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could have chosen to create every thing by one developing into another if He chose but the Bible said He did not so choose and very definitely says that He made man as a separate creation. Now the last question - The Gap Theory - Genesis 1:1 - 1:2. I think that's well labelled - The Gap Theory. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," Genesis 1:2 says, "And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Does verse two come immediately after verse 1 or is there a million years between? The Bible doesn't say and we don't know. As far as the statement is concerned it is entirely possible that God created heaven and earth and when He created them there came into being an earth without form and void and darkness on the face of the deep. And it is equally possible that He created the heaven and earth and a few million years after they were created, there came a great catastrophe and the earth became without form and void. Both are equally possible as far as the Bible is concerned. So whether there's a gap between 1:1 and 1:2 nobody on earth knows. You can't prove there isn't but you equally cannot prove there is because the Bible nowhere says there is. There is nowhere in the Bible a statement there is. There is proof in the Bible that there was at some time a great catastrophe in which Satan fell. There's no question of that. But was that catastrophe between 1:1 and 1:2 or before 1:1? Certainly it was before Satan came to Adam in the garden. But when was it? We don't know. So if you want a gap between 1:1 and 1:2 I have no objection so long as you label it a theory and don't say that anybody else has to believe it. Maybe there is and maybe there isn't - we don't know. And to me that is one of the important things to do in interpreting the Bible - to separate between the fact of what the Bible says is true and the theory of what we think it may mean. Too many people have taken the Bible and twisted it to fit the current theology or philosophy of their day and then the next generation would throw aside the philosophy and science of that day, say the Bible is false because it teaches an out-of-date philosophy of science. And the Bible didn't at all - people just twisted it to fit the philosophy and science of that date. Everything that science has discovered that is true fits with the Bible. I don't say it's found in the Bible. There's much that the Bible doesn't deal with, but "fits with the Bible". And anything that science thinks it discovers that contradicts the clear teaching of the Bible, I say, "Let's just wait a few years till the scientists catch up with the Bible and find that these theories they had are not true

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