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A SERIES ADDRESSING TOUGH QUESTIONS

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ISN'T THE BIBLE INCOMPATIBLE WITH SCIENCE?



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Opening Evolution Trial Brings Talent and World Notice to Dayton, Tenn.

Legal, Oratorical and Scientific Leaders Assembled For
Famous Test as John T. Scopes Faces Court For
Teaching Theory of Development of Life in Public
Schools in Alleged Violation of State Law—Bryan
Warns All Educators—Judge Would Seek Only
Truth

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*Does fear based
faith reflect a healthy
understanding of
God's power?*

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Psalm 147:5 (NIV)

*Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.*

Jeremiah 32:27 (NIV)

*“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is
anything too hard for me?”*

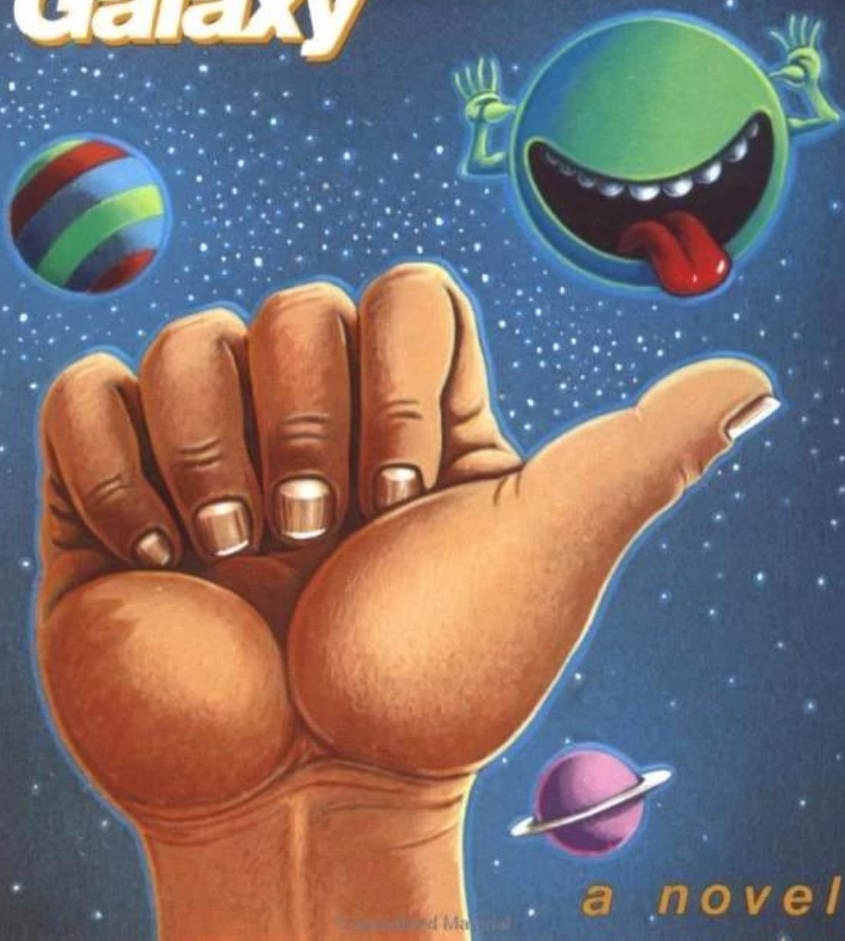
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*Are we asking the
wrong questions of
scripture?*

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DOUGLAS ADAMS

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy



a novel

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2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

*All Scripture is
inspired by God.*

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What's missing?

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Genesis 1:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

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Genesis 7:11 (NIV)

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

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Psalm 104:6 (NIV)

*You covered it with the watery depths as
with a garment; the waters stood above
the mountains.*

Psalm 148:4 (NIV)

