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Section 1 In the beginning

There can be no doubt that God does want His people to influence His world. This is clear by the aggressive and loving marching orders given in Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8. As we consider the progressive revelation of God, it is interesting to note how He worked in people before the time of Christ. We refer to this as the Old Testament (OT) or “before Christ” (BC), and mark it as a time of the progressive revelation (see TTWMK vol 4) of God to man.

In this section we want to focus on the beginning of humankind 6 to 10 thousand years ago. I really do believe this to be the time frame for many reasons ... some of which will be included here. Let's start.



John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

So we see that the earth was apparently a shapeless mass consisting mostly of water. And at some point (before or after) He makes the mass spherical. He then goes on to create the sun and put the earth into its own (geo) rotation around the sun, thereby creating the first day. So I imagine this as the first spinning of the planet. What's interesting here is that Jesus is the agent of this creation. Keep this in mind.

Genesis 1

6And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Here we see the creation of an atmosphere and clouds.

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#### Genesis 1

9And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 13And the evening and the morning were the third day.

**We now see the formation of a single land mass (Pangaea?) along with vegetation and its affiliated reproduction process and fruit production. Coincidentally there is the creation of (at that time) one ocean. We will say more about this shortly.**

#### Genesis 1

14And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

**And here God creates the rest of the universe beginning with the moon. Notice also that the earth is now in orbit around the sun, and the seasons can be distinguished by the rising and setting of the sun. Next comes the creation of the living creatures.**

20And 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 of heaven. 21And 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. 22And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

**The fifth day includes the creation of aqua life (beginning with the whale) and fowl.**

24And 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. 25And 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. 26And 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. 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28And 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. 29And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. 31And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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The sixth day includes the creation of animal and human life (what about the insects?). And man was to subdue the other creatures. Can you think of Biblical characters who demonstrated subduing of the animals, fish and birds? Do the names Samson, David, Elijah, and, of course, Jesus the Christ come to mind? Think of the verses that indicate this. Paul neatly divides the kingdom of life.

1 Corinthians 15

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

How do animals and humans differ? In at least a couple of ways. First, animals have no sense of abstraction. By this we mean, animals have no written history. They do have memory, but no one has ever found a picture drawn by an animal. The closest we have is Mr. Ed.



*The second way (possibly an artifact of the first) is that they have no sense of eternity. The concept of infinity and Limfinity (L) are human constructs.*

Ecclesiastes 3

10 I have seen the task that God has given people to keep them occupied.  
11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts, but man cannot discover the work God has done from beginning to end.

The third way is that animals have no soul. Their end is the end. There are animals in heaven, but we will leave that discussion for another time and place. Additionally, Adam was given the responsibility to name the animals ... a position of power. In the meantime, there is an interesting note about the rivers of Eden.

Genesis 2

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. 11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; 12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. 13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. 14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.



Let's think of what that may have looked like using Pangea. I believe the rivers represent divisions that later became seas and oceans (after the flood).

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Section 1 Quiz

1. When (approximately) did the creation occur?
  - a) a zillion years ago
  - b) a trillion years ago
  - c) at the birth of Christ
  - d) a billion years ago
  - e) a million years ago
  - f) a hundred thousand years ago
  - g) 10 thousand years ago
2. On what day were birds created?
  - a) Day 2
  - b) Day 3
  - c) Day 4
  - d) Day 5
  - e) Day 6
3. Select from below the ancient pre-flood (Pangean) rivers.
  - a) Hiddekel or Tigris
  - b) Mississippi
  - c) Yellow
  - d) Gihon
  - e) Nile
  - f) Ister
4. Which are differences between animals and humans?
  - a) animals walk on all fours
  - b) humans can swim
  - c) humans are capable of abstraction
  - d) animals have a spirit
  - e) animals can run
  - f) humans have a soul
  - g) animals can fly

