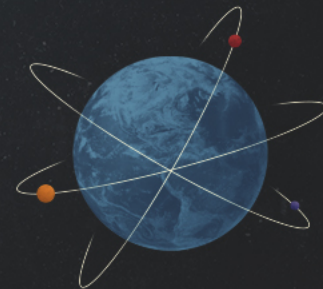


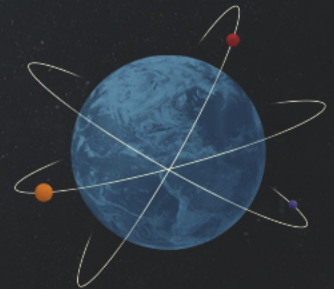
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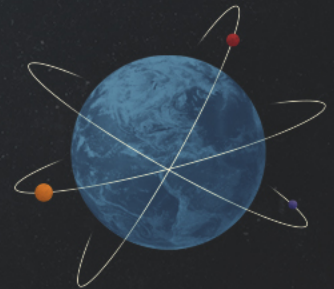


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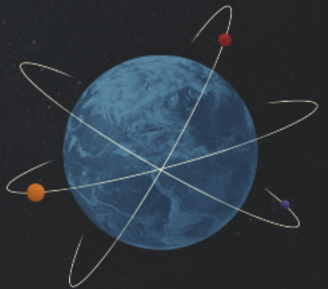




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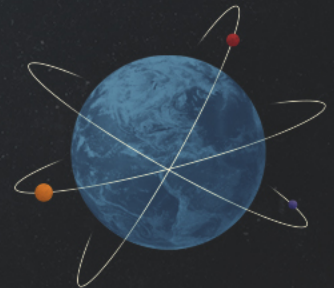


LITERAL VIEW
GAP VIEW
DAY/AGE VIEW
LITERARY FRAMEWORK VIEW



**“IN ESSENTIALS UNITY,
IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY,
AND IN ALL THINGS CHARITY.”**

- RUPERTUS MELDENIUS

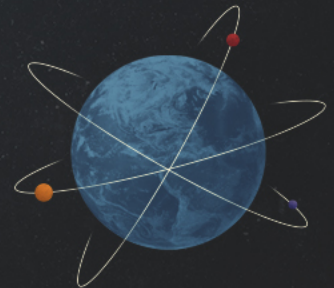




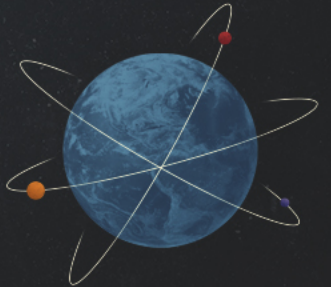
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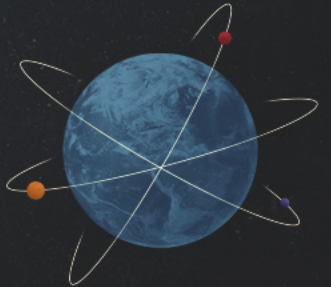


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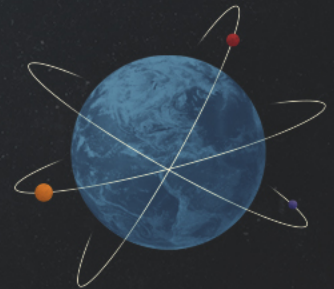
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*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*



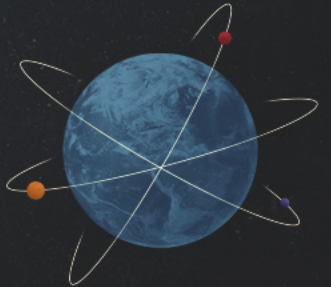
OVERVIEW

1) Genesis 1-2 as literal history



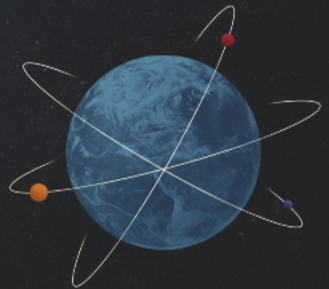
OVERVIEW

- 1) Genesis 1-2 as literal history
- 2) The word 'day' is a 24hr period of time



Genesis 1:1-2

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.



