

THE “GAP THEORY” OF CREATION
(Genesis 1:1 - 2:4)

- I. _____ of the “Gap Theory”
- A. J. H. Kurtz, *Bible and Astronomy*, 1857
 - B. G. H. Pember, *Earth’s Earliest Ages*, 1876
 - C. C. I. Scofield Reference Bible, 1909, 1917
 - D. Harry Rimmer, *Modern Science and the Genesis Record*, 1937
- II. _____ for Proposal of New Theories of Creation
- A. Desire to _____ Scripture with “_____,”
assuming the _____ of Charles Lyell’s “uniformitarian”
model
 - B. Desire to find a time for the _____ of _____
- III. _____ of Uniformitarian Geology
- A. Laws of thermo-dynamics have _____
 - 1. “Matter and energy can only be _____; they cannot be
_____ or _____”
 - 2. “Nature tends to _____, not to higher organization
in _____ and _____”
 - B. Great worldwide _____ at the time of _____ (Gen. 1-2)
 - C. Great worldwide _____ at the time of _____ (Gen. 3:14ff)
 - D. Great worldwide _____ at the time of _____ (Gen. 6-10)
 - E. Significant _____ at and/or shortly following _____ (Gen. 11:5-9)
 - F. The dilemma

1. The uniformitarian model, considered “modern geology,” has been thorough _____ by “_____”

2. “Modern Geology” has been _____ to construct a _____

IV. The “Gap Theory” as Proposed

A. Genesis 1:1 describes _____, complete and perfect creation

1. Place of _____ and their habitation with “pre-_____” animals

2. The fall of _____ and other _____

3. The earth was _____ and _____ by _____

B. Genesis 1:2a is a scene of _____, not of _____

1. “Was” is changed to “_____ without form and void”

2. “Darkness” is _____, referring to the presence of _____

C. Genesis 1:2b is the beginning of the _____ of a _____ earth

V. Issues of Biblical Interpretation

A. _____ determines _____ (Isa. 24:1; 45:12, 18; Jer. 4:23-28)

B. Specifically says _____ creation was done in _____ (Gen. 1:31-2:4; Exo. 20:11; 31:17)

C. “Gap Theory” has _____ before _____ and _____ (cf. Gen. 2-3; 3:21; 4:4; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)

D. No biblical record of any cataclysm in connection with _____

E. At the end of _____ God describes everything as “_____”