

fact of dramatic transformations, but the cause of the dramatic transformations that the evidence shows to have taken place. Science is still searching for rational explanations or natural causes of these events.

3. Each creation command in Genesis correlates with a scientific puzzle or gap. There are many questions scientists have not yet answered, including questions of the cause behind certain events in the history of the Cosmos. A startling but obvious fact is that each of the creation commands in Genesis gives an explanation for one of these scientific puzzles or gaps.

- What brought this Universe into existence in the first place? Where did the unimaginable power come from that brought the heavens and the Earth into being? All energy, materials, forces, and laws of science and nature were determined in the initial creation. Further, according to evolutionary theory, all subsequent events in the history of the Earth are based upon the materials and forces and natural laws that were determined at the time of the creation event. Regardless of what secrets of nature science unlocks, they *all* owe their ultimate scientific explanation to an initial creation event that is shrouded in complete mystery. The ultimate *first cause* that determined subsequent events transcends the bounds of science.

The Bible contains the straightforward answer to this primary dilemma of science. After affirming that there was a beginning (the Universe is not eternal), the Bible says creation began with God's command: "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3).

- What caused the first continents to arise from the flat surface of the Earth which was covered by a blanket of water? Gravity by itself does not explain the lateral separation of the Earth's crust between light lands and heavy ocean basins. Although a general picture of the forces and mechanisms involved has been formulated, a precise theory awaits further evidence.

The Bible answers this scientific problem by God's command: "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear" (Gen. 1:9).

- How did the first living organisms arise without reference to some presently unknown selective or directive force? How did they or their successors acquire the capability of photosynthesis -- the ability to transform the Sun's energy to a beneficial source of life?

The Bible contains the solution to these problems with God's commands: "Let the earth sprout vegetation" (Gen. 1:11), and "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens ... to give light on the earth" (Gen. 1:14-15).