Genesis 1:3-5

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.”



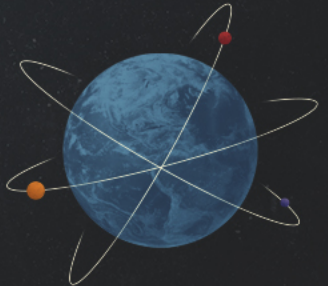
'Day' as 24 hour period

1:5 – Day as the period of light in a 24hr period

1:5 – Day as a 24hr period of time

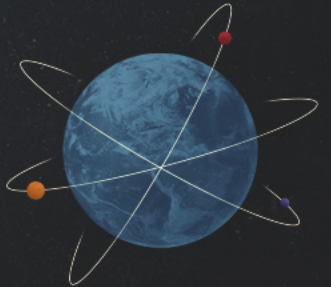
1:14 – Day as seasons of time marked by heavenly bodies

2:4 – Day as the entire creation account



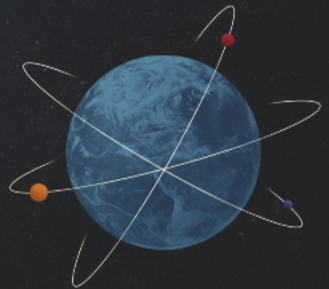
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- 3) Genealogies provide the age of the earth



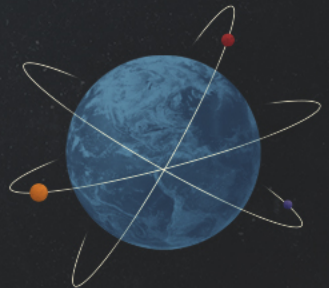
Dating through Genealogies

- 1) Adam to Abraham: Genesis 5 and Genesis 11
Approximately 2,000 years
- 2) Abraham to Jesus:
Approximately 2,000 years
- 3) Jesus to the present:
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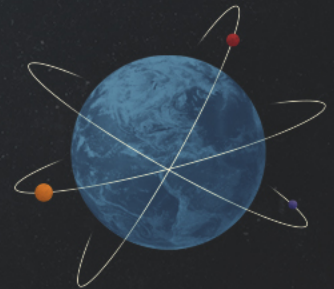
OVERVIEW

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Genesis 1-2 as literal history

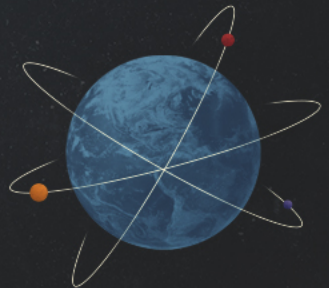
1) The 'toledot' structure in Genesis



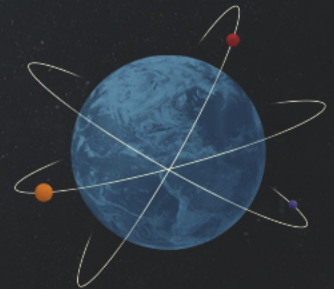
The 'toledot' structure in Genesis

The word 'toledot' is translated in the ESV as "these are the generations of", or in the NIV "This is the account of..."

The Hebrew word toledot is used 11 times in Genesis to signal that a new section is beginning.



The toledot of the heavens and the earth - Genesis 2:4
The toledot of Adam - Genesis 5:1
The toledot of Noah - Genesis 6:9
The toledot of Shem, Ham, Japheth – Genesis 10:1
The toledot of Noah's sons – Genesis 10:32
The toledot of Shem – Genesis 11:10
The toledot of Terah – Genesis 11:27
The toledot of Abraham's son Ishmael – Genesis 25:12
The toledot of Abraham's son Isaac – Genesis 25:19
The toledot of Esau – Genesis 36:1
The toledot of Jacob – Genesis 37:2