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5. What did God create on the third day?
  - a) Grass
  - b) Water
  - c) Fire
  - d) Light
  - e) Man
6. Evolutionists believe ...?
  - a. the Bible
  - b. all life came from a single organism
  - c. several forms of life were created simultaneously
  - d. varying theories should be considered in light of the data
  - e. ancient people were intelligent
7. In evolutionary pictures of the development of man, the most developed man is always?
  - a. African
  - b. French
  - c. Mexican
  - d. Jewish
  - e. Caucasian
  - f. Chinese
8. Darwin believed that ultimately non-Caucasians would be ... ?
  - a. the man
  - b. able to fly
  - c. able to speak other languages
  - d. extinct
  - e. Caucasian
9. A miracle almost always involves changes in ... ?
  - a. Space
  - b. Time
  - c. Appearance
  - d. Height
  - e. Ability
  - f. Religion

## Section 2 Noah & the Flood

Following the creation, sin enters the world. And although there are great accomplishments, man continues his natural descent into rebellion from God. The evil becomes so great that God destroys *almost* everything living on land. Read on.

### Genesis 6

8But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

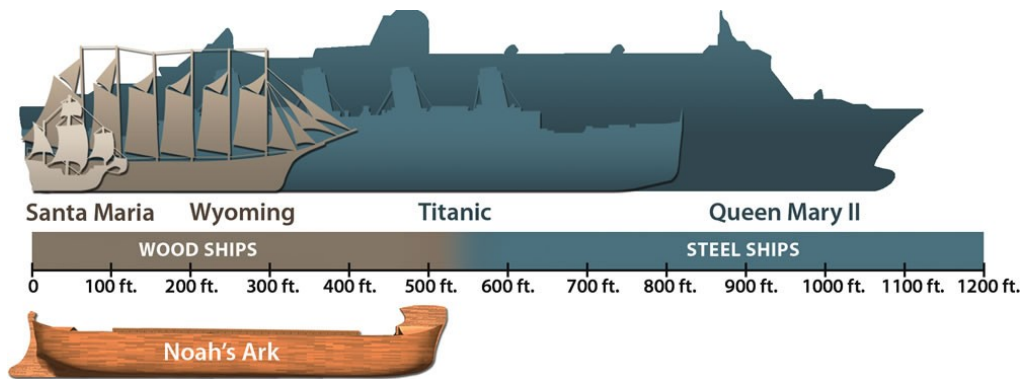
How did Noah find grace? Through good works and community service? By reading the Bible daily? By being a role model? Actually by faith in God. In **Hebrews 11:7** we see that his faith was lived out by building an ark that would preserve mankind and land animals.

### Genesis 6

11The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

The ark was not simply a boat thrown together over a couple of weeks in the backyard. It was massive! AIG estimates have the volume of the ark at 483 tractor trailer loads ... easily enough to contain the 16000 “kinds” or **min** , of

wildlife with much room remaining for Noah’s family. Although it may seem that 8 people put the ark together over years, it is more likely that people were hired to help out. Obviously, these people turned down the opportunity to board the ark at the time. It contained 3 floors, so it is reasonable to infer that each son might have overseen the construction of each floor. Conservative pre-flood estimates put the population of the earth at around 750 million.





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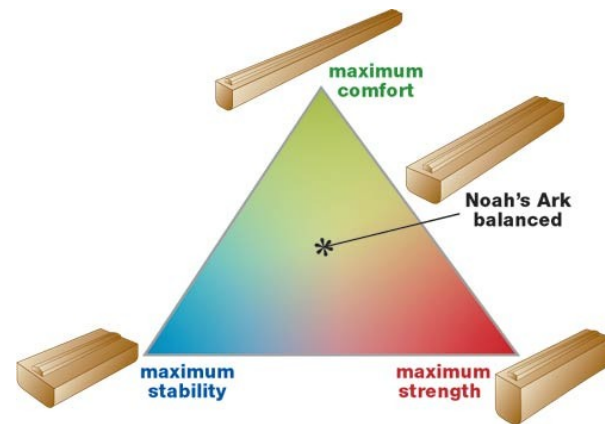
Genesis 6

