



“Great Beginnings”

How God Gets Things Started
Genesis 1:2

God knows we need :

I. Boundaries - “without form”

We have limits concerning :

- A. **Rest** – “light from darkness”
- B. **Respiration** – “sky from water”
- C. **Reproduction** – “land from sea”

II. Bodies - “void ”

We have a need for that which is :

- A. **Systematic** – “seasons, ...days, ...years”
- B. **Strategic** – “brought forth abundantly”
- C. **Sustaining** - “it shall be for meat”

III. Boldness - “the Spirit...moved upon the face of”

We have the Holy Spirit for :

- A. **Choices** – *Romans 8:1-6; Ephesians 5:18-21*
- B. **Confidence** – *Acts 4:29-31; 2Tim.1:7; 1Jn 3:21*
- C. **Conviction** – *John 16:8; Ephesians 4:30*

Sentence Sermon:

- ❖ *God has given us everything we need for life and godliness.*

Verses on Creation

- **Isaiah 45:18**
- **Deuteronomy 32:10-11**
- **Job 26:7; 6:18; 12:24**
- **Psalm 107:40**
- **Nehemiah 9:6**
- **Psalm 14:1; 19: 1; 33:6; 89:11; 90:2; 115:15**
- **Job 38:4**
- **Jeremiah 10:12**
- **John 1:1-3**
- **Acts 17:24**
- **Romans 1:25**
- **Colossians 1:16-18**
- **Hebrews 1:10; 11:3**
- **Revelation 4:9-10**

Suggested Resources:

- **Evolution Cruncher** – Vance Ferrell
- **Paradise to Prison** – John J. Davis
- **The Genesis Record** – Henry Morris
- **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution** – video series by Dr. Jobe Martin

Exegesis

v. 2

> **and** ...waw disjunctive not a waw consecutive or copulative...What that means is that the grammar is distinguishing between
** describing something which happened subsequently – thus the waw consecutive – which would be the case if God wanted to let us know that the gap theory is what is going on here.

** but the grammar is describing something in the previous clause of verse 1. It makes it clear that now the author intended us to get all the details of how God created the whole world. Thus rendering a better translation of **“Now the earth was...”**

>without form – **“tohu”** means literally without form or chaotic – but not necessarily due to something evil...ie. **The endlessness of a desert seemly without life.** The first few texts listed in your verses use tohu this way. They are the underlined texts in the list.

> **and void** = “bohu” - meaning emptiness.

> **and darkness** - **“obscurity...secret place”** = we make a mistake to think that just because often times the Bible uses darkness as evil that everytime dark or darkness is evil.

**Psalm 104:19-24 tells us why God could create night time and call it good even though it is dark.

> **was upon the face of the deep** - **“tehom”** = used about 36 times in OT – almost always referring to seas and lakes and a few times to subterranean waters.

** **Clearly** the language is telling us that the earth had much water, deep water...covering the whole earth.

>> And the Spirit of God – clearly indicating that each person of the God head was actively involved in creation. (cp. John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16)

>> Moved upon the face of the waters – “ruah” – active participle essentially meaning “hovering over” like an eagle over his nest of

young ones. –Deuteronomy 32:10-11. Which interestingly enough uses the same verb “ruah” for hovering over as well as “tohu” meaning without form or endless when describing the desert.

>>>> The eagle is taking their young out to encourage and lead them towards maturity while taking special care to get them ready.