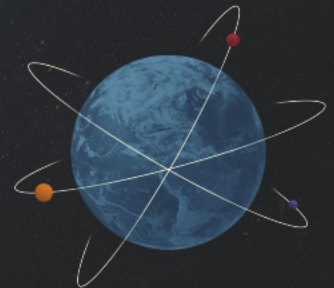
Hebrew = 'toledot'



Greek Septuagint = 'geneseos'

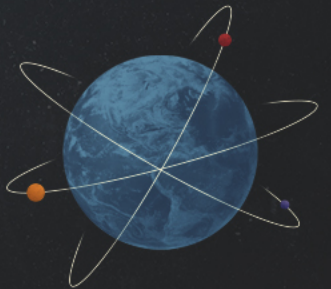


English = Genesis



Genesis 1-2 as literal history

- 1) The 'toledot' structure in Genesis
- 2) Geographical references in Genesis 2



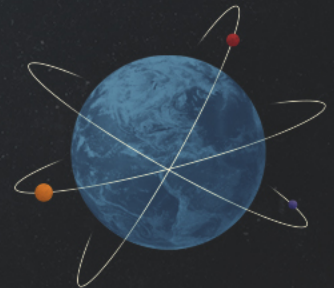
Genesis 2:10-14

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.



Genesis 1-2 as literal history

- 1) The 'toledot' structure in Genesis
- 2) Geographical reference in Genesis 2
- 3) Israel's interpretation of Genesis 1



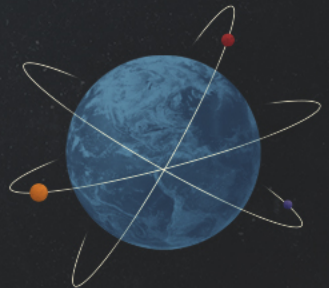
Exodus 20:8-11

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God... ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.



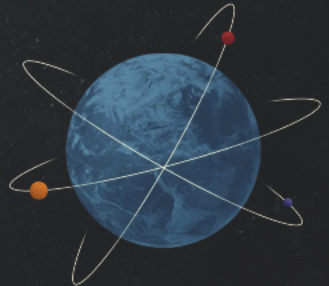
Genesis 1-2 as literal history

- 1) The 'toledot' structure in Genesis
- 2) Geographical reference of Eden in Genesis 2
- 3) Israel's interpretation of Genesis 1



TEXTUAL CHALLENGES

- 1) Light on Day 1...Sun and stars created on Day 4
- 2) Moon referred to as a light
- 3) Order of events in Genesis 1 and 2 differ
- 4) Genesis 1:1 as a title or a summary

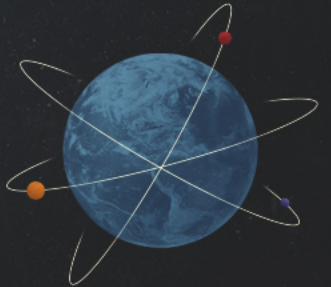


SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

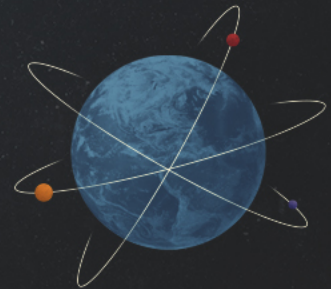
1) Age of the Earth

2) Evolution

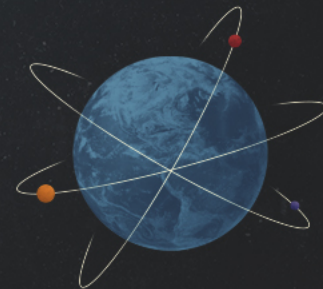
3) Dinosaurs



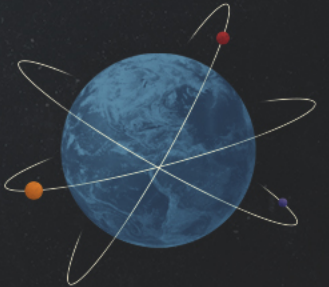
Picture of Yancey on Raptor



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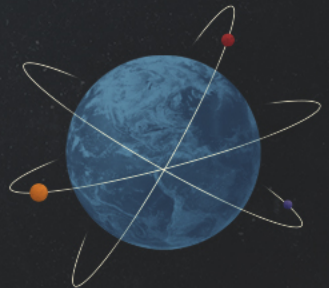


