Introduction for the

'Turning over every stone...

(Hebrew Research Project & Creation Science!') section.

This is an on-going Hebrew Research Project into Genesis 1-11 and it will be updated as the research progresses.

The reason why I am presenting the Hebrew Text is to help alleviate some of the mystery. The older generations (older than me) grew up with the Scofield Bible. On the very first page he introduces 'The Gap Theory' in the notes. It's pure non-sense! There is no way that the Hebrew Text allows for it!!!!!!! Because of this I put the Genesis 1 Hebrew Text up on line so that other women can see word for word what it says, & figure it out for themselves.

Another thing that got me started is Dr Kent Hovind. In his Creation Science Seminar he says that each day of Creation is called '*the*' (whatever day it is) [quoting from the KJV of course]. When I pointed this out to a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, I was really surprised by his answer. My question to him was, "David Stern[Complete Jewish Bible] translates B'resheet (Genesis) 1:5, 'one day, 1:8 'a second day' 1:13 a third day 1:19 'a fourth day 1:23 a fifth day 1:31 a sixth day. It should be translated, 'the first day', 'the second day', 'the third day', 'the fourth day', 'the fifth day', 'the sixth day' according to The Holy Scriptures (Hebrew Publishing Company, New York copyright 1930, copyright 1939)."

My friend's response was absolutely profound! He replied:

"I realize that you probably don't have the resources that I have, so I have taken the liberty of looking up the creation account in five different translations for your information, and I, my limited knowledge of Hebrew notwithstanding, have also looked at it in the original language. Fortunately, it is very simple to translate. A couple of very interesting points emerge. For your case, there is one bit of very good news. I'll touch on that later. Watch this.....I will not quote verses, just the lines you are concerned about from each translation...we both know the verses.

The Margolin Torah Moore

One day

A second day

A third day

A fourth day

A fifth day The sixth day The seventh day The living Torah Kaplan One day A second day A third day A fourth day A fifth day The sixth day The seventh day The Stone Chumash Artscroll Publishing One day A second day A third day A fourth day A fifth day The sixth day The seventh day Sterns Jewish Bible One day A second day A third day A fourth day A fifth day A sixth day The seventh day Jps Tanakh Jewish Publication Society Modern English A first day A second day A third day A fourth day A fifth day The sixth day The seventh day

In the Hebrew, it is just like the majority of these translations...One day, day second, day third, etc. Stern translated it that way because that is the way G-d wrote it. (Remember, the Torah is unchanged letter-for-letter from the way Moshe received it from G-d, and gave it to us. It has required going to incredible lengths to insure this, but it is accurate,) The belief is that the sixth and seventh day are preceded (In most translations...I believe Stern may be in error here) by the word "The," to set them apart as the day G-d completed His work, and the day He rested.

But, **the key here for your creation argument**, is the word that nearly everyone is translating as "One," on the first day. It is the Hebrew word Echad. It is translated as, "One", rather than first. It is also the word used to refer to G-d in the Shema, which says, "Hear, Oh Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is ONE." Now, the prayer book that I use every day interprets the Shema to say, "Hear Oh Israel the L-rd is our G-d, the L-rd ALONE," because one of the translations of Echad is, "one and only" (The ultra-Orthodox maintain that this word is used in the creation account because, as of the first day, G-d was alone, he didn't make the angels until the second day.) But, I believe it is safe to say that it can be read, "the one and only first day!" That seems to fit, and corroborate the creation account, doesn't it?"

[IMHO] Lots of people in the Creation Science Movement talk about Genesis, but most of them quote other people's opinions instead of doing their own research. It's one thing to quote somebody else's Creation Science Research, but it's an entirely different matter to quote somebody else's research into the scriptures, when you are a mature Believer & haven't studied it out yourself, when God has given you the ability to do so... There's a lot of miss-information that has been pass on, & then passed on some more, & then continually passed on after that, which is not correct. [For example, how long did it take Noah to build the ark? <u>It was not 120 years!</u>]. Anyone of us can be guilty of this.

Right from the beginning the Holy Spirit, in His own unique way, has continually not let ideas that were wrong bear witness with my spirit, & that's been part of the motivation for this research. And to add to it, when I had questions, usually the people around me didn't have the answers, & the 'old' Bible commentaries were written before Creation Science research began, & more often than not, when I tried contacting those who did have the answers, they were so inundated with other people asking them questions, that I finally gave up in that department. But God has continually answered my questions, & He almost always has surprising ways of doing so, & most of the time He has provided the answers before I even came up with the questions!! The biggest surprise though, was the open door He provided for learning Hebrew & the incredible on-going blessing that it is....

It's my personal opinion that everybody in the Creation Science Movement should learn the Hebrew language.

There's a great deal of pertinent information that pertains to Creation Science research that gets left out when Hebrew is translated into English. And another thought to add to this, is that Pastors & Teachers will take Hebrew words & expound on their meanings, but they are still missing a lot of what's there, because they should also include the whole context of the Scripture Passage.

A paragraph in Ancient Hebrew works like a freight train. It has an engine that pulls a string of cars, & <u>no caboose</u>. The first sentence of a Hebrew paragraph is a statement. And then all the sentences that follow start with a 'vav'. And a 'vav' looks like this **W**. And it's a conjunction that means 'and'. And it's a literal picture

of a 'hook' because each sentence is 'hooked' on to the next one with a 'vav' at the beginning of the first word in each sentence! And it doesn't always get translated as 'and' into English. And here is an example: "And Noach finds grace in eyes of YAHVEH" (Genesis 6:8). And in the KJV it is translated "but Noah found grace in the eyes of The LORD". And there's a big difference between 'and' and 'but'. 'And' would mean that God had a plan all along, and 'but' would mean that God changed His mind! And Ancient Hebrew is usually written in 'present tense', and so Noah is still finding grace in God's eyes. And so hopefully you see that something gets lost in the translation! And don't laugh!

In English, plural words usually end in 's'. In Hebrew, plural words usually end with an 'm' sound. For example the word for 'Heaven' in Hebrew is 'Shă-mī-yēm': $\sim y m V_{\leftarrow\leftarrow reads}$ right to left! It's a plural word! And when there is a little 'dash' underneath the 3rd letter from the end, the plural word has the value of '2'. And so $\sim y m V'$ literally means '2-heavens'. (Remember Paul saying that he was caught up to the 3rd heaven?) And here's another example: 'mī-yĭm' is the Hebrew word for 'water'. It looks like this: $\sim y m \leftarrow creads$ right to left! If there is a 'dash' underneath the 3rd letter from the end, $\sim y m \leftarrow creads$ right to left!

Dive in, the water is deep! The surface looks flat & empty, but when you dive in, there's so much there, it can't be measured!

Thank you LORD for the treasure of Your word that is beyond measure. Please LORD open our eyes to see it. Please cause us to focus on the things that You want us to focus on.....