17And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. 18But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. ... 22Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

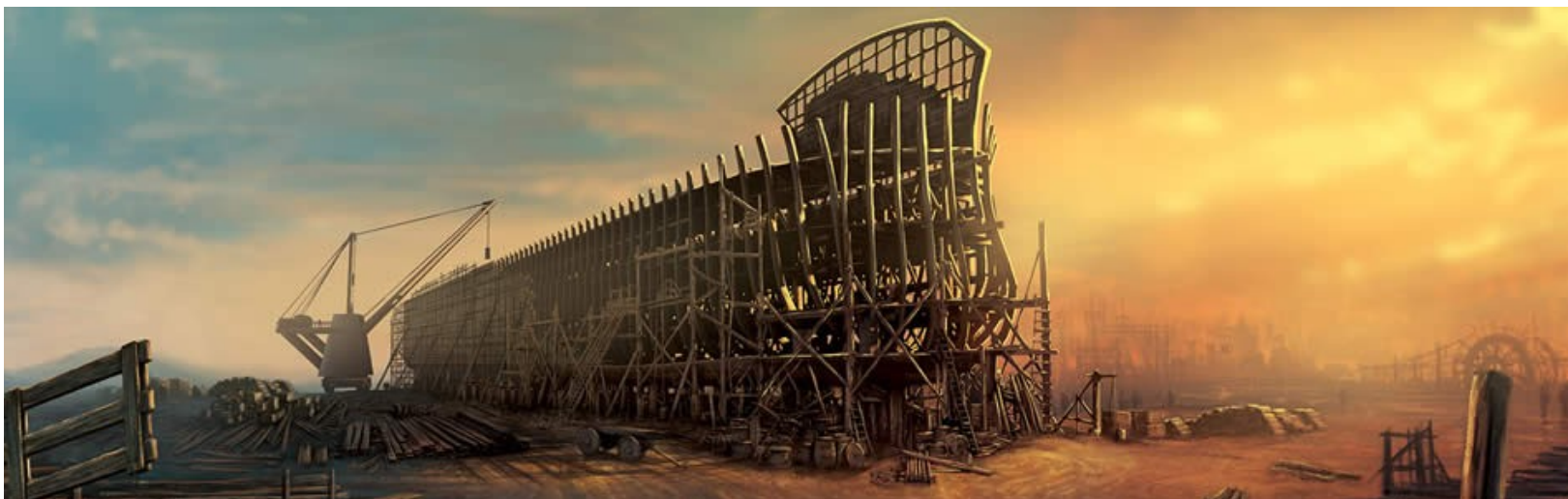
AIG features an article by Tim Lovett dealing with the size and capability of the ark. Here's an excerpt.

c) 100 yr

Noah's Ark was the focus of a major 1993 scientific study headed by Dr. Seon Hong at the world-class ship research center KRISO, based in Daejeon, South Korea. Dr. Hong's team compared twelve hulls of different proportions to discover which design was most practical. No hull shape was found to significantly outperform the 4,300-year-old biblical design. In fact, the Ark's careful balance is easily lost if the proportions are modified, rendering the vessel either unstable, prone to fracture, or dangerously uncomfortable.



Wow! God's plan represented the optimal ark design. Another reason evolutionists have trouble with Biblical truth is that the design, construction and capability of such an ark represent a good deal of intelligence. Consider the support structure needed to build such a vessel.



The planning had to be remarkable. This raises many questions involving time, resources, manpower, capability of 8 people to care for the animals, etc.

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Destruction of this magnitude is a world changing event, and the geologic record makes it clear that this took place. But first God saved a few people along with many animals.

Genesis 7

And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. 3Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 4For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. 5And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 8Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 9There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. 10And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

In **1 Peter 3:20** we see a confirmation of this fact. If this were a fable, wouldn't Peter have told us, having been with God Incarnate for *at least 3 years*?!?

