

COMING TO TERMS WITH EVOLUTION: A PERSONAL STORY

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ORIGINS DICHOTOMY



Dichotomy: division of an issue into two simple positions caused by black-and-white & either/or thinking

Scientific Concordism:

ASSUMPTION that the Bible reveals scientific facts; in particular, scientific facts on how the world was created.

Genesis 1: Parallel Panels

FORMLESS *Tohu*

Day 1

Separate
Light / Dark

Day 2

Separate
Waters Above/
Waters Below

Day 3

Separate
Water / Land

Day 7

Sabbath
God's Day of Rest

EMPTY *Bohu*

Day 4

Decorate
Sun, Moon & Stars

Day 5

Decorate
Birds &
Sea Creatures

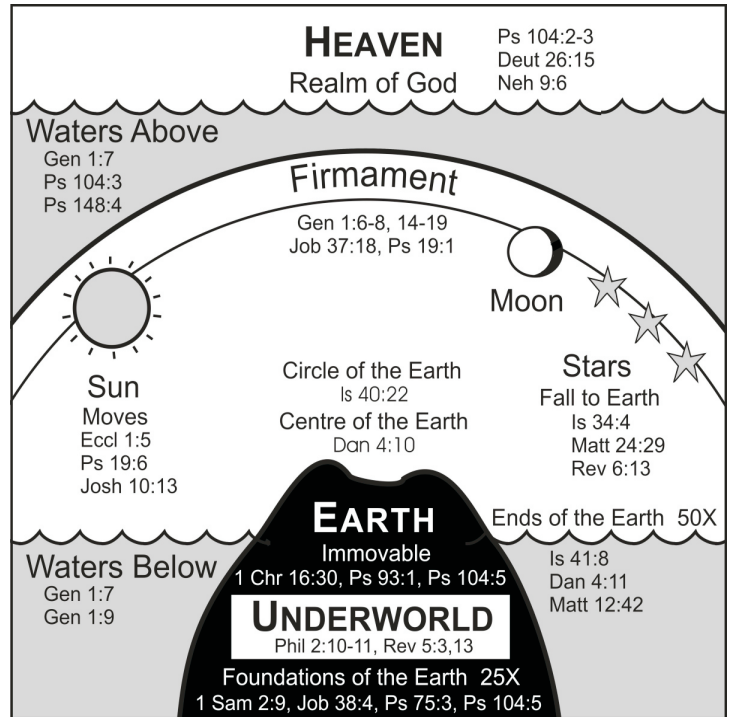
Day 6

Decorate
Land Animals & Humans

Genesis 6-9: Chiasm

- A Noah & his sons Shem, Ham & Japheth (6:9-10)
- B Promise to flood & to establish Covenant (12-18)
- C Preservation of life & food for sustenance (19-22)
- D Command to enter ark (7:1-3)
- E 7 days waiting for earth to flood (4-10)
- F 40 days waters increase & ark floating (11-17)
- G 150 days waters prevail (18-24)
- CENTER GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (8:1)**
- G' 150 days (end of) waters abate (2-5)
- F' 40 days (end of) waters decrease & ark resting (4-6)
- E' 7 days (periods of) waiting for earth to dry (7-14)
- D' Command to leave ark (15-22)
- C' Multiplication of life & food for sustenance (9:1-7)
- B' Promise not to flood again & to remember Covenant (8-17)
- A' Noah & his sons Shem, Ham & Japheth (18-19)

The 3 Tier Universe



Reptile to Mammal Tooth Evolution

