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Creation – Not Just in Genesis

by Mary Jo Nutting

Creation is not some obscure, isolated doctrine hidden in some hard-to-find portion of the Bible. It is foundational – at the very beginning – laying the groundwork for all that follows. The themes begun in Genesis are developed and amplified throughout the entire set of manuscripts that we call the Bible.

Years ago, I decided to examine for myself all the references to Creation in the Bible. I set out to read through the Scriptures with a highlighter in hand. Over that year, as I read, I marked verses referring to creation or God as Creator. I was amazed at the number I found – not just in Genesis, but throughout the entire Bible. Now, years later, I still enjoy reading that highlighted Bible and marveling at how pervasive this doctrine of Creation really is.

Of course, the most complete narrative of Creation is found in the first two chapters of Genesis. In chapter 1, we find a chronological account of the main events of each day during Creation week. In chapter 2, we find a more detailed account of the creation of Adam and Eve. The two accounts are not contradictory, as some say, but rather complementary, with different themes and purposes in each.

Besides Genesis, there are multitudes of references to creation throughout the Bible. Here are just a few to whet your whistle and encourage you to embark on this adventure yourself.

In Exodus 20, we find an important

reference reaffirming Creation and the chronological account given in Genesis 1. This scripture, one of the ten commandments, is particularly important since it was written in stone by the finger of God. “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ...for in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day” (Exodus 20: 8-11). A quick search reveals numerous other affirmations of God’s creation of “heavens and earth.”

Apart from Genesis, the book of Job contains more references to Creation and the Flood than any other book in the Bible. After a detailed account of Job’s sufferings, and his friends’ attempts to explain them, God questions Job for four amazing chapters, affirming the Creation account and revealing much about His own power and nature.

In Psalms, we are encouraged to go beyond mere knowledge *about* God as Creator to worship, praise, and adoration. “Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture” (Psalm 95:6-7). This and other wonderful calls-to-worship help lift our eyes and our hearts to our Great Creator.

Moving on, Jesus and the New Testament authors clearly believe the foundational truths of Genesis. When questioned about marriage and divorce, Jesus quoted from both Genesis 1 and 2, pointing out the historical basis of marriage and God’s

intentions (Matthew 19:4-6). He also revealed Himself as Creator in the miracles of changing water into wine and in the feeding of multitudes through multiplication of the fish and bread. Paul declared his belief in God as Creator when he addressed the Greeks on Mars Hill. Peter and James also refer back to Creation, the Flood, and other events in Genesis.

Time and space fail. Search it out for yourself – and check out the book, **Biblical Creationism**, by Dr. Henry Morris (reviewed on page 2). Throughout the historical books, the writings (Psalms et. al.), the prophets, the gospels, the epistles, and even in Revelation, you will find yourself drawn back to Genesis. Read and be encouraged. You never need to doubt Genesis or compromise it with worldly speculations. The Scriptures are loud and clear. God is Creator. We are His creation. He loves us and has provided for our every need, physically and spiritually, for now and eternity. Great is His faithfulness! **AOI**



Meet the AOI Board: Steve Thornberg, Ph.D.

My parents raised me in Colorado with a conscience towards God while enjoying His creation through hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting. During the cold winter evenings we would read, do puzzles, and play games. Little did I know that God would use this foundation and appreciation for his creation to eventually lead me to ministry through AOI.

While attending high school the message from a Billy Graham crusade convicted my heart of my sinfulness and I gave my life to Jesus Christ that evening.

Throughout my education, math and science have always been my favorite subjects. In college, I majored in chemistry and mathematics, but still had time for rock climbing, skiing, etc.

During my graduate studies in chemistry at the University of New Mexico, God really got hold of my life. Yet, inside my



mind was a growing, but quiet war of logic stemming from the apparent contradiction between the “facts” taught about evolution and the truth I was reading in the Bible. God was missing in mainstream science and was replaced by

evolutionary time and chance. Then, a creation seminar came to the university and I was astounded! Here was a person presenting scientific facts and showing how they agree with the Bible!

After purchasing a copy of **Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation** by Dennis Petersen, I read and

re-read page after page. At last, it all made sense – the scientific evidence and the biblical account of creation were in harmony! I no longer had to slink around as an underground Christian, being timid and apologetic about my faith. God did create everything! The Bible is accurate and true.