THE GAP VIEW



HISTORY AND ORIGIN

- 1) Why is it called the Gap View?
- 2) Also called Pre-Adamic Creation or Ruin-Restoration view
- 3) Origin of view was primarily to accommodate geological dating of the earth



Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

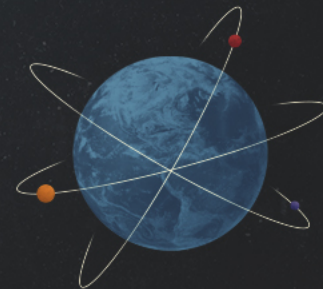
GAP

Genesis 1:2 - And the earth was formless and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.



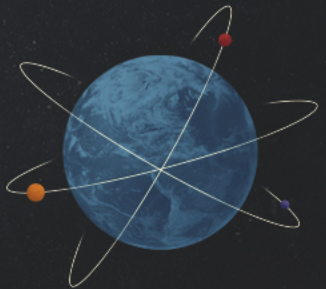
OVERVIEW

- 1) Genesis 1:1 refers to the initial, perfect creation
- 2) 'Waw' translated 'but'
- 3) 'Haya' translated 'became' or 'had become'



OVERVIEW

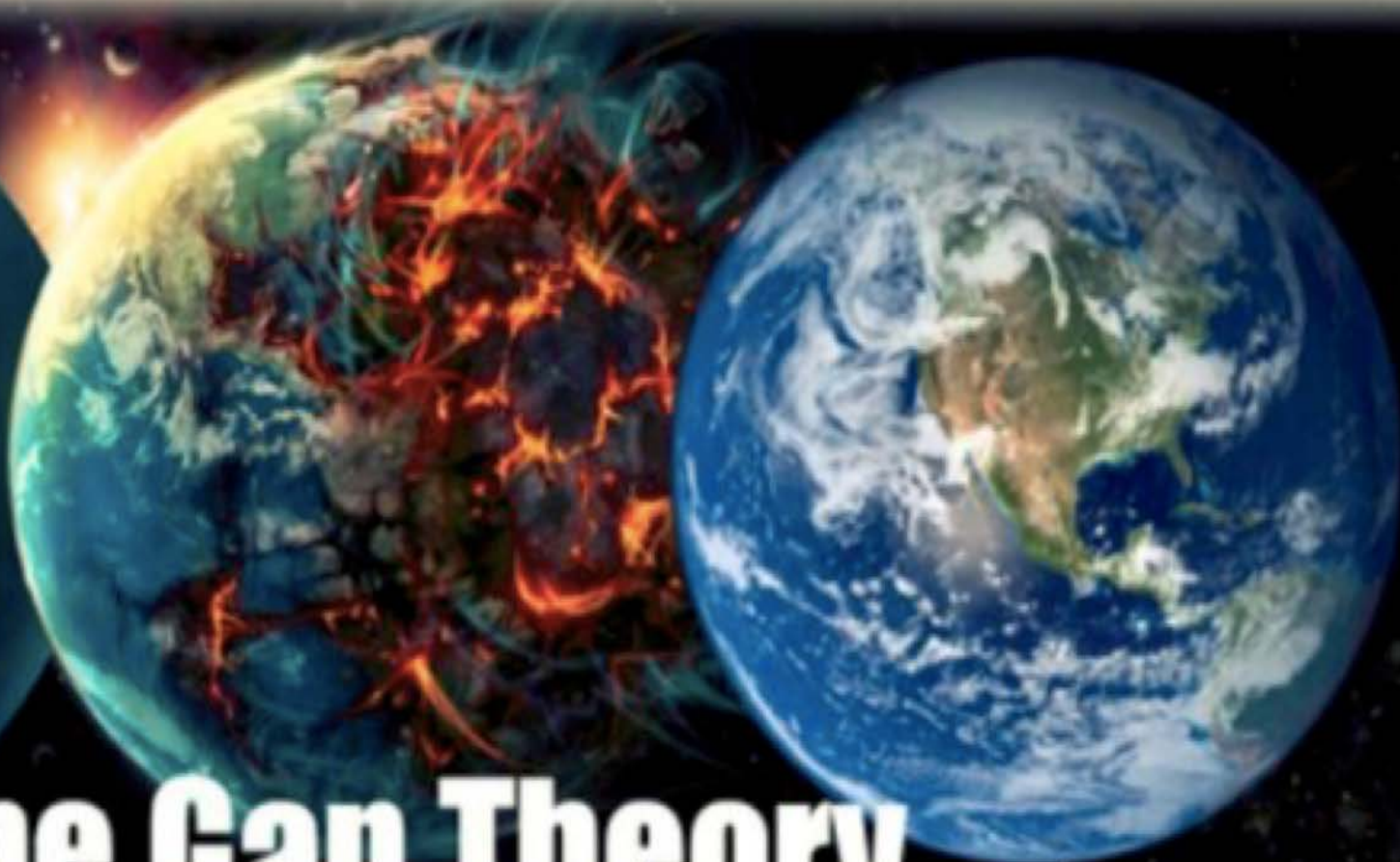
- 4) 'Formless and void' refers to the earth after Satan's judgment which produced the fossil record and geological strata
- 5) Genesis 1:3 begins the reconstruction of the earth for mankind and a 'literal' 6-day creation is retained



