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 The Gap Theory
 An Examination Of
 The First Chapter Of Genesis

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*The Believer's Grace Adjustment to the
 Justice of God*

- Psalms 66:18 *If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*
- Psalms 32:5 *I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*
- I Cor 11:31 *But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.*
- 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness.*

*Invitation: The Non-Believer's Grace
 Adjustment to the Justice of God*

*(If you have never trusted in Christ Alone
 for salvation...)*

- Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
- Rom. 11:6, *"But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace."*

- Gal. 2:21, *"I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."*
- Gal. 3:24, *"Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith."*
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.'*
- John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*
- *"Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" Acts 16:31*

We have concluded the first section of *THE GAP IS NOT A THEORY!* and will now look at another, similar, perspective from Pastor R.B. Thieme, Jr. From his booklet, *Creation, Chaos and Restoration*.

Summary of Creation

From *Creation, Chaos and Restoration* by R.B. Thieme, Jr.

1. The Creation of the Universe Did Not Occur over a Long Period of Time, I.E. the Archaeozoic through Cenozoic Ages of Geology. Original creation was instantaneous from the hand of God [voice of God] and occurred as rapidly as you can pronounce the word "creation" or snap your fingers. (Psalm 19:1; 33:6; Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5)

2. The six-day period recorded in Genesis 1:3 through 31 is not a description of the original creation. This refers to the preparation of the earth for [human] habitation.

3. The time of creation is unknown. The antiquity of the universe is unknown. But what is known is that God did it! You will notice in Genesis 1:1 that there is no argument for the existence of God. God does not have to justify His existence to anyone!

Look again at Isaiah 45:18 —

For thus saith the Lord that created¹ the heavens; God himself that formed² the earth and made³ it; he hath established⁴ it, he created⁵ it not in vain, he formed⁶ it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else.

For thus saith the Lord [Jehovah - Jesus Christ] that created¹ the heavens*

* Col. 1:6 - "He is the God, the Elohim himself that FORMED the earth."

1 - Bara in the qal stem = "Something out of Nothing"

God himself that formed² the earth...

2 - Yatsar = fashioned, like a potter with clay. Refers to the topography and environment.

and made³ it;

3- Asah = to manufacture out of existing materials. Refers to plant and animal life, including Adam's body.

he hath established⁴ it,

4 - Literally - "He stabilized her [the earth]". Refers to the mechanics of rotation, orbit, geology, weather, etc.

he created⁵ it not in vain⁶,

*5 - Bara in the qal singular, i.e.,
created, out of nothing, the earth
not in vain⁶*

6 - Lo Tohu = waste and desolate.

he formed⁶ it to be inhabited⁷

6 - Jatsar = sculpted the topography.

7 - to be inhabited by Mankind.

*"In a beginning that was not a
beginning (Eternity Past), Elohim
(The Trinity) created out of nothing
the entire universe, including the
earth."*

*But the earth had become⁸
desolate⁹ and empty¹⁰; and
darkness¹¹ was on the face of the
deep¹². And the Spirit of God¹³
moved¹⁴ upon the face of the
waters¹⁵.*

*But the earth had become⁸ desolate⁹
and empty¹⁰*

8 - qal perfect of Hajah

9 - Tohu = desolation. Refers to the
original animal life.

10 - Bohu = empty. Refers to the
original plant life.

Why had it become Tohu vav Bohu?

The Angelic Rebellion of Satan and the
1/3 of Angels:

Ezek. 28:15-16; Isaiah 14:12-17

*and darkness¹¹ was on the face of the
deep¹².*

11 - choshek = darkness that keeps
out light (and heat).

12 - tehom = raging or stormy waters.

*And the Spirit of God¹³ moved¹⁴ upon the
face of the waters¹⁵.*

13 - Ruach Elohim = The Holy Spirit.

14 - Rachaph = to incubate

15 - Hamajim = melted waters.

Next came the Restoration, as we studied from "THE GAP IS NOT A THEORY."

We'll just look at Verse 3 to see how important the original language is to understanding the Bible.

And God said¹⁶ "Let there be light"¹⁷

16 - Amar (singular) "to communicate with a voice."