Genesis 7

17And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. 18And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 19And the waters prevailed *exceedingly* upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. 20Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: 22All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. 23And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. 24And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.



Why would God destroy his creation when He is a God of love? How about the same reason people go to hell today? Do you think 100 years is enough time to “get it”???



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Now let's observe the effect on the earth. Recall the Pangean map from p 3. If we look at splits along the Gihon, Tigris and Pishon rivers in which water gushes forth from the ground and spreads the plates, we would have a pretty good idea of the earth today. The movement of the plates into their proper places (today) would result in massive flooding and deep fissures in what we now know as the ocean base. Since the water covered the highest mountains of the day, it is reasonable to expect that all fowl were destroyed as well as the land animals and humans (why?). If Noah's ark were close to the original Euphrates river, the turbulence would not have been nearly as great. The geologic record bears out the historicity of the flood as seen on the third AIG video featuring Terry Mortenson. The total length of the voyage is about 13 months. According to Genesis, the rain began about the first week of May.

Genesis 8

And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; 2The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. 4And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. 5And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

In early October, the ark comes to rest on Ararat in modern Turkey. Around Christmas time, the voyagers could see the tops of the mountains, being as Ararat is taller than most mountains in the vicinity. Providentially, God lands the ark on one of the tallest mountains and gives it stability through the end of the fall season.

13And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. 14And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. 15And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 18And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

So in mid to late May of the following year everybody got off the boat ... although some didn't live very long (why?). The procreation began on an earth that appears much like it is today (although there is some small movement in the plates that takes place). And today discovery after discovery is made of "out of place" fossils (whether human, animal, aquatic or bird). While evolutionists use an inscientific measure of extrapolation with every dating method, Christians use the Bible for historicity that, through *real science*, is being proven correct almost daily.

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Section 2 Quiz

1. About how long did it take to construct the ark?
  - a) 40 days
  - b) 13 months
  - c) 100 yr
  - d) 1000 yr
  - e) 1 billion yr
2. How did Noah get manpower to build the ark?
  - a) hiring folks
  - b) slave labor
  - c) waved his staff
  - d) it miraculously appeared out of the ground
  - e) he made a contract for billions USD
  - f) he'd already finished when the Lord asked him to build it
3. Where did the ark land?
  - a) Arkham asylum
  - b) an archaic place now covered by billions of gallons of water
  - c) near the gateway arch in modern St Louis
  - d) modern Israel
  - e) modern Turkey
4. How many different kinds or min of animals were estimated to be on the ark?
  - a) 2
  - b) 7
  - c) 40
  - d) 16000
  - e) a billion
5. How long was Noah's family on the ark?
  - a) 40 night
  - b) 40 day
  - c) billions of yr
  - d) 500 yr
  - e) about 13 mo

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6. What time of year did the ark stabilize/land?
  - a) November
  - b) May
  - c) December
  - d) March
  - e) a billion yr
7. Which writer likened the flood to the second coming of Christ?
  - a) a billion writers
  - b) Paul
  - c) Matthew
  - d) Philemon
  - e) Peter
8. Who was Noah's father?
  - a) Methuselah
  - b) Seth
  - c) Shem
  - d) Lamech
  - e) a billion people
9. Where are current life sized ark replicas staged?
  - a) Netherlands
  - b) Turkey
  - c) River Road
  - d) billions of places
  - e) Florence, KY
10. Which of the following were the sons of Noah?
  - a) Shem
  - b) Ham
  - c) Turkey
  - d) Enoch
  - e) Billy Graham
  - f) Japhet

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11. What incorrectly applied mathematical technique do evolutionists use?
  - a) interpolation
  - b) examination
  - c) extrapolation
  - d) extermination
  - e) extinction
12. According to the Biblical dimensions and a 1993 study, what could have been done to improve each of the strength, comfort and stability of the ark?
  - a) it should've been lengthened
  - b) it should've been shortened
  - c) it should've been widened
  - d) nothing
  - e) a billion things