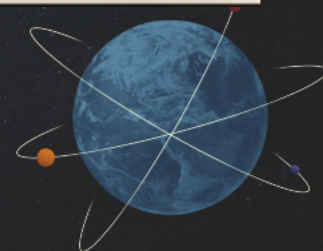


Genesis 1:1

The Gap Theory

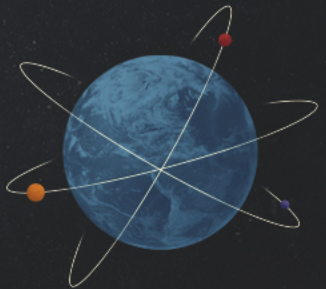


Genesis 1:2



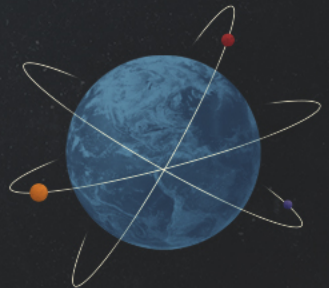
SUPPORT

- 1) Darkness in Genesis 1:2 refers to evil
- 2) Angels saw creation in Job?
- 3) Satanic fall happened prior to the 'good' creation and temptation in Eden



TEXTUAL CHALLENGES

- 1) Dependent on two unusual interpretations
- 2) No scriptural evidence for most of the theory
- 3) Jesus connects the phrase “at the beginning” with humanity’s creation (Mark 10:6)

