

Yes? Yes, I would say, Gen.1, originally you have no ^{earth} ~~word~~ there, then it becomes an earth, void, and without empty and void.

I would say that it is entirely possible, but not ^{too probable,} ~~impossible~~, that between 1a and 1b I would say there had been a change. There is a change either from a world created, into a situation in which this created world has become desolate, that is one possibility. Another possibility is that 1.1 gives a summary and 1.2 describes the occurrence of the summary. God created the heaven and the earth. What happened(2) when He created it, why there came an ^{earthquake,} ~~an~~ earth without form and void, and a third possibility which I never thought of till within the last three or four months but which I am coming to think is probably the correct one. That, in the beginning God created heaven and earth, means God brought this great universe into existence, heaven and earth, which is a totality of all things. And the universe coming into existence with stars, and planets, and ~~galaxies~~, and everything, and it may have gone on for billions of years, who knows, and then in the course of this, there came to be that a certain section of this universe, the section which later was formed, shaped into our earth, was an inchoate mass of matter, without form and void, and then that God (2 3/4) take this bunch of matter here, and to mold it, and shape it into a world which was suitable for man to live on. They say now that Mercury and Venus, they say, are blazing hot, hundreds of degrees of heat. They have only recently discovered they have discovered now find that it is several hundred degrees while Jupiter and Saturn and others are so freezing cold so that protoplasm could not possibly live, so that if there should be life on any other planet, in this particular solar system, the only place that would be of a temperature where it would be at all possible would be on Mars. We can't prove one way or the other (3 3/4) we don't know, but as far as temperature is concerned that's enough to rule out