

CHAPTER 13

THE GENESIS CONNECTION

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

Genesis 2:1

The idea that science and Genesis 1 are similar and compatible is not a revolutionary thought. The compatibility of the scientific version of the creation of the Universe and the creation command "Let there be light" is well outlined in Dr. Robert Jastrow's book *God and the Astronomers*. Similarly, Dr. Alan Hayward's book *God Is* points out the dignity of the Genesis creation account as the critical missing force in the hypothesis of evolution.

What has been lacking is a comparison of the entire creation account of Genesis 1 with the latest scientific evidence. Many people have felt that the two were in harmony. This chapter will directly compare the discoveries of modern science with the biblical account of creation. This comparison, however, cannot be between scientific theory, which interprets evidence, and Scripture, but between scientific evidence itself and Scripture. Most scientific *theory*, rightly or wrongly, limits itself to the concept of a *closed* Universe -- one that excludes the possibility of supernatural or divine causes. Therefore, when comparing modern science and the biblical account of creation, we must exclude scientific *theory* by its own definition. What we will look at is the *scientific evidence*, the *actual events* in the scientific history of our origins. Do the scientific observations and discoveries confirm or deny biblical creation? Let's look at the *evidence*.

We have found that modern science and Genesis are in complete harmony in affirming that there was a beginning to the Universe. The direct simplicity of the opening words of the Bible "In the beginning . . ." are as applicable today as they were 3,000 years ago. The biblical words "The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep" is an apt description of what modern