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### Review:

When God rested from His creation on the seventh day, He blessed the day, which He ended creating the cosmos, the earth and all that is within them. For those of us who know God and believe in His Word we assume that the Bible is completely true and accurate in all that it speaks about. The unsaved that don't know God do not have our insight and therefore Satan has blinded them to God's truth. We saw from the teleological argument that as complex a design as the earth and particularly human beings that there must be an intelligent designer.

Thermodynamics is the study within physics that seeks to understand the relationship between heat and mechanical energy. Physicists have observed several laws, which aid the engineering field. Knowledge of these laws enables one to design an engineering system or machinery that will work as intended.

The first law of thermodynamics is an expression of the principle of *conservation of energy*. It says that energy can be transformed, i.e. changed from one form to another, but cannot be created or destroyed. Therefore all energy was created in the past.

### CONSERVATION OF MATTER/ENERGY IN SCRIPTURE:

*Genesis 2: 2-3 And on the seventh day God ended His work.*

*Hebrews 4: 3-4 The works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*Nehemiah 9: 6 All the things that are therein.... you preserve them*

Second Law of Thermodynamics says *that heat cannot be transferred from a colder to a hotter body*. The available *energy to do work continually decreases*. Entropy is the measure of the disorder or randomness of energy and matter in a system. This law also states that the *entropy of an isolated system always increases with time*. Because of the second law of thermodynamics both energy and matter in the Universe are becoming less useful as time goes on. Perfect order in the Universe occurred the instant after the creation when energy and matter and all of the forces of the Universe were unified. Order began to decline with the Fall. Or to put it another way entropy increased. The Universe appears to run "downhill" to an eventual heat death when no temperature differences will exist because no energy is available and this will result in uniform disorder or chaos.

### ENTROPY IN SCRIPTURE

*Psalms 102: 25-26 They shall perish... grow old as a garment*

*Isaiah 51: 6 The earth will grow old like a garment.*

*Matthew 24: 35 Heaven and earth will pass away...*

SOMEDAY THE DECAY (ENTROPY) WILL END.

*Romans 8: 21 Because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

#### TRANSITIONAL LIFE FORMS

There is a complete lack of transitional life-forms (i.e., "missing links") between the various kinds of life in the fossil record. This would not be the case if the theory of evolution were valid. Sometimes evolutionists have tried to make a case that this or that newly discovered fossil was a "missing link," but all such attempts have ended in failure. No missing links have ever been discovered among the voluminous number of fossils found so far. The "scientific community" has promulgated some fakes.

In 130 years no transitional life forms have ever been found.

#### **Today's Message:**

*Genesis 2: 4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Jehovah God made earth and heaven.*

We are now entering a new area in the book of Genesis called the Toldots. There are eleven of them. This is a Hebrew word, which gets translated in our English Bibles as generations. This sectionalizing or divisioning will constitute the rest of the book of Genesis.

Remember Hebrew reads from right to left.



Veharets	hashamayeem	Toldot	aleh
וְהָאָרֶץ	הַשָּׁמַיִם	תּוֹלְדוֹת	אֵלֶּה
The earth	the heavens	generations	these

The Toldots are:

1. The destiny (or what became of) of Creation
2. The destiny of Adam
3. The destiny of Noah
4. The destiny of Noah's sons
5. The expansion of the destiny of Shem
6. The destiny of Terah; specifically, Abraham
7. The destiny of Ishmael

8. The destiny of Isaac
9. The destiny of Esau
10. The destiny of Esau as the father of the Edomites
11. The destiny of Jacob; namely Joseph

Because macroevolution is not true and God created man fully grown and developed, we know that mankind was given full intellect at creation. That is, man did not start out as an undeveloped ape-like man that had to learn how to reason and understand. We have shown that all so-called missing links that have been found were frauds. There is no concept of the ascent of man in the Bible. Adam was fully developed and able to communicate with God. He had logic and reason. This brings us to the authorship of Genesis.

#### WRITING AND AUTHORSHIP OF GENESIS

There are several clues about Genesis that reveals how it was written; and that the actual authors of Genesis were Adam, Noah, the sons of Noah, Shem, Ishmael, Isaac, Esau, Jacob and Joseph; It seems that the authors other than Joseph, probably wrote in cuneiform on clay tablets; and that Moses, utilizing these records, with the "wisdom of the Egyptians" that he learned in Egypt, was the redactor or editor of Genesis rather than its author as he was of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Moses inherited the tablets written by the listed Toldots of the specific men. The Bible confirms that Moses was the author of the Torah or the Law. While Genesis is part of the Torah it is not part of the Law. The biblical confirmations for Moses writing the Law are; Exodus 17: 14; Leviticus 1: 1-2; Numbers 33:2; Deuteronomy 1: 1; Joshua 1: 7; I Kings 2: 3; II Kings 14: 6; Ezra 6: 18; Nehemiah 13: 1; Daniel 9: 11-13; Malachi 4: 4; Matthew 8: 4; Mark 12: 26; Luke 16: 29; John 7: 19; Acts 26; 22; Romans 10: 19; I Corinthians 9: 9; II Corinthians 3: 15.



