

occurred. However, I do not think that this proves by any means that it occurred on this earth or that this earth was in a more highly developed condition at any time previous to Genesis 1:2 than the condition in which it is described at that time. It may have been but there is no Scriptural evidence that it was.

As To Precise Numbers

The question was raised: If the Matthias was elected one of the twelve apostles, and then later on we find Paul described as an apostle, which of them is the true member of the ~~gr~~ group of twelve apostles?

In answer we notice that many of these numbers like twelves, and sevens and tens are used of things that are not strictly commensurable. Personally I am never greatly interested in knowing how many students are going to come to the Seminary in a coming year. The reason is that one really first-class student may accomplish more for the cause of Christ than a dozen mediocre ones. You cannot really count students numerically. You can so far as rooms are concerned, so far as expenses of board are concerned, so far as necessities of correcting papers, and so on, but as to the value to the kingdom of God you cannot simply count them numerically. The same is true of the apostles; twelve ^{and} is a round number ~~of~~/Christ appointed twelve apostles, but whether Paul was one of the number or an additional one we are not told anywhere in Scripture.

This calls attention to the matter of the tribes. We read about the twelve tribes, and yet when God told Jereboam that He would ~~giv-e~~ give him ten tribes, He said he would leave only one tribe to the house of David. We find ~~think~~ that the actual border between Judah and Israel ran somewhere around the middle of the tribe of Bethlehem. In the original ~~giving~~ giving ~~at~~ out of the land the tribes of Simeon and Dan were both south of Judah. Simeon seems to have disintegrated and been disintegrated among the tribes. Dan made a migration to the north and left their territory in the extreme south and went