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***“Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” Psalm 127:1.***

*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 under 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.*

*Genesis 1:24-28: 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.*

**Having dealt with the unscriptural Gap Theory a few newsletters ago, the time has come to deal with another matter of concern – the so-called Age-Date Theory that tries to fit Creation events with the geologic time scale. The two are incompatible with each other and again, if you are going to take God at His Word, you must accept the Word and reject the theory.**

**ISRAEL IN THE NEWS: CALM BEFORE THE STORM?** With recent political setbacks in the Obama Administration, it appears that the President has, for the time being, relaxed his extreme determination to undermine the Jewish State of Israel. However, the prevailing attitude from the President on down is definitely pro-Islam. Why, you might say? First, it is the contention of *Western Watchman* that the President is a Muslim. Second, other investigators have determined that he never gave up his citizenship in Islamic Indonesia after coming to the United States. Third, others claim the President was not even born in the United States. His legal defense team has spent well over \$1 million to keep his birth records from being known to the general public. Look Mr. President, if you're a dyed-in-the-wool American citizen, why all the expense and cover-up? Without a detailed investigation into the hows and whys, it is clear to this writer that Obama should never have become President, but an undiscerning American

electorate, including over 30% of so-called evangelical Christians, voted for him and put this nation into the most dangerous set of circumstances it has faced since its founding in 1776.

Regardless of the ever-present danger to the United States, the danger facing Israel never retreats. According to Dr. Steve Carol, Middle East Radio Forum (MERF) historian, Iran continues to supply modern military hardware to Syria, Hezbollah (in Lebanon) and Hamas (in the Gaza Strip) at a furious pace. Other military supplies continue to pour into Gaza from Egypt, thanks to the fine efforts of President Bush and Condi Rice forcing Israeli defense forces from the strategic Rafah corridor in 2004-2005. It is currently understood that Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas intend to take military countermeasures against Israel if she launches a first strike to take out Iranian nuclear facilities. Included in the planning are an invasion of Israel by Special Forces and the taking of strategic Galilean towns making it virtually impossible for Israel to retake these towns without heavy Jewish civilian casualties. Worse, reportedly Hezbollah has mobile solid-fuel missiles capable of reaching any point in Israel including Tel Aviv and the nuclear facilities at Dimona in the Negev Desert. The launchers could emerge from protective caves, fire their missiles, and retreat back into safe holding without inviting Israeli countermeasures.

Bad as this appears, Israel will emerge victorious – if not by its own efforts – then certainly by the omnipotent Hand of the God of *Avraham*, *Yitzhak* and *Yaakov*, who, through the prophet Isaiah and others, has predicted the destruction of Israel's enemies. Here is one example, directed to the dangerous and smug Assad regime in Syria: *The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap*: Isaiah 17:1. Historically this has never happened in one of the world's oldest cities. You may live to see this fulfilled in your lifetime: Zechariah 14:12.

**RETURN TO THE WORD OF GOD #14: NOW OR NEVER: THE FORGOTTEN CHAPTERS.** First, a correction is in store. Creationist Dr. Walter Martin, cited in the January letter, should have been Dr. Walter Brown. Dr. Brown believes that undersea caverns of water were held in store for the judgment of the Flood and broke up, with associated undersea volcanism, in 7:11 when the Flood came upon the whole earth.

In today's text we consider the creation of sea creatures, flying creatures, land animals and finally, man. Again, in the spirit of just taking God at His Word, it is clear that all these life forms were created only after habitats sufficient for their survival and propagation were put in place first. The birds and other flying creatures needed sufficient air space to perform their tasks. The water of the oceans had to be in place to permit the creation of the myriad sea creatures, ranging from brachiopods and trilobites all the way to great whales and sea-based reptiles. Finally, with herbs, fruits, vegetables, grains and other plant life suitable to sustain man, the mammals, amphibians, reptiles and dinosaurs already in place, the Day Six life forms were created right on time. Evening and morning completed Days Five and Six.

Still, as with the Gap Theory, which was an attempt to explain a worldwide judgment that occurred during an unspecified time period between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 (discussed in a previous newsletter), now we must consider what is called the Age-Date Theory. Simply put, the Age-Date Theory is an attempt to correlate the six days of Creation with the un-Scriptural geologic time scale. For example, the appearance of profuse plant life on Day Three would correspond to what geologists call the Paleozoic Era Carboniferous (Mississippian-Pennsylvanian) periods. The appearance of fish and other swimming creatures on Day 5 occurred in the earlier Devonian period. Amphibians and the first reptiles created on Day 6 appeared in the late Paleozoic (Permian period) and early Mesozoic Eras (Triassic period). Dinosaurs achieved great size and numbers during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods (middle-late Mesozoic). Land mammals predominated in the Cenozoic Era (Tertiary period) and hominids and other “man-like creatures” appeared the late Cenozoic (Quaternary period). The Ice Age began in the early Quaternary (Pleistocene epoch) with modern man (*Homo sapiens*) making his appearance in the late Quaternary (Holocene epoch). These occurrences stand in opposition to the order detailed in Genesis, understood by most creationists and which was visited in this newsletter beginning with Genesis 1:3.

The Age-Date Theory sides with macro-evolution in that all life originated as primordial Precambrian goo some 2 billion years ago and that creation was progressive over long time periods. Generally, it assumes that complex, multi-cellular life forms evolved in the oceans and that land plants were formed long after life began in the sea. Amphibians are cited as the evolutionary link between creatures totally aquatic from those totally land-dwelling. One of the most ridiculous associations concocted by those supporting macro-evolution is that birds and dinosaurs are related. Also, the Age-Date theory draws its arguments from natural selection and Darwinism. In other words, death of individual life forms and even entire species occurred long before sin entered the world through Adam: Genesis 3, Romans 5:12. Everywhere you turn; this theory either contradicts Scripture or denies it altogether. Promoters believe the theory is sufficient so long as God receives the credit for all that came to be. Oh – really?

What amazes this writer is that the truth of God’s Word, as opposed to the massive hodgepodge promoted by macro-evolutionists and old-earth proponents makes an even better story, and one that does not require blind faith in man’s ability to figure things out. Everything God created, and how it was created, was orderly and logical even by man’s limited understanding. Everything undertaken was conducted with divine purpose. To conclude this first chapter of Genesis, the Scripture proclaims, *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good ...* Not just some things He made, but **everything** – period. In the New Testament, the Gospel of John adds this: *All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made:* 1:3. So, to conclude this newsletter and everything else covered in Genesis 1 from previous letters, consider what the Psalmist wrote in the verse occurring in the exact center of the Word of God: *It is better to trust in God than to put confidence in man:* Psalm 118:8. And yes, the New Testament agrees with this as well: *... yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest*

*overcome when thou art judged:* Romans 3:4. Take God at His Word; see what happens.  
Good day.

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