*Praise him, you highest heavens and you
waters above the skies.*

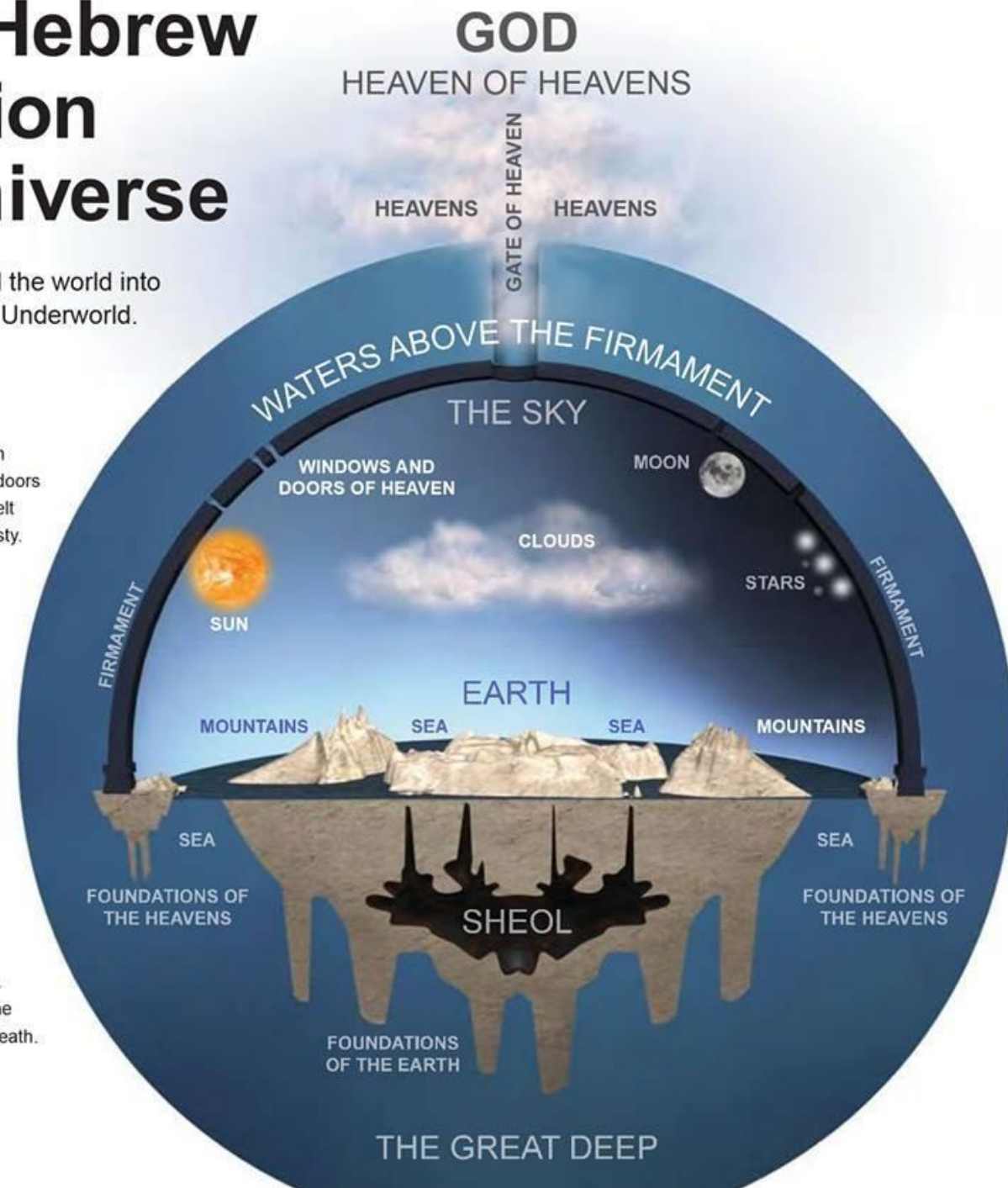
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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Psalm 104:5 (NIV)

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

Ecclesiastes 1:5 (NIV)

The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.

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“We must keep in mind that we are presumptuous if we consider our interpretations of Scripture to have the same authority as Scripture itself. Nobody is an infallible interpreter, and we must always stand ready to reconsider our interpretations in light of new information. We must not let our interpretations stand in the place of Scripture’s authority and thus risk misrepresenting God’s revelation.”

-Dr. John Walton

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God
accommodates
us

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*The purpose of
scripture is to guide
us to God!*

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Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

***Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.***

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2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NLT)

¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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“One of the great moments of my life came when I understood for the first time that being a Christian is about one thing and one thing only: making a conscious commitment to follow Jesus.”

-Dr. Paul Wallace

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Adam, Where Art Thou?

Dr. Jonathan Gibson
Westminster Seminary

July 14 & 21

The Book of Nature
Are You a Closet Deist?

Dr. David Bradstreet
Eastern University

July 28

The Days of Creation

Dr. Michael Greenberg
University of Delaware

August 4

Relationship of Faith & Science

Dr. James Blosser
SALT

August 11

Dr. David Chen
Epiphany Church

August 18

From Conception to Grave

Elaine Petty, M.S.
Georgetown University

August 25

Panel Discussion / TBA