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To this day, the debate is still ongoing as to whether the world was created in seven days some 6,000 years ago, or whether it came into being and evolved billions of years ago.

For many Christians, this is a major problem.

With this brochure, I hope to shed some light on the matter.

Let me be clear about this. For me, only the Bible (I will quote from the New King James Version; NKJV) provides a clear answer.

For the sake of accuracy, the time periods for the orbit of the sun and moon are accurately calculated. These can be found approximately on the internet and also from other sources.

The answer will certainly surprise you.

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The hidden ancient world and its timeline in the Bible

In Genesis 1 : 1 it says:

> *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

Heavens and the earth. It does not say how big, in what form or when this took place. Nor does it say that it was "without form and void" at its creation. In this connection I would like to quote Isaiah 45 : 18:

> *For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God,*
> *Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it,*
> ***Who did not create it empty, Who formed it to be inhabited**:*
> *"I am the Lord, and there is no other [...]".*

It is clear that this earth ***was*** not "without form and void".

In Genesis 1 : 2 it says:

> *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Apparently, some things have taken place during the period between Genesis 1 : 1 and 1 : 2. For the sake of convenience, I call that period "The Ancient World".

In 2 Peter 3 : 5,6 it says:

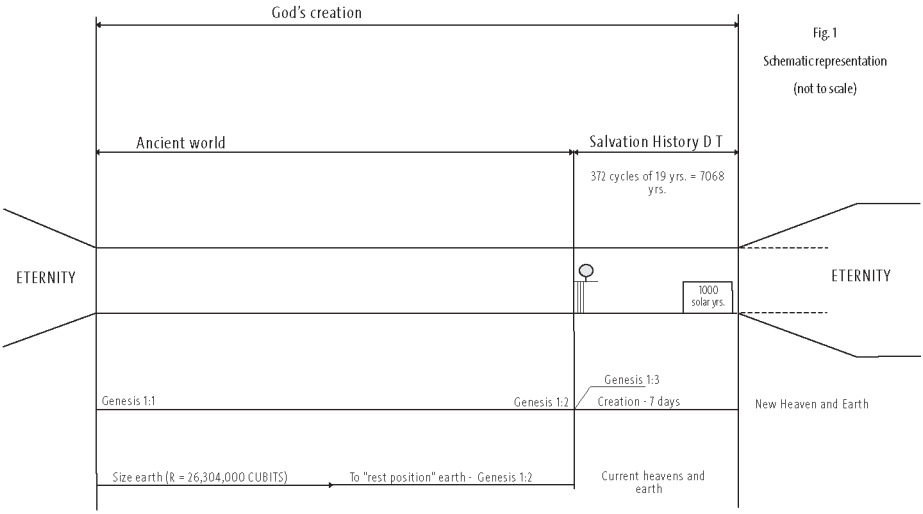
> *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed **perished**, being flooded with water.*

With the Flood in Noah's time, the world ***did not perish***, after all Noah, his family and the animals were saved. I would like to refer to:

The measure of the CUBIT and the HEAVEN OF HEAVENS in the Bible, page 7 fig. 3 and 4.

After this "ancient world", which has perished by water, the (re)creation of the 7 days took place.

To wit: Genesis 1 : 3-31 and Genesis 2 : 1-3.



After this I will go into more detail about the duration of "the ancient world", but first I want to address the total duration of ***salvation history*** (D T). This is the period from the first day until the "little while" of Satan. (Revelation 20 : 3)

Period of salvation history: D T (Divine Timeline)

Duration of salvation history: 372 cycles of 19 (Jewish years)

= 7068 Jewish years (Jy)

1 cycle from 19 years = 235 m

7068 Jy = 372 x 235 lunar months = 87,420 lunar month

Also: 3 days + 7068 solar years + 1 lunar month

The duration of a solar year can be determined accurately, (source: Internet):

365 days	365
5 hours	0.208 333 333 333 333
48 minutes	0.033 333 333 333 333
45,34928 seconds *	0.000 524 875 925 926

* Various numbers after the decimal point are circulating on the Internet.

TOTAL duration of solar year = 365,242 191 542 592 593 days

The duration of the synodic month varies between 29.18 and 29.93 days average 29.53059 days. (source: Internet).

From the above data, we can calculate the exact duration of a synodic month of the D T, namely:

D T = 87,420 m. and D T = 3 d. + 7068 solar years + 1 m. thus:

87,420 m. = 3 + 7068 X 365.242 191 542 5926 + 1 m.
87,419 m = 2,581,534.809 823 044
1 lunar month = 29.530 557 542 674 days

We also now have the duration of the D T (salvation history), namely:

2,581,534.809.823 044 + 29.530 557 542
= 2,581,564.340 380 586 days
completed 2,581,564 days

This for the sake of accuracy, for the benefit of the computer calculation.

1 m = 2,581,564 d : 87.420 = 29.530 587 966 140 47 d
1 sy = (2,581,564 d - 3 d - 29.530 587 966 140 47 d): 7068 = 365,242 143 380 310 43 d

Time span of the ancient world plus salvation history

In Genesis 1 : 14 it says:

> *Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs and seasons**, and for **days and years**".*

The creation of the sun and moon took place on the 4th day.

Here God shows us that we can count with days and years without the existence of a sun and moon, namely with the ***time span*** of the 3 days of this creation.

For these 3 days, the measurement of time apparently took place in a different way, but the time span was the same.

"In the beginning" has been the starting point from which one can calculate with the ***time span*** of the orbit of the sun and moon. If we can determine this starting point, we also have the age of the earth.

In order to determine this, we will return for a moment to the history of salvation (D T). The duration in Jewish years is 7068.

In solar years it is also 7068, but then plus 3 days and 1 month.

The question now is: Can we find the time span from "the beginning" for the ancient world, along with the history of salvation?

This duration in D Ts must be expressed as a whole number. And in such a way that for this same period we also have a whole number for the number of solar years.

> *Note: A Jewish year is slightly longer than a Solar year. Thus we can express the whole creation in Jewish years, but also in Solar years.*

For the calculation we have taken the number of D Ts between 1 and 1,000,000. So to a duration of over 7 billion years.

From the results of the computer calculation, a selection was made of the numbers that came closest to a whole number.

The most accurate result is: 780,378 for the number of D Ts plus 69,505 solar yrs.

The time period for the ancient world, together with the history of salvation, is then:

780,378 X 7068 plus 69,505 solar yrs. = 5,515,781,209 solar yrs.

The "Ancient World" lasted 5,515,774,140 Jewish years (from Gen. 1 : 1 to 1 : 2).

God created the world "in the beginning":
about 5.515 billion years ago.

According to Wikipedia, scientists have a consensus on the age of the earth of 4.5 to 4.6 billion years. However, they lack ***the form and origin*** of the earth, namely through the creation of God.

A.E.J. Engel (1969) estimated it between 4.5 and 5 billion years. In older discussions there were values around 5.5 billion years as upper limit. (source: Internet)

Topics on the website:

Creation-schepping.info

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