Upon retiring from my career as a research scientist at a major government laboratory for 28 years, my wife, daughter, and I moved back to Colorado where we minister through personal witnessing, Bible studies, worship music, creation seminars, and serving our community. It is an honor to be a part of the AOI team where the truth of biblical creation and the gospel are proclaimed and defended every day, helping others just as that creation seminar helped me many years ago! **AOI**

Editor’s Note: We are glad to have Steve with us on the Board of AOI. If you wish to obtain a copy of Dennis Petersen’s book which dramatically impacted

Steve’s life, see the enclosed card or order it from AOI for **\$30** + Free Shipping. This is the book Dave & Mary Jo have been recommending at most of their seminars as a good all-round book for families.

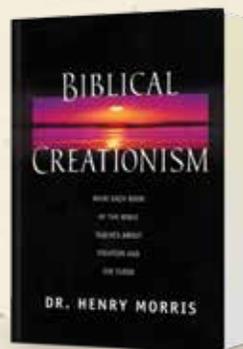


Biblical Creationism

Are Creation, the Flood, and the dispersion after Babel just obscure accounts given in the ancient book of Genesis? Do they really matter for the rest of Biblical doctrine and for life today?

In his book, **Biblical Creationism**, Henry M. Morris takes you on a journey, highlighting references to these important foundational events from each book of the Bible. In a

clear, understandable, and reverent way, he shares compelling evidence for the truth of Genesis and dispels myths about evolution and worldly philosophies regarding the origin and history of the world. We believe this important



book will strengthen your faith and equip you to share it with confidence in a skeptical and even hostile world. Paperback edition (276 pages) available from AOI for **\$13** including shipping! **AOI**

A Global Flood? Where did the water come from?

by Brian Mariani

A common question that AOI speakers hear is: If there really was a global flood, then where did the water come from and where is it now?

Currently, more than 2/3 of our world is covered by ocean. That is a lot of water! In fact, the deepest place below sea level is thought to be the Marianas Trench at more than 36,000 feet below the ocean's surface. Mount Everest is the highest mountain

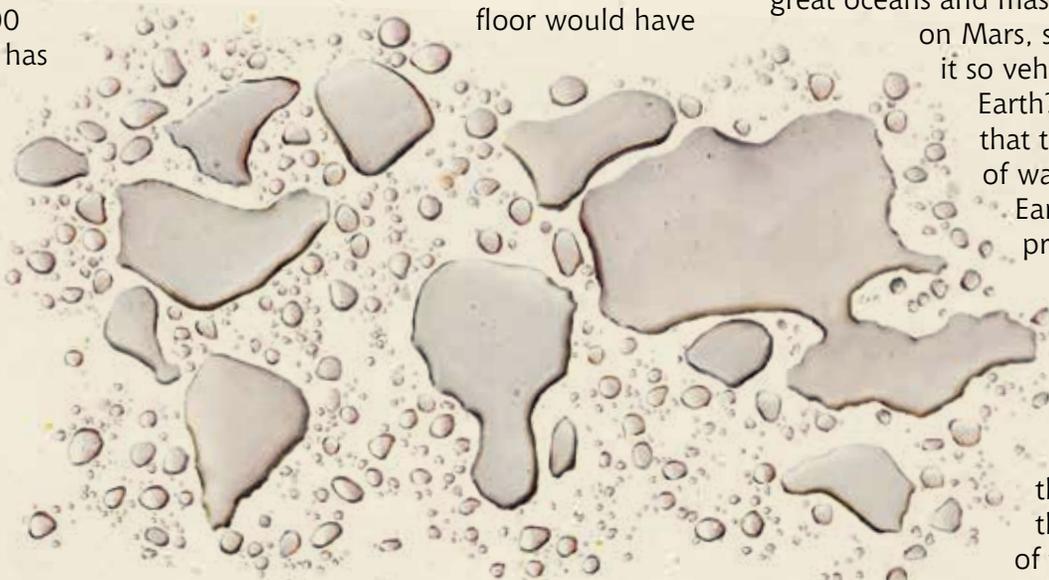
at just over 29,000 feet. So the Earth has many great highs and lows today, but if it were all smoothed out, there would be more than a mile and a half of water covering the entire Earth. In Psalm 104:8 we read, "The mountains rose; the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst establish for them" (NAS).