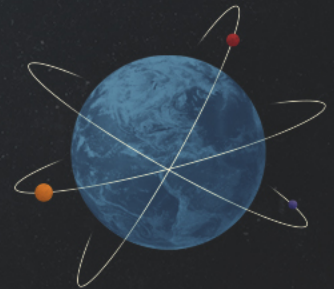


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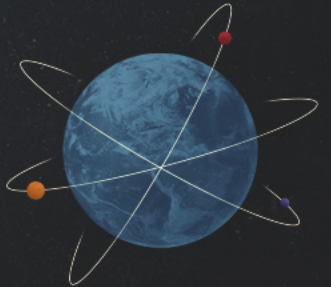
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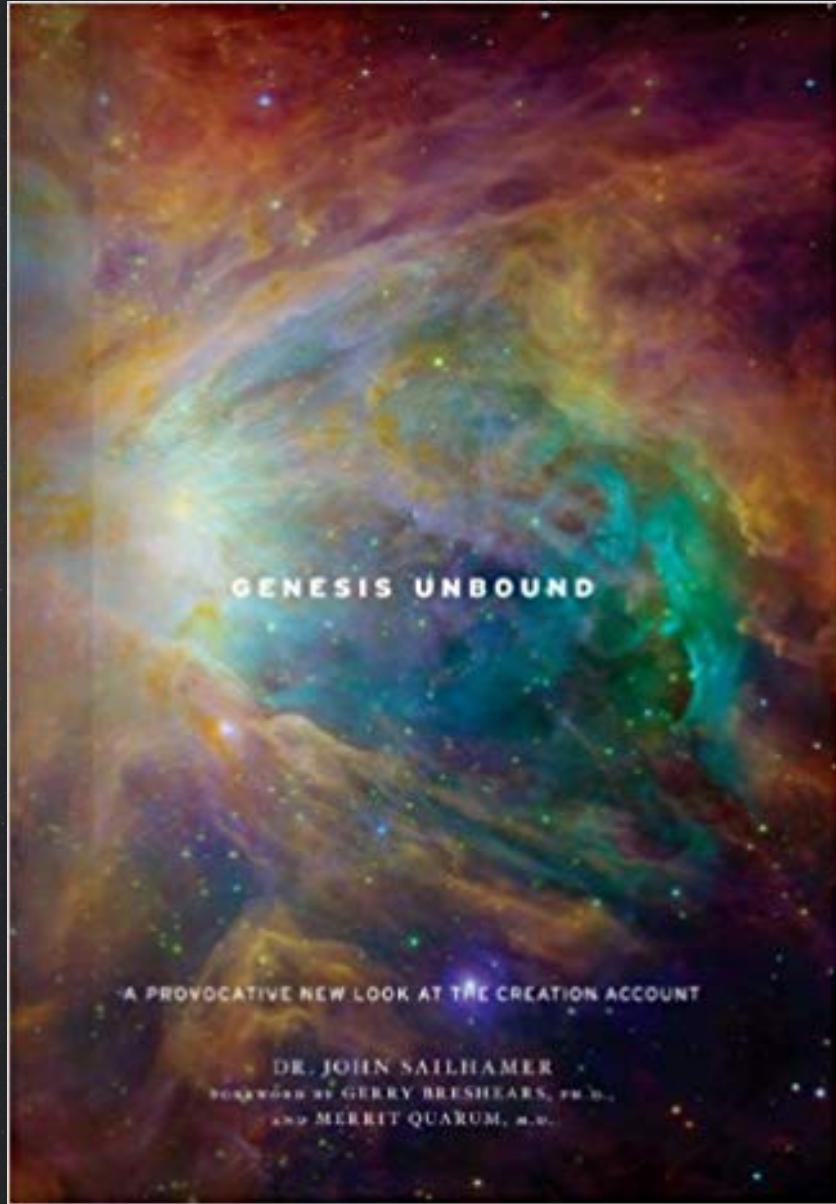
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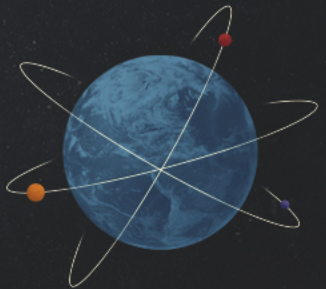
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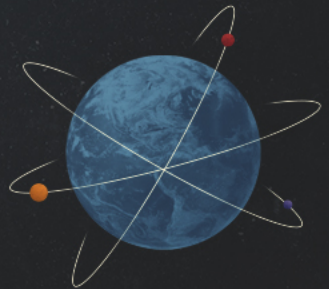
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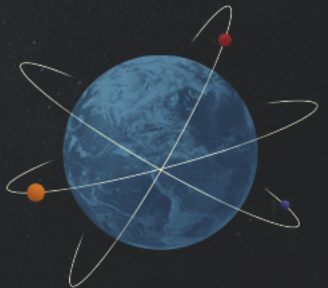
No Hebrew word for “universe” so Genesis 1:1 “heaven and earth” represents everything that exists. Thus the verse refers to the creation event.

Genesis 1:2 – Not “formless and void” but uninhabitable. Wilderness not chaos.



STRENGTHS

- 1) Sees the Hebrew text as highest priority
- 2) Retains best features of multiple interpretive views



Q&A

