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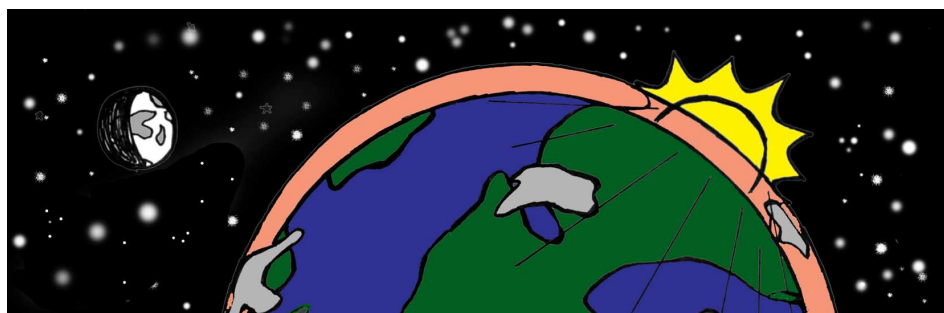
The more gentle skeptics often ask "So, smarty pants Apologetics Guy, you say the Bible is accurate and really from God and speaks of other dimensions blah blah blah, but then why can't it get even the first book right? Huh, you moron?" Apologetics Guy answers, "Err... put the rubberband down, my friend, and we'll talk about it." Let's see what the Scriptures say about **the Beginning**, in Genesis One. And then we'll compare it with The Record of Nature, as brought to us by science. (Note: For deeper clarification of biblical truths - especially like those here in Genesis - I go to the original Hebrew/Greek writings. You should to!)

**The Bible** says there was a *beginning* to it all, that the heavens and the earth, the whole kit (and boodle!) were not here once upon a time but are here now by the will of God. Surprise! **The Record of Nature** tells us that all matter, energy, space, and even time came into existence from nothing. Hmm...

**The Bible** says that the early earth was covered by a *shallow sea* and was *dark* and *lifeless*. Surprise! **The Record of Nature** tells us that the early earth was covered by... a shallow sea! And at the surface it was as dark as Smaug's Lair because of the interplanetary crud and cosmic bombardment and volcanoes and all! And there wasn't any life! Hmm...

**The Bible** says the first significant things God did was to allow life-giving *light* to appear on the surface of the dark Earth. Guess what?!

**The Record of Nature** tells us one of *the* most important early events in Earth's history was the partial clearing of the solar system & the atmosphere to allow the Sun's light to eek through. Hmm...



**The Bible** says that there was then a *separation of the waters*, some remaining on the surface, some staying up in the air. Surprise! **The Record of Nature** tells us that one of the first important things to happen on earth was the establishment of the life-giving water cycle we all learned about in school. Now fresh water could be transported anywhere on earth for life. Hmm...

**The Bible** says that the next thing to happen was the appearance of *land* to separate the seas. What does **The Record of Nature** say? You guessed it. Through processes still unknown, continents were formed, rising above the seas, establishing primitive land. What amazing coincidences!

**The Bible** tells us that land-lubbing *plants* then filled this place. No surprise by now - you guessed it again - **The Record of Nature** says that after the land showed up, land plants took root. Hmmm...