If the land masses were not as high prior to, and during the time of the Flood, but rose near the end of the Flood, then there is no problem as to where the water went. It's in our present oceans.

Based on recent geophysical research, some scientists estimate that there is enough water trapped in minerals below the Earth's crust to fill the Earth's oceans at least 3 more times.¹ Others estimate that those numbers may be 10-30 times more and indicate that "up to 70% or more of what comes out of volcanoes is water, mostly in the form of vapour."² Some creationists believe that great geologic forces may have

caused subterranean water to break up through the crust with enough force to reach high into the atmosphere and eventually fall back as rain during the worldwide flood.

A top geophysicist, John R. Baumgardner, Ph.D., has proposed a model for the events of the Flood which has been named the Runaway Subduction Model. If Dr. Baumgardner is correct, the ocean floor would have



risen dramatically during the Flood which would have caused much of the continental land surfaces to be inundated with sea water. (See www.discovercreation.org/documents/n2013-3low.pdf)

Some creationists believe that there was a water vapor canopy surrounding the earth which held a lot of water. Its collapse would also attribute greatly to the floodwaters. Interestingly, the moon gives evidence of a large amount of meteor strikes. If this type of event also happened to the earth, it could have led to the collapse of the water canopy. It's also possible that the earth may have been

impacted by comets carrying water as well.

The water for the Flood may have come from a combination of subterranean, oceanic, atmospheric, and extraterrestrial water sources. The exact details are hard to determine as we were not there, but more scientific study may provide more clues. We do know that Genesis 7:11-12 tells us that "all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights."

Scientists now believe there were great oceans and massive floods

on Mars, so why doubt it so vehemently on Earth? We do know that there is plenty of water on the Earth and the presence of so much water is actually very challenging to the naturalistic theories of the formation of the Earth.

Naturalists can't explain how Earth has so much water!³

In the words of Dave Nutting, Director of Alpha Omega Institute: "Our theories might not be completely correct, but they hold a lot of water!" **AOI**

¹ Sebastian Anthony, Scientists discover an ocean 400 miles beneath our feet that could fill our oceans three times over, June 17, 2014, Extreme Tech, <http://www.extremetech.com/extreme/184564-scientists-discover-an-ocean-400-miles-beneath-our-feet-that-could-fill-our-oceans-three-times-over>

² Alexander Williams, Drowned from below, June 2000, Creation 22(3):52-53, Creation Ministries International, <http://creation.com/drowned-from-below>,

³ Kimberly M. Burtnyk, Did comets bring water to Earth?, June 13, 2012, EarthSky, <http://earthsky.org/space/did-comets-bring-water-to-earth>

Director's Column by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



By the time you get this, summer will be winding down for many students, with many schools back in session as early as the first of August. For those of us "old schoolers," that just doesn't seem right! We used to get out before Memorial Day and go back after Labor Day. Oh, how we looked forward to those long summer vacations! (I guess the reason for the longer school year is that we had almost a half century of history less to learn back then – but shouldn't kids be getting "smarter" now, according to evolutionary assumptions?☺)

One of the spin-offs of shorter summer vacations, is that there is less time for summer ministries, so we at AOI are grateful for every opportunity that God sends our way to minister to kids, teens, and families. It makes for a busy time for staff with many different camps, VBS's, and homeschool conferences to coordinate, prepare for, and complete.

All that time, preparation, and travel is worth it though, to see God using the creation message and the gospel in the lives of young and older. It is especially rewarding to see the "lights" go on as people discover that they can accept the whole Bible, beginning in Genesis, with no need to compromise with evolutionary dogma.

Please pray for us and all the staff at AOI to finish the summer strong – and get some rest along the way – because fall is just around the corner, bringing more opportunities to minister through church seminars, school and university programs, and our new program, the Discover Creation Training Institute. Your prayers and financial support truly do make a difference as we encourage young people and adults to grow in their relationship with God as they "Discover Creation" and walk confidently in the truth of His Word. Thank you for joining with us to impact this generation! **AOI**

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