

**Please Note:** This is a theory based on scientific facts coupled with valid scriptural interpretations.

## 78 - In the Beginning...



- ***“In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1).*** This “beginning” was the start of all eternity and is beyond our comprehension to understand. It is assumed that God existed in the place we call “heaven”.
- At some point God created the angels including Lucifer (alluded to in **Isaiah (45:12)** but very little is known about the creation of angels).
- Lucifer was made the leader of the angels and the protector of God’s throne (***“the anointed cherub who covers”***) and was eventually given the earth as his kingdom (**Ezekiel 28:12-16**).

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- ***“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).*** This was the beginning of our physical universe.
- We are told that the angels (sons of God) watched when God created the physical universe and ***“shouted for joy” (Job 38:4-7).***
- I support a “Big Bang” theory but believe it was initiated by God.
- Dinosaurs were too big to survive in today’s gravity (their bones weren’t strong enough to carry their weight) so the original earth was probably much smaller resulting in a much lower gravity.
- There was much less water, land masses covered nearly the entire surface of the earth, and the continents were connected together.
- All of this was created by God (no evolution).

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- Lucifer fell due to pride and became Satan (**Isaiah 14:12-14**).
- The result of Satan’s fall was that ***“the earth was formless and void and darkness was on the face of the deep” (Genesis 1:2a).***
- We know this because **Isaiah (45:18)** tells us that God did NOT create the earth “formless” but He created it to be inhabited.
- This leads us to conclude that something terrible happened to make the earth “formless and void”. The Hebrew is “tohu va bohu” which means the earth was a worthless and desolate wasteland.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter (3:5-7)** also reminds us that men ignore the fact that there was an older earth that was destroyed by water and perished.
- This was a catastrophe that involved water and darkness.

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- God’s Spirit lovingly fixed the destruction (**Genesis 1:2b**)... ***“and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”***
- The time gaps noted above account for the hundreds of millions or billions of years strongly supported by valid scientific analysis.
- The six, 24 hour days start in **Genesis (1:3)** and are days of re-forming the “formless and void” earth (also when God first speaks).

See **“The Six Days of Creation”** for the rest of the story...