17 - Hajah (qal imperfect) = a command - "Light be!"

Science and the Bible (R.B. Thieme Jr.)

1. The pre-chaotic earth, which abounded in animal and plant life, was apparently the headquarters for Satan.
2. The fall of Satan and the resultant angelic conflict led to the destruction of planet Earth with its animal life (tofu) and its plant life (both who). The earth was empty and desolate: no animals and no plant life.
3. The earth, for a time, was covered by an ice pack. The ice pack was the result of freezing waters by darkness (the complete absence of light and therefore, heat).

4. With regard to the antiquity of the earth, neither science nor the Bible gives us a clear picture. We have some methods of measuring age, such as carbon dating and carbon-14, but these are not accurate in determining the antiquity of the earth.
5. There is never a conflict between what the Bible says in the original languages and the true observations of such sciences as cosmology, geology, astronomy, chemistry, anatomy, anthropology and even psychology.

6. However, actual scientific data and information in the Bible is extremely limited. The Bible is not a scientific textbook, nor was it designed to be one.

7. Being a book of God's doctrines and filled with spiritual phenomena, it is obvious that the Bible will occasionally allude to or comment on what we classify as scientific subjects.

8. Wherever the Bible comments on scientific subjects, the Bible is always accurate in the original languages. God is the origin of all the laws and all the phenomena which science seeks to categorize and classify.

9. Therefore, science does not confirm the Bible, even though the Bible does confirm some scientific data or classification.

10. If scientific speculation does not line up with the Bible, then such speculation is inaccurate. If there is a true conflict between scientific speculation (not observation, but speculation) and what the Bible says, **THE BIBLE IS RIGHT!** Just as when there is a conflict between some historical interpretation and what the Bible says, the Bible is right. In other words, where the Bible comments on science, science must agree with the Bible; the Bible is not required to agree with science!

THE DOCTRINE OF SCIENTIFIC LAWS IN THE UNIVERSE (R.B. Thieme Jr.)

1. The continuation of the universe and the earth, including Homo sapiens, animal life, plant life, the stable state of our atmosphere with its various components, all depend on the omnipotence and immutability of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3).

2. "Scientific laws" is a misnomer. Scientific laws, as such, do not exist because science did not develop these laws and science cannot enforce them. For example, in chemistry, God promises that when certain elements are combined, certain results will follow. This is a divine law, not a scientific law!

3. So-called scientific laws are based on the statistical assumption that the universe, which operates according to a fixed norm, will continue to do so. Science can observe, and science can apply. Learn to distinguish between observation, classification and the speculation of science. Science can observe and classify certain divine laws and then apply them productively, but only God in his sovereignty can't guarantee the continuation of these laws.

4. The universe, with its function of matter and energy, will not always exist as it does at the present time (2 Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 20:11).
5. Known "scientific laws" and phenomena which man has been able to observe, classify and apply, depend entirely upon the faithfulness of God. Jesus Christ at the present time is guaranteeing the function of every bona fide scientific law (Colossians 1:17).

6. The reason for preserving the universe is to resolve the angelic conflict in human history and to bring many sons unto glory (Hebrews 2:10).
7. The Word of God will survive the destruction of the universe (2 Peter 3:10), for the Word of God and Bible doctrine will exist forever!

8. Regenerate man and resurrection body will live forever and survive the changes in the universe, even surviving the destruction of the present universe (Hebrews 12:26-28).

9. It is Jesus Christ who holds the universe together by the power of His Word (Hebrews 1:3). At the same time He is holding back eternity in order for the human race to have the opportunity to appropriate the grace of God. This begins at the point of faith in Jesus Christ, so that the angelic conflict will be resolved and ultimately God will be glorified forever and ever and ever! Amen

SECTION TWO

AN EXAMINATION OF THE SECOND VERSE OF GENESIS 1

ANSWERING THE QUESTION:

ARE THE WORDS OF THE SECOND VERSE MERELY DESCRIPTIVE OF HOW GOD ORIGINALLY CREATED THE EARTH?

OR, ARE THE WORDS OF THE SECOND VERSE INDICATIVE OF A JUDGMENT?

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