Babylonian legal tablet from Cir 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

Josephus affirmed Adam writing of which evidence was extant in his day (Cir.A.D.68).

“Adam's prediction that the world was to be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars, the one of brick, the other of stone: they *inscribed* their discoveries on them both, that in case the pillar of brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar of brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad (Egypt) to this day.” (The Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1 Chapter 2 para. 71)

#### THE TOLDOT OF ADAM

The first Toldot is also called the “Tablet of Adam.” In the creation account God blessed three times and in this account God will curse them three times. What became of (destiny) Adam’s descendants was corruption and decay that spread throughout the entire creation and the human race as well.

Elohim      Jehovah

God for the first time uses His name Jehovah God יהוה אֱלֹהִים instead of just Elohim. Here He attaches His personal name Jehovah to the Hebrew word for God. This special designation is found nineteen times in the second and third chapters. God affirmed six concepts in the second chapter of Genesis.

1. Man has the capacity to serve God
2. Man is responsible to obey God’s Word
3. God gave mankind marriage
4. The Creation with additional details
5. God made special provisions for Adam and Eve which is the Garden
6. God does not forsake His creation

The hermeneutical and grammatical law of Recurrence is apparent here is we receive additional details of the creation account already given in chapter one.

*Genesis 2: 5-7 And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth: and there was not a man to till the ground; but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Since God created plant life on the third day this text refers to the specific plants in the vegetable Garden of Eden. Since there was no water or a man to work the plants in the Garden He created Adam and brought a mist up from the earth to water the plants. There would not be rain until the time of Noah. God then formed (Heb. *Yatzar to form or mold*) the material portion of mankind and following that the spiritual part. The actual word dust is dust and clay in Hebrew. God formed the earthman out of the materials of

the earth. As Biblical theology develops “dust” throughout Scripture we see three concepts.

1. Man’s humble beginnings (Genesis 18:27)
2. As symbol of Judgment (Genesis 3: 14; Isaiah 65:25)
3. Dust is a symbol of death (Genesis 3: 19; Job 17: 16; 20: 11; Psalm 22: 29; Daniel 12: 2 etc.)

The Hebrew word for God’s breath of life is *neshmah* which is what produced life within humans and animals but only to man did He directly administer His *neshmah*. I Corinthians 15: 45 says that the first man Adam was made a living soul (*nephesh*). It is based upon this particular passage. Nevertheless mankind’s uniqueness comes from man being formed in the image of God.

*Genesis 2: 8-14 And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads. The name of the first is Pishon: that is it, which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it, which goeth in front of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.*

The Garden was planted in the Mesopotamian region towards the east of where Adam was formed out of the dust. God placed Adam into the Garden while he was in a state of innocency. There were two particular trees that are mentioned, The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. These two as well as the other trees in the Garden had particularly attractive features. They were pleasant to look at and they provided food. The *Tree of Life* would be able to promote physical life in a blissful state for all eternity. If Adam ate of this tree his physical death would have been impossible. Other Scripture references this tree. They are: Genesis 3: 22-24; Proverbs 3: 18, 11: 30, 13: 12, 15: 4; Revelation 2:7, 22: 2, 22: 14 and 22: 19. The second tree is the *Tree of the Knowledge of God and Evil*. It is only mentioned here and in Genesis 2: 17. The essence of this tree would be to give men the power to decide for themselves what was in their best interest and what was not. In other words they would be like God in that regard. The fruit that came from this tree when eaten provided Adam and Eve with experiential knowledge of good and evil. However, it did not give them the fortitude to select the good and reject the evil. That only God could do, hence the need for a redeemer.

The balance of this passage discusses four rivers that went out of Eden to water the Garden. Two of these rivers are still known and two are not. A single river entered the Garden and it divided into four branches. The first was Pishon. Rabbinic tradition calls this the Nile. Pishon compasseth Havilah, which is modern day Central Arabia. Gold,

bdellium and onyx are mentioned as being found in Havilah. Gold being good refers to its purity and bdellium is a sweet smelling aromatic resin found in camphor plants. The onyx in ancient times was known as lapis lazuli. The second river stated is Gihon and it could have gone into Ethiopia in Africa or the Kassites east of the Tigris River. Both of which are called Cush in the Scriptures. The third river is the Hiddekel which is the Tigris. Hiddekel is Hebrew for Tigris. Finally the Euphrates is named which goes along with the Tigris into the ancient areas of Assyria and Babylonia, which is modern day Iraq.



Potential location of the Garden of Eden, where the Tigris and Euphrates meet.

Next week: The Covenant in Eden and the Creation of Woman

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