

GOD'S REVELATIONS OF GOD'S CREATION
AND A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME

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THESIS OUTLINE

Subject: Creation Accounts

Title: GOD'S REVELATIONS OF GOD'S CREATION AND A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME

Thesis Statement: The Biblical accountings of the creation and flood are inerrant infallible revelations of God which provide key insights that touch the understanding of time in His universe.

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 - a) Comentary on Authenticity and Reliability
 - b) Perplexing Challenges Give Profound Insights
- ii. The Creation In The Poetry Accounts
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 - b) Perplexing Challenges Give Profound Insights
- iii. The Creation In The Other Old Testament Accounts
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- iii. Flaws
 - a) “Unformed and Unfilled, A Critique of The Gap Theory”
 - W. Fields' 1976 work is an exhaustive treatment of it's error.
 - “Undoubtably the most comprehensive and exegetically profound analysis of the Gap Theory ever published.”
 - b) Dr. Ruckman's 2009 flawed defense.
- iv. Attributes

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- i. Formation

ii. History

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Purpose

I have undertaken this thesis because in February of 1987 in the region of our southern sky called the Large Magellanic Cloud a star exploded which was 160,000 light years away¹, and inquiring minds would ask, “Did it really nova 160,000 years ago? Wasn't that 154,000 years before God spoke the universe into existence?” And yet my Bible says “O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who **hast set thy glory above the heavens....** When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psalm 8:1,3,4) I have undertaken this thesis because our solar system is one of 100 billion in the Milky Way Galaxy and I have viewed Andromeda with the understanding that it is our nearest neighboring galaxy, that it is structured very similar to our own galaxy being 100,000 light years in diameter, and that it is about 2 million light years away², and yet my Bible tells me God said “I made the stars also” and they are “as the sand of the sea shore.” I have undertaken this effort because:

“The Psalmist reports that “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” (Psalm 19) In this declaration of the heavens and the firmament we must not be found timid. Recall that a firmament, made on the 2nd day of creation is not 'firm ground' but a great expanse. The vast universe before us declares our God and Creator's glory. That vastness confounds the atheistic evolutionist and a Christian should not stumble on its marvelous declaration.”³

Albert Einstein's theory of relativity⁴ has given ample science to declare that it does not take light 160,000 years to travel 160,000 light years. In his theory it is not only possible but

1 Info with photos from <http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap021021.html> accessed Oct 2008

2 Quasars, <http://www.definity-systems.net/~apw/astro/galaxies.html> accessed Nov 2008

3 Rice, Edward G., “Essays in Science, A Christian Perspective of the Universe” pg 1

4 Einstein, Albert, “Relativity, The Special and the General Theory” Translated by Robert W. Lawson

absolutely true that when approaching the bounded edge our universe, “one day is ... as 1000 years, and 1000 years is as one day.”⁵ Dr. Humphery has thoroughly detailed this truth in his book⁶ from Institute of Creation Research. But the vast majority of Christians lack the scientific backgrounds to unravel these mysteries for themselves. This work delves into these facinating truths about time, stretches the boundries of their applications, and aims to be readable and comprehensible by the average Christian, for the praise of God's glory.

5 2 Peter 3:8

6 Humphreys, Dr. D. Russell, “Starlight and Time, Solving the Puzzle of Distant Starlight in a Young Universe”

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