psalms 104:2, which reads, "Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment {this is the stars in the heavenly expanse itself, which surrounded or covered God}: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain." Did we just read that the Bible "says" that the heavens ARE A CURTAIN? No, we did not read that the heavens are a curtain; rather we read that they are *like a curtain*, a simile for ease of understanding. Now what is the purpose of a curtain? It is to separate the inside from the outside, keeping the inside from seeing what is going on, on the outside and vice versa. The other side of the firmament is beyond human view, but everything on the inside of the creation is always in the view of God (Hebrews 4:13). The concept of stretching out the heavens as though it was a curtain conveys nothing in relation to a supposed flatness of space, but has everything to do with sight and light, both from God's view and ours. (Appendix Two has some additional information on the flat earth theories, where we peer into such biblical phrases as "the ends of the earth," "four corners," "the earth's pillars," "foundations," circles, and spheres in contrast to flat disks.)

The Bible additionally reads that God "stretcheth out {by the way, He is still stretching out, from beginning to the end} the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in" (Isaiah 40:22). Oh, I don't know, but personally, I have never seen a perfectly flat tent (I believe those would be referred to as a tarp or awning). God's Word was expressing terms that His people can grasp as many people in those times lived simple lifestyles on the land, many were humble tent dwellers, and collectively they were tabernacle (or tent) gatherers for worship. They slept out of doors while caravanning great distances to and from Jerusalem at least three times, every year (Exodus 23:14–17).

God stretching out the heavens AS A CURTAIN or out AS A TENT would be perceived in their minds (and mine as well) as God stating that He was behind the fabric of life and creation that they saw and recognized all around them. These phrases were to inspire His people to **look up** to Him. God was not trying to dupe His people with flat expressions, rather He was communicating with His unassuming servants as He lead and instructed them ever more into His ways of creative truth and redemption. All day we could look at the misunderstanding that is related to people not grasping the actual words in the Word, but time would fail us, and we have so many wonderful details to see, that we must move onward and upward.

I have come to understand and believe that, "Every word of God *is* pure" (Proverbs 30:5), and "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4), and the more one looks into His words the more he or she begins seeing His purposeful meanings. (It is interesting to note that there are approximately 8,674 different Hebrew words that have been translated into approximately 593,493 English words, and there are approximately 5,624 different Greek words that have been translated into approximately 12,143 English words and not one of these reference a flat earth or a flat sky or a flat heaven and especially when read in context.)

Now back to the flat earth notion, I have learned that basically every cultured society through the recorded histories of this entire world held to a flat earth concept. Thus, to simply lay all the blame on the so-called church is an inaccurate belief held to and promulgated by Bible decenters, God snubbing folks, or just simple ignorance.

The greater truth is that many of this world's past educated societies believed in the flat earth theory for centuries. Many of these cultures did not believe in or hear of or practice Judaism or Christianity or study the Bible. However, modern man lays all the blame on God or His Word or the Jews or the Christian people of today for that distorted fact that it was only the church or religion who propounded the flat earth doctrine. And that my friend is not fair to the Supreme Being or His people, and just may expose a weakness in the educational system that instills falsehoods without ever actually studying the facts of real history simply to keep their figure pointing theories active.

Our most recent ancestors thought that lobotomies do not harm people, meteors do not fall from the sky, germs cannot exist or kill, the earth cannot conceivably be suspended in space, draining one's blood is good for whatever ails them, alternating current will never be useful in the modern world, and these have all been proven as false beliefs. Still, we patiently wait for messages from space aliens when God in heaven has already spoken through angels, His Word, and sometimes by direct revelation to His people (Hebrews 1:1–2, 2:2, and Ephesians 1:17). First contact has already happened, and through this book we will learn how to answer.

For the record, none of us are responsible for what religious or secular people have previously written or taught as doctrine or what they believe in now, or

what anyone will claim in the future about religion or reality. Being a Christian does not cause me to feel guilty by association, nor do I feel inferior or ashamed before a doubting Thomas (Job 12:3, 13:2, Romans 1:16, Philippians 1:20, and II Timothy 1:8). I do not mind explaining what God's Word declares as truth regardless of what any other person believes or says about Him; in fact, I am delighted to write on behalf of biblical truths for Him Who sits "upon the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22), and Who "hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7).

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